

**Erving Board of Health
Regulations regarding Shared Wells and Springs
SUMMARY**

On March 14, 2005, the Erving Board of Health held a hearing and subsequently enacted regulations regarding the testing of shared wells and springs. Where wells or springs providing water are shared by more than two households or businesses, and NOT regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Board of Health requires the homeowners OR any associations or operators to test the water at the source, four times a year. Regular testing shall include testing for Nitrate, Nitrite, bacteria and sodium. The testing is required to be performed by a State certified laboratory, and drawn for testing by a Certified Water Operator (State certification). The results of said testing are to be provided to the Erving Board of Health and the Eastern Franklin County Health District within 5 days. Any testing, water treatment or notification expenses are to be borne by the homeowner, association, or owner/operator. The Board shall impose a Boil Order if the water is found to be non-potable, and said Boil Order shall remain in effect until a clean result is provided to the Board of Health. Should repeated testings yield results positive for contamination, an M.P.A. test may be ordered by the Board of Health, any and all expenses to be paid by the Association.

At any time that the shared well/spring services more than 25 people, as determined by the number of bedrooms as defined by DEP or the population of the combined Association households, the water source will qualify as a Public Water Supply, and fall under the purview of the Department of Environmental Protection.