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## News Release

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### **DEQ Offering Free Testing for Private Wells Impacted by Flooding**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering free bacterial testing of private well water **for Oklahomans whose wells have been flooded in the following counties: Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Murray, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pushmataha, Sequoyah, and Wagoner.** If your private well has been submerged in flood water, DEQ recommends that you not drink the water from your well until the flood waters recede and you have safe sample results from DEQ. For sampling instructions and supplies, contact DEQ at (800) 522-0206. DEQ recommends that you disinfect your well prior to sampling.

The free testing will be available until February 29, 2016.

Instructions on how to disinfect your well are available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/disaster/dsinfctwtr.pdf>

Additional information is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/disaster/index.html>

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