

## Drinking Water Requirements for Property Conveyances Frequently Asked Questions

On January 1, 2018, the Health District will no longer collect water samples with onsite sewage system property conveyance inspection (PCI) applications. Historically, we have added an option for Health District staff to collect a bacteriological water sample at the time of the onsite sewage review. This has led to a variety of problems including conflicts over varying sample results, and the prospective purchaser or lender misunderstanding that a bacteria sample is the only thing required to determine if the water supply is “approved.”

### **If I want to know the compliance status of a water supply, what sort of application do I need to submit?**

We have always provided a *Water Status Report* application for a full water adequacy review and will continue to provide that as an **option** for any applicant who is interested. For those reports, the Health District is willing to report on water sample results collected by a qualified individual (well driller, pump installer, Washington State Department of Health certified water distribution manager, or other qualified licensed/certified individual such as a professional engineer, registered sanitarian, realtor, or licensed wastewater designer. The qualified individual must be a third party to the application being reviewed by the Health District).

### **What kind of report will I receive?**

A *Water Status Report* provides information from a review of the Health District records, a site inspection, and water sampling results. The report will address the well condition, water quantity, well site conditions, and any applicable drinking water requirements or concerns. The report will also state what may be necessary to receive water supply approval for public water systems that are out of compliance.

### **What if there are outstanding drinking water compliance issues? Will the Health District prevent the sale of the property?**

No --- the Health District does not have any intent or right to prevent the sale of property. The *Water Status Report* will inform both the buyer and the seller of the necessary items to receive full water approval. Any drinking water compliance issues will be required to be addressed in the future if a building permit or land use application is submitted for review by the Health District.

### **How long will it take to receive the inspection and water status report?**

The Health District will issue its *Water Status Report* to the applicant **within 7 business days** of receiving a completed application, regardless of any violations or issues of noncompliance.

### **How do I submit a “Water Status Report” application?**

The application form can be obtained at the Health District office, or via the Health District’s website. Please see the Health District’s current fee schedule for the price of both public and private *Water Status Report* applications. If a *Water Status Report* application is submitted concurrently with an onsite sewage PCI, there will be a combined fee reduction.



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