



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Wabash, IN 46992

Dear Residential Well Owner,

Re: Residential water well testing for PFAS
Wabash County – Treaty Creek

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has recently confirmed elevated levels of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in a portion of Treaty Creek. PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, components of which break down very slowly over time. Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world and are present at low levels in a variety of food products and in the environment.

In partnership with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and your local health department, IDEM, out of an abundance of caution, would like to test your private drinking water well to ensure that unsafe levels of PFAS have not entered the well. **IDEM has already tested three public water systems' drinking water wells located adjacent to the creek and found no detections of PFAS.** Additional information about this testing initiative can be found on IDEM's website on.IN.gov/treatycreek.

The water well testing will be free of charge and a copy of the results will be provided to you. The water samples need to be collected from an outside spigot that is easily accessible to our staff and is not connected to a softener or other filtration system. Residents do not need to be present at the time of testing.

IDEM will have staff in your area to conduct residential well testing during **the first week of December 2022**. IDEM would like to test your drinking water well during this time, but we need your permission. Please complete the authorization form and email the information to DWtesting@idem.IN.gov or call IDEM at (800) 451-6027. If you have concerns about your drinking water, or are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have an infant whose formula is mixed with well water, you may request bottled water until test results are received (approximately two weeks after testing your well).

For questions regarding the health effects of PFAS, please contact IDOH Public Health Administrator Grace Bassett at (317) 233-9264 or eph@isdh.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

Peggy Dorsey
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Land Quality



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Residential Well Testing for PFAS – Treaty Creek

Owner Information (please print)

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number (including area code)	
Email	

I would like to participate in the drinking water well testing initiative. I understand that my well will be tested at no expense to me and that I will receive copies of the results. I also understand that any future testing of my well will also occur at no expense to me. **Yes or No**

Would you like to request bottled water until test results are received (approximately two weeks after testing your well)? **Yes or No**

Do you have an accessible **non-softened** outside spigot? **Yes or No**

Where is the spigot located? _____

Does your home utilize a water softener or any other treatment/filtration system (chlorination, iron filtration, sediment filtration, etc)? _____

What year was your well installed (approximately)? _____

Approximately how deep is your well? Is it completed in unconsolidated (soil) material or in bedrock? _____

A convenient time to contact you at the above phone number is: _____

Additional Comments or Information: _____

**You may also email this information to DWtesting@idem.IN.gov
or call IDEM directly at (800) 451-6027**