

Dear Home Owner:

Enclosed is your approved copy of the Salem County Well Permit. Please note the expiration date located at the bottom of the permit. The original copy of the Well Permit will be kept on file at the Salem County Health Department. To close out the file we will need three documents from you or the well driller. The file will stay open and will not be able to be OPRA unless these items are included:

- The **Well of Record** for the new well drilled on the property. This is filled out by the well driller. This paperwork needs to be sent up to the state for approval and a copy needs to come to the Health Department.
- The **Well Decommission Report** is needed for an old well that was abandoned when the new well was installed. This is also filled out by the well driller and approved by the state. A copy also needs to be sent to the Health Department.
- **Water testing requirements** will also be sent to our department. This is done by **YOU** the (**homeowner**) the well driller is not responsible for this paperwork.

All three pieces of information must be sent into the Health Department for the file to be closed out.

All wells drilled must meet specific water testing requirements once completed. This is mentioned in the above information. The following are instructions on completing the testing requirements and obtaining a water certification from the Salem County Department of Health if needed.

After a well is drilled, or to obtain a water certification from this department, the water must be tested for all required primary and secondary private well testing parameters, as of the date of testing. A list of these parameters by county can be found at https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pwta/pwta_list.htm.

Water testing must meet the requirements for the Private Well Testing Act (PWTA). For more information about the Private Well Testing Act, please visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta>.

Your local construction office may require a water certification letter from the County Health Department **PRIOR** to the issuance of a **Certificate of Occupancy**. A water certification letter can be issued for a fee of **\$65.00**, provided the following:

- The samples must be collected and analyzed by a New Jersey Certified Laboratory
- All parameters must meet Safe Drinking Water Standards
- Coliform bacteria test must be sampled within 6 months
- All other parameters must have been sampled within the past year.
- Original test results are submitted to our office (no copies)

Water results are still required by this department if you do not need a water certification. As a homeowner this is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure all testing results are forwarded to the Health Department.

For your convenience, we have provided a list of state certified labs that service the Salem County Area. Please note that this list is not all inclusive. For a complete list of certified labs, please visit the above listed website. Please call 856-935-7510 ext. 8448 if you have a questions or concerns.

Burlington	OCEAN ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY INC 866-323-9355 info@envwelltesting.com
	EMSL ANALYTICAL INC Marty Vitanza 888-831-1083 pwta@emsl.com
Camden	SURE-BIOCHEM LABORATORIES, LLC 866-659-8922 info@surebiochem.com
Cape May	CAPE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LABORATORY 609-463-0077 https://cape-environmental-laboratory.business.site/
Cumberland	VINELAND ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES LLC Latish Menghani 856-692-6800 vinelandlab@comcast.net
Gloucester	SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST LLC 866-875-3506 info@sjwatertest.com
Ocean	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC 609-698-0199 https://www.gslabs.com/contact