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## MEMORANDUM

To: Well Contractors

From: Greg Bright, Groundwater Program Section Chief

Date: October 29, 2008

Re: New policy regarding inspections of well repairs

On July 1, 2008 regulations (15A NCAC 02C .0300) went into effect that required all counties to permit and inspect wells. These rules also require the local Health Department to inspect repairs to wells. A repair to a well, as defined by rule 15A NCAC 02C .0302, includes: deepening, changing casing depths, screening, cleaning, redevelopment or any other work which results in breaking or opening a well seal. Pump replacement is exempt from this requirement

**Effective immediately**, to meet this mandate, Wake County Environmental Services will require all well contractors to contact our office and schedule well repair inspections. All major repairs involving grouting of casing or liners will need to be inspected at the time of grouting just like a well grout or abandonment. Wells for which the repair work does not involve placement of grout, such as cleaning, video inspections or hydrofracturing can be inspected after the work is complete.

In summary, for any repair that involves grouting a casing or liner, you must call our office at 919.856.7400 or the Inspect Talk system at 919.856.7446 and schedule a **Grout** inspection, similar to new well grout inspections. For all other repair work, including raising well casings above grade, you must schedule a **Well Head** inspection within five working days of completion of the work. The state rules require these inspections before the well is placed into use.

**Failure to follow these requirements will jeopardize your registration status with Wake County.**

