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## Revised Cohasset Private Well Regulations

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General: This regulation is promulgated under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 111, Section 31

### Private Well Testing

A. Private water supply wells must currently be tested at installation in accordance with Part D of this regulation.

B. A private drinking water supply well which services more than one dwelling unit must be tested every two years for parameters listed in Part D except for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and radionuclides. Water shall be tested for VOC's every six years.

### C. Testing Prior to Property Transfer

1. Prior to selling, conveying or transferring title to real property in the Town of Cohasset, the owner shall have tested each private well supplying drinking water to that property. Water samples from each well shall be drawn by an individual familiar with such a procedure and submitted to a laboratory certified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to perform analysis of drinking water. The testing will be for those parameters listed in Part D.

2. The water quality tests shall be performed no more than ninety (90) days prior to transfer of the property. Results of the testing shall be submitted to the Board of Health and the buyer prior to property transfer. These results shall be in the form of original copies of the test results together with the "chain of custody" and "certification of results" from the laboratory performing the analyses. Additionally, the person transferring the property will certify on a form provided by the Board of Health that the sample(s) was taken from the well(s) serving the property to be transferred.

D. Testing for the following parameters must be accomplished to comply with Parts B and C. of this regulation:

Lead	Copper
Nitrate	Nitrite Nitrogen
Turbidity	Alkalinity
Color	Manganese
Sulfate	Chlorides
PH	Iron
Radio nuclides:	Gross Alpha & Gross Beta
Total Dissolved Solids	
Coliform	
Sodium	Cadmium
Arsenic	Mercury
Barium	Cyanide
Helicobacter pylori	

Regulated Volatile Organic Compounds are to be tested by a method with a detection limit of one-fifth the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of the compound. Unregulated VOC's shall be tested using either Method 524.2 or 502.2. Or any of EPA approved testing Method to drinking water. Testing must include, as a minimum, those compounds listed in the current Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection/Division of Water Supply Volatile Organic Contaminant Report.

E. The Board of Health recommends that private wells be tested for general parameters and coliform bacteria every two years.

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Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the current owner/ responsible party for the property at \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify the results of water analyses attached to this certification are water taken from the well at the property noted above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_