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Edward Johnson
9942 Frederick Road
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RE: **Well Sealing**
9942 Frederick Road

Dear Mr. Johnson:

During your dwellings connection to public water, we learned that you had decided not to have the abandoned well, that is located in the basement of your house, sealed. According to Code of Maryland 26.04.04, we can require the sealing of any well that has been permanently disconnected from service.

This sealing process helps to prevent contaminants from entering any underground aquifers that were supplying your well with water and thus potentially polluting them. These aquifers extend for long distances. So anyone in your area could end up drinking something that accidentally or deliberately entered your well. This is why we stress that unused or unneeded and usually disregarded wells be sealed.

A licensed well driller should do the well sealing process. This primarily involves filling the well with clean gravel and cement. The driller will then fill out an abandonment report that goes to our office and the Maryland Department of the Environment so that parties concerned know that the well is no longer a potential source of groundwater contamination.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please call me directly at (410) 313-2643. Thank you for your attention concerning this important matter.

Respectfully,

Brian Baker

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Well and Septic Program

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