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State Health Department Recommends Water Well Testing for Private Wells Near Woodstock

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is advising residents who obtain their drinking water from private wells in the Woodstock area (McHenry County) to test their water for possible groundwater contamination. Routine testing of Woodstock's community water supply wells by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) indicates contaminants could be present in the area's private wells.

The contaminant cis-1,2-dichloroethene was detected at levels lower than the Illinois Groundwater Standard. Although the contaminant's levels were lower than the standard, this is the same groundwater that serves private wells and it is possible the levels of the contaminants may be higher in private wells.

Residents with private wells located within the area (map below) north of west Todd Avenue between Wicker Street and IL 47 and north of IL 120 between IL 47 and Raffel Road, west of Raffel Road, south of Ware Road (see map for additional area to north of Ware Road), and east of Thomas Drive, are encouraged to have their water tested for volatile organic compounds by a private laboratory.

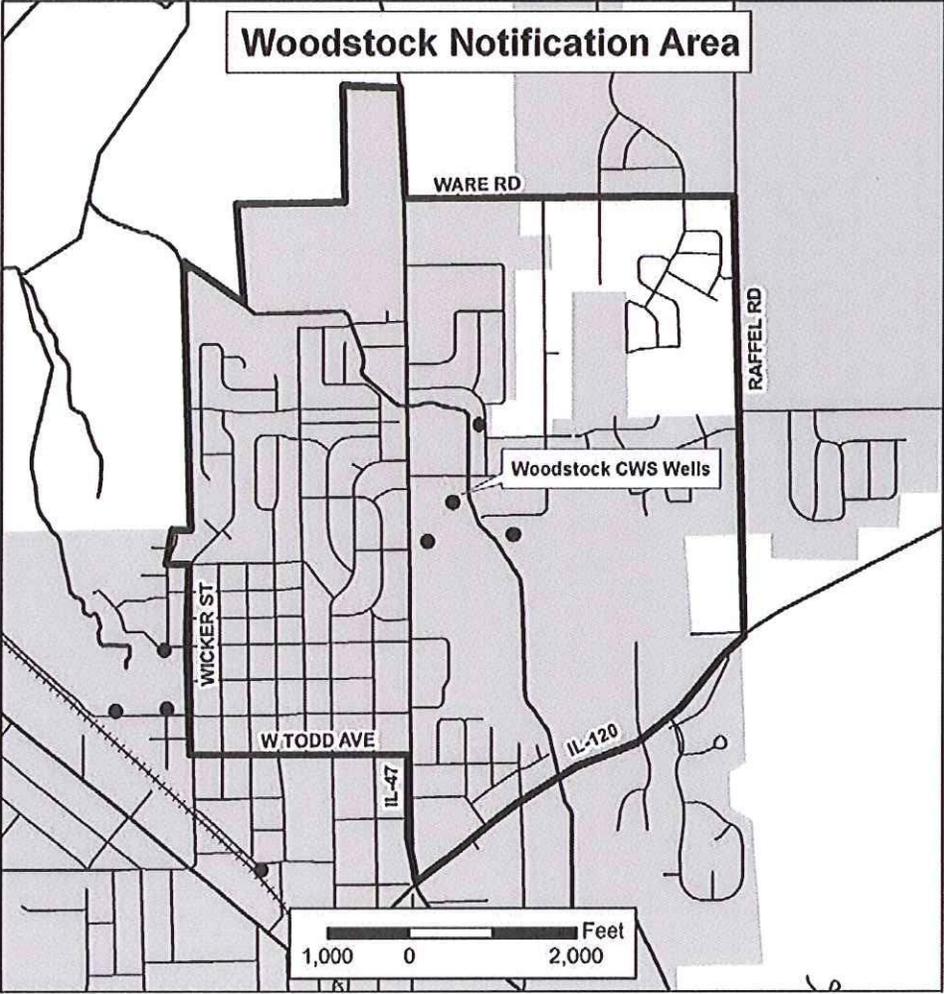
For a list of laboratories certified to analyze drinking water for volatile organic compounds, interpretation of test results, contaminant health effects information, and recommendations for individuals who regularly consume well water, contact Joe O'Connor, IDPH West Chicago Regional Office, 245 West Roosevelt Road, Bldg 5, West Chicago, IL. 60185, phone (630) 293-6800 or joe.o'connor@illinois.gov.

The risk of adverse health effects depends on the levels of contaminants in the water and the length of exposure. Long-term exposure to these chemicals may result in an increased health risk to the liver and kidneys.

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No violations of State of Illinois or federal drinking water standards have occurred in Woodstock's community water supply. For information concerning the community water supply contact Dean Studer at 217-558-8280 or via email at dean.studer@illinois.gov

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