

May 1, 2026

Subject: Private Well Reporting Portal – Template Review Invitation

Dear Environmental Laboratory:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is modernizing how environmental laboratories submit data to DPH for private wells serving residential properties and semipublic wells. This initiative supports the reporting requirements of [Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-37\(c\)\(1\)](#), which requires laboratories to report water quality test results to DPH not later than 30 days after completion of such test and in a format prescribed by the Department.

Currently, per the [Circular Letter 2022-60](#), laboratories transmit these water quality test results to DPH by email. As noted in the circular letter, submission of such test results via email was an interim measure while DPH worked on developing an electronic reporting database. To improve efficiency and data quality, DPH is developing a secure online submission portal to replace the email process.

Once finalized, if you would like to review and provide feedback on the draft data-submission templates that will support the new reporting portal, please reach out to [DPH.PrivateWellProgram@CT.Gov](mailto:DPH.PrivateWellProgram@CT.Gov) by May 15, 2026. Your input will help ensure the templates are clear, practical, and consistent with laboratory workflows.

Your collaboration will help create a user-friendly, compliant reporting process that supports both laboratory partners and DPH's mission to protect public health.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to timely, accurate laboratory reporting.

Sincerely,



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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER BRANCH

EHDW Circular Letter #2022-60

**TO:** Commercial Environmental Laboratories, Local Health Directors, Connecticut Association of Realtors

**FROM:** Lori J. Mathieu, Branch Chief *Lori J. Mathieu '22*

**DATE:** 10/05/2022

**SUBJECT:** Changes to Private Well Testing Laws – CGS Sec. 19a-37

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Section 60 of Public Act 22-58 made various revisions to Section 19a-37 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which are the laws for testing of private wells and semipublic wells. Provided below is a list of key changes that are required of the new law, effective October 1, 2022.

- Any laboratory or firm that conducts testing on a private well serving a residential property or a semipublic well shall report the results within 30 days to the local health department where the well is located. The law previously only required results associated with a real estate transaction to be reported; however with the current changes effective 10/1/22, all results need to be reported.
- The law requires that results need to be reported to the Department of Public Health (DPH), in a format prescribe by the Department. Effective 10/1/22, commercial laboratories that are approved to test drinking water need to continue to send results all results for private wells and semipublic wells to the local health department and to DPH using a newly created email address: [DPH.PrivateWellTestResults@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.PrivateWellTestResults@ct.gov). Please include the property address in the subject line of the email.

Please note that emailing lab reports to DPH for private and semipublic wells is an interim measure. DPH is actively working on developing an electronic reporting database for reporting of results for private and semipublic wells to DPH. DPH will be coordinating a meeting with Commercial Environmental Laboratories that conduct testing of private and semipublic wells before the end of the year. The meeting will outline the timeframe when Commercial Environmental Laboratories will be expected to start using the new electronic reporting database for reporting results to DPH for private and semipublic wells.



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- The law makes the reported test results confidential, as well as any information obtained from a DPH or local health department investigation concerning the reported results, or any DPH or local health department study of the reported results.
- As of 10/1/22, the law requires all newly constructed private or semipublic wells to be tested for coliform, nitrate, nitrite, sodium, chloride, iron, lead, manganese, hardness, turbidity, pH, sulfate, apparent color, odor, arsenic, and uranium. Required testing for arsenic, uranium, and lead were added to the list of tests that were previously required of newly constructed wells. Testing for lead should be done within the plumbing system of the building supplied by the private or semipublic well. Property owners are required to report results of newly constructed wells to DPH.
  - Lab reports with results from newly constructed private wells and semipublic wells can be emailed to [DPH.PrivateWellTestResults@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.PrivateWellTestResults@ct.gov). The email subject should include the property address and the words “New well test results” to allow DPH staff to distinguish between results from an existing well or a newly constructed well that was recently tested for the first time.
- The law now requires a real estate licensee to provide educational materials on private well testing to a prospective buyer or tenant if the property owner has hired a real estate licensee to facilitate a property transaction. If a real estate licensee has not been hired, then the property owner is responsible for providing educational materials on private well testing. The educational materials need to include information on testing for coliform, nitrate, nitrite, sodium, chloride, iron, lead, manganese, hardness, turbidity, pH, sulfate, apparent color, odor, arsenic and uranium and any other recommendation concerning well testing that the Department of Public Health deems necessary. Recommendations for private well testing are available on the Department’s Private Well Program webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Private-Well-Water-Program/Private-Well-Testing>

Please contact the DPH Private Well Program by calling 860-509-8401 or through email [DPH.PrivateWellProgram@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.PrivateWellProgram@ct.gov) with any questions.

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