

Water Status Report Requirements for Properties Served by Group B Public Water Systems

Effective March 4, 2019, all properties served by a Group B public water system are required to have a water status report prepared by the Health District prior to sale. In the past, these reports have been optional, but are now required.

When do I request this report?

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to property transfer to allow for any identified issues to be addressed and not delay closing.

Do I need to collect water samples?

All Group B water systems are required to collect an annual bacteria sample and a nitrate sample at a minimum. If the system does not have water samples on file, the system operator should collect samples or the Health District report will note the system is out of compliance.

What kind of report will I receive?

A *Water Status Report* provides information from a review of the Health District's water system records. The report will address the water system's compliance status 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 long is the report good for?

Water status reports required under this section are valid for the one year from the date of the last evaluation report issued, regardless of how often the property is conveyed during such period. A valid report can be used for any property connected to the water system that is being conveyed.

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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