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TO: All Residential & Commercial Finance Companies
All Title Search & Title Insurance Companies
All Real Estate Professionals
All Home Inspectors

RE: Town of Fishkill Local Law
Private Well Testing Law
Effective August 2007

The Town of Fishkill, in accordance with local and State legal proceedings, has filed a Local Law with the Secretary of State respective to Private Well Testing for all property financing actions effective August 6, 2007 as determined by the date the property sale or respective mortgage application, whichever is dated earlier.

A copy of "Appendix A" is attached for your records to help in the determination of required testing. The Town of Fishkill does not recommend any specific laboratory company.

The proof of water testing shall be received by the Town of Fishkill Building Department, 807 Route 52, Fishkill NY 12524 prior to the release of the Municipal Search document.

The Local Law applies only to properties serviced by private well sources, not those served by municipal water sources.

A copy of the Local Law is available at the Town Clerk's office or Building Department.

Appendix "A" to Local Law

Laboratory requirements

All analysis and certifications shall be performed by a Laboratory approved by the New York State Department of Health, "Environmental Laboratory Approval Program". Laboratory certifications shall clearly state which parameters, if any, exceeded standards set forth within Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

Testing Procedure

New Wells – The well should be pumped clear and disinfected with chlorine. The sample shall be collected after the disinfectant has cleared from the system.

Existing Wells – Samples should be taken of the raw water after any existing treatment has been bypassed.

Additional testing at point of use may be necessary to determine the efficacy of any installed treatment systems.

Minimum Parameters

These are the minimum recommended parameters to determine the bacteriological and chemical quality of water:

Bacteriological Parameters

Total Coliform, Escherichia coli.

Inorganic Parameters

Alkalinity	Cyanide	Nitrite
Antimony	Hardness	pH
Arsenic	Iron	Selenium
Barium	Lead	Sodium
Beryllium	Manganese	Sulfate
Cadmium	Mercury	Thallium
Chlorides	Nickel	Turbidity
Chromium	Nitrate	

Principal Organic Chemicals*

Benzene	cis-1, 3-dichloropropene
bromobenzene	trans-1, 3-dichloropropene
bromochloromethane	ethylbenzene
bromomethane	hexachlorobutadiene
n-butylbenzene	isopropylbenzene
sec-butylbenzene	p-isopropyltoluene
tert-butylbenzene	methylene chloride
carbon tetrachloride	n-propylbenzene
chlorobenzene	styrene

chloroethane	1, 1, 1, 2-tetrachloroethane
chloromethane	1, 1, 2, 2-tetrachloroethane
2-chlorotoluene	tetrachloroethene
4-chlorotoluene	toluene
dibromomethane	1, 2, 3-trichlorobenzene
1, 2-dichlorobenzene	1, 2, 4-trichlorobenzene
1, 3-dichlorobenzene	1, 1, 1-trichloroethane
1, 4-dichlorobenzene	1, 1, 2-trichloroethane
dichlorodifluoromethane	trichloroethene
1, 1-dichloroethane	trichlorofluoromethane
1, 2-dichloroethane	1, 2, 3-trichloropropane
1, 1-dichloroethene	1, 2, 4-trimethylbenzene
cis-1, 2-dichloroethene	1, 3, 5-trimethylbenzene
trans-1, 2-dichloroethene	m-xylene
1, 2-dichloropropane	o-xylene
1, 3-dichloropropane	p-xylene
2, 2-dichloropropene	Vinyl chloride
1, 1-dichloropropene	methyl tertiary-butyl ether

*EPA method 502.2 with a detection limit of 0.5 ug/l or less.