

Summary of ATSDR Activities

- ATSDR will conduct an exposure investigation for Cady Road residents who use water from private wells.
- ATSDR is revising the health consultation that was released for public comment in September 2001. The results of the exposure investigation will be added to the health consultation and then re-released for public comment.

What has happened since ATSDR's last visit to the community?

Since ATSDR staff members visited the Cady Road community, they have gathered more public comments and additional information for the health consultation. Due to the additional information gathered and the level of concern expressed by community members, ATSDR will conduct an exposure investigation in the community.

What is an exposure investigation?

An exposure investigation is conducted to gather information to help find out whether people are being exposed to contaminants at levels of health concern. ATSDR's exposure investigation for Cady Road residents will focus on testing of air and well water for environmental contamination.

Why is ATSDR conducting an exposure investigation?

The results of the exposure investigation will help answer the following questions:

- Are there harmful levels of environmental contaminants in the air inside homes on Cady Road?
- Are there harmful levels of environmental contaminants in water from private wells on Cady Road?

If contaminants are found at levels that could cause harmful health effects—and if there is a way that people could be exposed to those contaminants—ATSDR will make recommendations on ways to reduce exposure.

Who can participate?

Participation is limited to the residents on Cady Road who currently use private well water.

When will testing begin?

During March and April of 2002, ATSDR will ask residents of Cady Road who use private well water to volunteer to have their homes tested. ATSDR staff members will perform the actual sampling in May 2002.

When will residents find out the results of the sampling?

ATSDR anticipates that the results from sampling will be provided to residents about 60 days after sample collection. Results of the testing of each individual home will be sent to the residents of the home. Along with the results will be an explanation of what they mean. ATSDR will also provide the community with a written report of collective findings in a revised public health assessment.

ATSDR staff members will return to the community after the written report is completed, to answer any questions that residents may have about the testing or the health assessment.

For more information...

If you have any questions about the public health assessment or the exposure investigation, please contact one of the following ATSDR staff members:

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