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DHEC Reminds South Carolinians How to Identify Agency-Sponsored Well Testing Program

DHEC Will Not Leave Bottles at Residences

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Friday, October 16, 2015 9 p.m.) —The S.C. Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reminds residents about the identifying factors in its no-cost private well water bacteriological testing program.

DHEC expanded its office hours for sample bottle pick-up and drop-off in several counties through Nov. 1 to assist South Carolinians whose private wells were flooded during the recent event.

DHEC's private well water bacteriological testing program includes:

- § Customers picking up bottles and accompanying paperwork at designated locations,
- § Glass bottles and the DHEC logo on supporting paperwork,
- § Customers dropping off bottles with water at designated locations.

The DHEC program will not:

- § Leave a bottle at your private residence,
- § Send someone to visit your home unsolicited.

DHEC is among numerous agencies participating in the statewide response to victims affected by flooding. In disaster situations, some people and groups attempt to take advantage of others who might be vulnerable.

In the event you are contacted by someone posing as a government inspector or other emergency responder and that person is unable to provide adequate proof of identification, alert local law enforcement immediately.

Learn more about DHEC's private well testing and extended hours [here](#).

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