

A National Program for Outreach and Education to Private Well Owners

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NPA1 – Technical Assistance to Small Drinking Water Systems

NPA2 – Financial and Managerial Assistance

NPA3 – Assistance for both Centralized and Onsite wastewater

NPA4 – Training and Technical Assistance for Private Well Owners to Help Improve Water Quality

History of EPA Program

Year 1 – Part of wastewater RFA

- RCAP and U of I
- developed Private Well Class program

Year 2 – Separate RFA for Private Wells

- RCAP and U of I
- expanded Private Well Class
- ends October 31, 2015

Year 3 – Separate RFA, Greatly expanded



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The Private Well Class is a free online service, grant-funded to educate homeowners about their private wells.



Enroll in class by providing your first name and email address on the form.



Your ten lessons will arrive by email. The first and last week will test your knowledge.



Register for webinar sessions to reinforce your learning and get questions answered.

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HAVE A PRIVATE WELL QUESTION?



EMAIL US: INFO@PRIVATEWELLCLASS.ORG

CALL US: 1-866-522-2681

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Webinars

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

The Private Well Class webinars are live enrichment sessions, in addition to the main email course material. We'll reinforce the topics in your email lessons with additional examples. The webinars are also your best opportunity to ask questions.

You can find our upcoming dates below. Webinar registration is separate from enrollment in the email class. Both are free, but they are different. Also, you must register for any of our webinar dates separately. During the webinar you will see the presentation on your computer screen and hear the presentation through your computer speakers.

Upcoming Webinars

- New webinars will be announced in September

Webinar Recordings

Pruebas en Pozos Privados y Calidad del Agua - July 21, ...



Pruebas en Pozos Privados
y Calidad del Agua

Septic Systems - May 28, 2015





Rural Community Assistance Partnership

Practical solutions for improving rural communities



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Private Well Safe Drinking Water Workshop

Learn About Proper Management of Private Water Wells and Springs

Did You Know?

Approximately 867,000 people in Connecticut rely on a private water wells for their drinking water. These approximately 344,000 wells are the responsibility of the homeowner. It is up to you to make sure that your well is providing clean drinking water and we want to help!



Interested in Learning More?

The Workshop will provide information on:

- Water well location & construction
- Maintenance and management of existing water wells
- Solving water quality and quantity problems

The Workshop will include live participation in a webinar in affiliation with the Private Well class, performed by Steve Wilson, a groundwater hydrologist from the University of Illinois.



The Private Well Class
FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH WATER WELLS

Workshop date: May 12, 2015

Times: 10:00 AM to Noon

Location:

**Wethersfield Public Library,
515 Silas Deane Hwy,
Wethersfield, CT**

To register: contact Mia McDonald
with RCAP Solutions, Inc. at
508-340-0998 or email:
mmcdonald@rcapsolutions.org



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RCAP Solutions is a regional affiliate of RCAP.

More info on RCAP at: rcap.org



AUGUST 25, 2015
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
PRIVATE WELL
OWNERS TRAINING

If your family gets drinking water from a private well, do you know if your water is safe to drink? What health risks could you and your family face? Where can you go for help or advice?

Join us at this Private Well Owners Training and we will help you get the answers to your questions.



**Tangipahoa Parish
 Library
 Amite Branch**
 204 NE Central Avenue
 Amite, LA

Ground Water Basics

**Learn about
 Managing, Operating &
 Protecting Your Well**

REGISTER
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Understanding How To Develop A National Program

A successful national program must:

- Be implemented locally/regionally
- Be coordinated nationally to share consistent information, ideas, and to build community
- Reach not only well owners, but regulators and other stakeholders (drillers, sanitarians, realtors, labs, etc.)

Diverse Partners – Different Private Well Interests

- Six RCAP Regions**
- University of Illinois**
 - Illinois State Water Survey**
 - Illinois Water Resources Center**
- National Ground Water Association**
- Water Systems Council**
- National Environmental Health Association**

Project Approach

- Market the need for private well stewardship
 - RCAP state staff on the ground working with local/state partners who know local needs
 - Partner with/ educate stakeholders who are in direct contact to build legitimacy
- Provide direct assistance to well owners and stakeholders to address needs
- Provide training opportunities to create a more informed national understanding

RCAP Activities

Technical Assistance

- Develop risk assessment tool
- Conduct in-person well site assessments

Training

- Face-to-face training for sanitarians
- Develop Spanish language version of the Private Well Class, working with the U of I

U of I Activities

Technical Assistance

- Assist in developing risk assessment tool
- Provide assistance to PWC participants
- Develop searchable FAQ for website

Training

- Continue Private Well Class
- Support face-to-face training for sanitarians
- Webinars, videos, presentations
- NEHA sanitarian PWC class for CEU's

NGWA Activities

Technical Assistance

- Develop mobile app for reminders/info
- Emailed tip sheets for well owners
- Interactive version of WSC well manual

Training

- Email based lessons for well owners
- Online training on the web
- Develop well financing guide video
- Maintain the popular Wellowner.org website

Water Systems Council Activities

Technical Assistance

- Maintain a phone hotline nationally
- Develop HELP emergency response materials (PSA, video, print, and web)
- Well regulations manual for the states
- Update well owner manual

Resources

www.PrivateWellClass.org – U of I

www.WellOwner.org – NGWA

Wellcare Hotline – 888-395-1033

The Challenges

- There are such difference between states regarding Well Construction Codes/Rules
 - What is a private well
 - Permitting and well log submittal
 - New Jersey vs Pennsylvania
 - Especially in enforcing what rules they have
- County Health Departments are not adequately trained in many states
- Very unorganized, local approach to support in most parts of the country

Questions?

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