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**Environmental Health Section** 

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Dr. Lorraine Backer
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dear Lorrie,

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has reviewed the available data on arsenic and uranium in groundwater in our state and we have identified a number of geographic areas where we have sparse data. We have concerns that people living in these areas may be exposed to arsenic and uranium in drinking water obtained from private wells.

We are writing to request CDC's assistance in doing the following activities in at least one of the areas we identified:

- · Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in groundwater
- Identify households using private wells for drinking water
- Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in tap water used by the household
- Conduct biomonitoring of arsenic & uranium in urine specimens from household members

We are open to discussing the possibility of providing some logistical and/or staff support for these activities. In addition, DPH has an established protocol for following up with individuals whose wells are found to contain concentrations of contaminants exceeding health-based standards or guidelines.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Lorraine Backer National Center for Environmental Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dear Lorrie,

The New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services - Bureau of Laboratory Services has reviewed the available data on arsenic and uranium in ground water in our state and we have identified a number of geographic areas where we have sparse data. We have concerns that people living in these areas may be exposed to arsenic and uranium in drinking water obtained from private wells. Although our BiomonitoringNH program has been able to assess some of these areas, we lack the capacity to address all of the regions in our State affected by arsenic and uranium in the drinking water.

I am writing to request CDC's assistance to expand our capacity by performing some of the following activities:

- Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in ground water
- Identify households using private wells for drinking water
- Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in tap water used by the household
- Conduct biomonitoring of arsenic and uranium in urine specimens from household members

We may be able to provide logistical and/or staff support and clinical testing for these activities.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

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Dear Lorrie,

The New Mexico Department of Health has reviewed the available data on arsenic and uranium in ground water in our state and we have identified a number of geographic areas where we have sparse data. We are concerned that people living in these areas may be exposed to arsenic and uranium in drinking water obtained from private wells.

I am writing to request CDC's assistance in doing the following activities in at least one of the areas we identified:

- Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in ground water
- Identify households using private wells for drinking water
- Analyze the concentrations of arsenic and uranium in tap water used by the household
- Conduct biomonitoring of arsenic and uranium in urine specimens from household members

We may be able to provide logistical and/or staff support for these activities.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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