

Attachment C: Invitation Email

Dear State Epidemiologist,

Approximately 43 million people (about 14 percent of the U.S. population) rely on domestic wells as their source of drinking water. Unlike community water systems, which are regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act, there is no comprehensive national program to ensure that the water is tested to ensure that it is safe to drink.

CSTE, in collaboration with CDC, is conducting an assessment to identify emerging public health issues facing private wells and private well owners. This project is funded through a Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The anticipated respondent is the person within your state health department or in your state environment department, who knows the most about private residential wells and works with private residential well owners. Please forward this assessment to that person. We also encourage you to involve other potential stakeholders/partners (National Ground Water Association, Water Systems Council, etc.) when answering these questions, as they work closely with private residential well owners.

The information obtained from this assessment will provide data needed to inform future activities conducted by 1) the Health Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2) CSTE Private Wells Workgroup; and 3) other public health partners to address private well-related public health issues. Identifiable information about the respondent (name, position, agency, phone, and email) will be removed when the results of this assessment are aggregated for analysis. Individually identifiable state responses will be removed and will not be shared with the Workgroup or any other entity without permission.

This assessment is estimated to require an average of 60 minutes of your time.

The assessment is available at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSTEprivatewells>

Thank you for completing this assessment by MONTH DAY, 2015. Please contact Jennifer Lemmings (jlemmings@cste.org or 770-458-3811) if you have any questions. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Please follow the directions accompanying each question.