

# Drinking Water Status Reports

## **What are the drinking water requirements for the sale and/or purchase of a property?**

The Water Status Report is a new requirement being proposed in the Health District's 2017 revised Drinking Water Ordinance. Effective in September 2017, the Health District will require that all properties served by a private water supply or Group B public water system apply for a water status report prior to property transfer. The water status report will provide information to the seller and buyer about the compliance status of the drinking water source for the property.

## **Can the Health District collect drinking water samples collected as part of my Water Status Report (WSR) application?**

No. The Health District staff will NOT collect water samples as part of a WSR inspection. Water samples must be collected by a qualified third party, and results should be submitted to the Health District, as described in the ordinance. It is important to know that a water sample alone does not provide important information about the water supply's approval status or its reliability. Group B systems have monitoring requirements and should be collecting samples on a routine basis to be in compliance.

## **What kind of report will I receive with a Water Status Report application?**

A water status report with respect to water adequacy requirements, for either a Group B public or private well supply, provides information from a review of the Health District records, a site inspection, and water sampling results. The report will address the well and its condition, water quantity, well site conditions, and any applicable drinking water requirements or concerns. The report will also state what may be necessary to correct any compliance issues.

## **What if there are outstanding drinking water compliance issues? Will the Health District prevent the sale of the property?**

No. The Health District does not have any intent or regulatory authority to prevent the sale of property. A water status report will inform both the buyer and the seller of the necessary items to obtain compliance. Drinking water compliance may be required for any future building permit or land use approvals.

## **How long will it take to receive the inspection and water status report?**

The Health District will issue its *Water Status Report* to the applicant **within 7 business days** of receiving a completed application, regardless of any violations or issues of noncompliance.

**For more information**, visit the Health District's webpage at [www.kitsappublichealth.org](http://www.kitsappublichealth.org), or call (360) 728-2235.



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