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Subject: HEY, WHO'S MINDING YOUR WELL ? GENERALLY, NO ONE !

Dear Aquathin Dealer OnLine, Splash NewsBulletin and Allergic Reaction NewsBulletin Members;

When you move into a home serviced by its own private well, by law in most States, it only has to pass a bacteria test and possibly a nitrate and radon test in some areas. To test negative for bacteria, the seller or well driller ordinarily drops a couple gallons of household bleach into the well and sends it to the county in a day or so. In a bold move, New Jersey recently adopted regs for private wells that mandate periodic monitoring and testing as if it were a municipal plant (remember, this is not that impressive as EPA only regulates 91 contaminates--ref; previous Splash).

Now it certainly seems like a no brainer here folks....you change the oil at 3000 miles to protect your car...you change your HVAC filters monthly to protect your AC and furnace...but hardly ever do well owners ever check their water unless a scourge like iron is present. I cannot tell you how often I've heard from Dealers who tell me their Customers were told by physicians "check the well water" ! for various causative conditions i.e. fever, diarrhea, rashes, allergies, they've been experiencing.

To really drive this home to you, let me share two brief and very true stories. The first...many years ago, a lady called a friend of mine named Richard and said "it suddenly smells like chicken soup out of my hot water faucet". Richard who was a microbiologist went to her home and certainly agreed. Richard took a sample and understanding this was a "farming community" went driving around. He came upon a barn with an oddly wide patch of rich green grass next to it. Richard talked with the farmer and asked if he had chickens. Farmer said no, they all had to be killed due to disease and buried 1000 of them next to the barn. The decaying matter entered the aquifer. #2...a student at Aquathin University told me she was called out to a home that had black putrid water coming from the well. She asked the homeowner when did this start? The owner said about two weeks after they buried the family horse 10 feet from the well.

The quick read below speaks of a few other "nasties" that most do not consider possible to enter into "my well". The point...its your well but you cannot control what flows through it...check it!

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Warmest regards to all...as well, your comments are always welcome and very much appreciated.

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Concern for private wells mounts

SARASOTA, FL — The recent discovery of some contaminated private water wells in South Venice has drawn attention to the lack of private well testing, the [Sarasota Herald-Tribune](#) reported.

At least 24,000 homes in Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota counties are on private wells, according to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates municipal water systems and sets safe drinking water standards, but has no authority over private wells, the article said.

Florida's Department of Environmental Protection sets surface water and groundwater standards, and regulates public water supply systems serving more than 25 people. The Department of Health regulates even smaller systems, but also doesn't cover private residential wells.

Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota counties have no regular testing program for private well water, but will conduct tests if a homeowner has health concerns.

Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub stressed in the article that most well owners should have nothing to worry about, if they maintain their well properly.

The contaminated wells in South Venice might have gone undiscovered if not for a surveillance program that uses private wells to test for petroleum or dry-cleaning spills. County employees test 10 houses at a time in areas where they suspect a spill has occurred, the paper reported.

Nationwide, about 15 percent of the population relies on private wells, according to the EPA. Estimates from the American Ground Water Trust, a nonprofit educational association, are similar — about 40 million people obtain ground water from 15 million private wells.