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RE: MaineHousing Arsenic Abatement Program

To Whom It May Concern:

People who drink water with too much arsenic for many years are more likely to get cancer, as arsenic can cause bladder and lung cancers. Arsenic may affect brain development in babies if pregnant women drink water with too much arsenic in it and arsenic can also affect brain development in young children. 1 in 10 wells in Maine has water that is high in arsenic. (Maine CDC: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc> accessed June 2018)

The Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) administers an Arsenic Abatement Program. The Program provides grants for the abatement of arsenic contaminated private wells for income eligible, single-family homeowners and income eligible landlords for dwellings with four rental units or less.

As an entity who serves and has contact with households that may have private wells and may be eligible for the Arsenic Abatement Program, we are providing you with the enclosed Program posters and ask that you please display them in high visibility areas where your clients and community members can easily see them. The intent of the posters is to help increase awareness of the Program and guide individuals to MaineHousing's web site to obtain additional information about the Program, including how to apply: www.mainehousing.org/arsenic .

Thank you in advance for displaying these posters in an effort to increase awareness of the danger of drinking water with high levels of arsenic and the Arsenic Abatement Program as a resource to eligible households and landlords. If you would like additional posters, please submit your request via email to arsenic@mainehousing.org .

Sincerely,

Troy Fullmer
Manager of Housing and Compliance
Maine State Housing Authority

ODORLESS TASTELESS ARSENIC IS TOXIC



TAKE THESE STEPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

- ✓ Get your well water tested
- ✓ Find out if you qualify for assistance
- ✓ Fill out a program application
- ✓ If approved, MaineHousing schedules & pays for work

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WELL DONE!

ENJOY SAFE DRINKING WATER

