

Attachment B1

Public Comments and Agency Responses

We received 5 public comments about this Generic ICR Clearance. The comments and responses, where appropriate, are listed below.

Type of Comment	Submitter Information	Comment	Response
Public Submission	<p>Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com> Received: March 11, 2016 Status: Posted Posted: March 21, 2016 Tracking No. 1k0-8omi-x43d</p>	<p>I WANT TO SIGN UP FOR THIS INVESTIGATION OF MY WELL WATER. I BELIEVE THAT THE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED SINCE THE 1930S DO NOT REFLECT THE CURRENT STATE OF WATER. WE HAVE CONTAMINATED AND POLLUTED WATER IN NJ AND OUR GOVERNOR CAME INTO OFFICE SAYING HE WOULD NOT INCREASE ANY REGULATIONS TO CHECK THE ENVIRONMENT. THAT WAS 8 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF CONTAMINATION IN NEW JERSEY. I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP TO SEND IN WATER AND ALL THE TESTS THAT ARE INVOLVED. I FAVOR THESE TESTS BECAUSE CERTAINLY THIS IS AN ISSUE OF HEALTH FOR AMERICANS. WE CAN HELP THE HEALTH STANDARDS PERHAPS THIS IS WHAT IS CAUSIGN AUTISM. 1 OUT OF 25 BOYS WHO ARE DEFICIENT MENTALLY. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIEE JEANPUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM</p>	<p>Program responded to commenter in email.</p> <p>From: Backer, Lorraine (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH) Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:36 PM To: jeanpublic1@yahoo.com Subject: Response regarding CDC's document CDC-2016-0027-0002</p> <p>Dear Ms. Public,</p> <p>We received your email with comments regarding CDC's document CDC-2016-0027-0002. We appreciate your interest in participating in a future investigation. If New Jersey is identified as one of the partners for this program, we will be sure to let them know of your interest.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Lorrie</p> <p>Contact information: Lorraine C. Backer, PhD, MPH National Center for Environmental Health 4770 Buford Highway NE MS F-60 Chamblee, GA 30341 Phone: 770-488-3426 Fax: 770-488-3450</p>

Public Submission	<p>Wenwen Liu Received: March 31, 2016 Status: Posted Posted: April 06, 2016 Tracking No. 1k0-8ote-776v</p>	<p>Since water is the most significant necessities for every one used every day, I think it is important to search health risks from using private wells for drinking water. Drinking water for approximately one sixth of US household is obtained from private wells. These wells might be polluted by potential contaminants, sewage and so on. Although the US Environment Protection Agency and all states offer guidance for construction, maintenance, and testing of private wells, it is hard to know all of the locations of private wells, and the populations served by these wells. Therefore, well owners should be responsible for their own wells such as testing quality of water from wells and taking physical examination regularly. Then after knowing the main reasons what affect the quality of wells water, states or federal related organization could set up some regulations. For instance, set up a organization which helps people test quality of water from their wells. Moreover, if sewage released from factories were one of reason pollute wells, government could set up regulations like factories must clean the sewage lower than a standard level before releasing. Water is one of the most important substances on earth. If there was no water there would be no life on earth. Human beings, of course, must have water to survive. Therefore, I think it is necessary to collect investigations and analyze how some external elements affect private wells then to get the health risks from using private wells for drinking water. And I am very interested in the final research results.</p>	No response required
Public Submission	<p>Jennifer Ervin Received: March 30, 2016 Status: Posted Posted: March 31, 2016 Tracking No. 1k0-8osp-34z6</p>	<p>I think this is a very important and needed study. Unsafe drinking water with contaminants can potentially affect residents for the rest of their lives, as evidenced by the saga unfolding in Flint, Michigan. Having been raised on well water in a rural area, I am naturally curious what potential contaminants could be in water not protected by the Safe Drinking Water Act (private wells). I would be interested in which geographic areas of interest will be determined by the agency, and if it includes any areas in the southeastern region of the United States.</p>	No response required
Public Submission	<p>Misagh Owji Received: April 05, 2016</p>	<p>Current policy In recent year many have showed interest in a more credible scientific based environmental regulation (media,</p>	No response required

