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Flooded Wells May be Contaminated and Can Cause Illness

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is issuing the following advisory for Prince William Sound property owners near flooding streams and rivers.

Flooded wells may be contaminated with bacteria or other microorganisms that can cause illness. People with onsite wells on flooded property should boil water used for drinking, cooking, hand washing, or dish washing for at least two minutes prior to use. After the flooding has subsided, the well and water system should be disinfected with chlorine and thoroughly flushed, and then tested by a certified laboratory to ensure the water is safe to drink.

For more information regarding disinfection procedures, certified testing laboratories, or safe drinking water practices, call the DEC Drinking Water Program office at Soldotna at (907) 262-3420.

For more information on disinfecting wells and water systems, visit:

<http://www.flood.alaska.gov/>.

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