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March 1, 2005

Ms. Christa Gainey  
2217 Duvall Road  
Woodbine, MD 21703

RE: Well & Septic Inspection  
2217 Duvall Road

Dear Ms. Gainey:

Our office is recommending that the well be re-chlorinated and sampled by an approved water laboratory to ensure water results meet safe measures for drinking. Enclosed is information for properly chlorinating the well. If you prefer, you may contact a licensed well driller to properly chlorinate the well and prepare it for water sampling. A list of state accredited water testing laboratories is available from our office by calling 410-313-1773. This is NOT mandatory but highly recommended. Potable wells should be tested each year by the home owner to ensure safe water quality.

Additionally, inspection of the septic tank showed a high level of effluent. Please submit a copy of the receipt for pumping out the septic tank to our office at the address above. Due to the age of the system, we recommend keeping an eye for overflow of septic discharge near the septic tank and in the back yard, as this can pose a health nuisance. Typically, septic systems will last between 25-40 years. Any future permits may require an inspection by a septic contractor and our office to ensure it is functioning properly.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please call me at (410) 313-1771. Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,

Kacie Noonan, R. S.  
Well and Septic Program

Enclosures

cc: Community Services Program  
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