	<p>Status: Posted Posted: April 06, 2016 Tracking No. 1k0-8owj-cr8q</p>	<p>1998). Even though our water system has significantly improved in the last century, the government should rely on laboratory testing in government agencies to make sure that the water that we are using is not contaminated. History shows that contaminated water can have a negative effect on the health of the population. For example, in 1800 the annual deaths in London were 110 per 10,000. (Daniel A. Okun) introduction of the flush toilet led to the discharge being dumped in Thames River, this led to disease including cholera which became airborne and led to many deaths. In the beginning of this century we have the same issues within our borders. Prior to widespread acceptance of filtration of water AND chlorination, we had a huge issue with typhoid fever deaths. However chlorination and filtration merely killed the airborne disease from spreading.</p> <p>Looking at the history we have a clear indication that we have to continue research and development to stop water borne diseases. The center for disease control is the only agency that not only has the resource but the right scientist that can help with research and prevention of any waterborne disease from spreading. Matter a fact this responsibility should be given to the CDC because one of their duties is prevention and not having the ability to do so can really effect that prevention and preparedness. Historically we have been told to drink eight glass of water per day. there is a huge reason behind that. Kaiser Permanente nephrologist Steven Guest, MD, agrees: "Fluid losses occur continuously, from skin evaporation, breathing, urine, and stool and these losses must be replaced daily for good health," he says. Our focus should be to continuously rehydrate to keep up with loose of water due to the above reasons. Your body is composed of about 60% water. "The functions of these bodily fluids include digestion, absorption, circulation, creation of saliva, transportation of nutrients, and maintenance of body temperature."(Kathleen M.Zelmen). Drinking water can also help control calories and increase metabolism. Other reason water consumption is important is that your muscle fatigue and shrivels with a lack of water consumption. water can also help with keeping your skin</p>	
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<p>Email request</p>	<p>Karlene Lavelle, PhD, MPA, RN Advanced Scientific Associate Epidemiology and Health Surveillance</p> <p>ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc 1545 US Highway 22 East Annandale, NJ 08801 908-730-2693 Office 919-270-0116 Mobile Karlene.s.lavelle@exxonmobil.com</p> <p>No Tracking Number available</p>	<p>From: Lavelle, Karlene S [mailto:karlene.s.lavelle@exxonmobil.com] Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 2:59 PM To: OMB-Comments (CDC) <omb@cdc.gov> Subject: RE: Health Risks from Using Private Wells for Drinking Water</p> <p>I have the documents you attached and was requesting attachments referenced within them, for example, Attachment J (research determination form), Attachment G (consent form). Thank you for your further assistance.</p> <p>Karlene Lavelle, PhD, MPA, RN Advanced Scientific Associate Epidemiology and Health Surveillance</p> <p>ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc 1545 US Highway 22 East Annandale, NJ 08801 908-730-2693 Office 919-270-0116 Mobile Karlene.s.lavelle@exxonmobil.com</p> <p>The information transmitted in this message is only intended for the person(s) to which it was addressed and may contain confidential information. If you received this message in error, please delete the message and contact the sender immediately.</p> <p>From: Burroughs, Kenya L. (CDC/OD/OADS) [mailto:vhr4@cdc.gov] On Behalf Of OMB-Comments (CDC)</p>	<p>Provided the research determination form and the example consent form.</p>

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Please request documents.

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Subject: Health Risks from Using Private Wells for Drinking Water

I am writing in response to a federal register notice vol. 81, No. 48 / Friday, March 11, 2016 page 12902 regarding public comment on "Health Risks from Using Private Wells for Drinking Water. Specifically, can you please provide copies of the consent form and Attachments D, G and Attachment J.

Thank you

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