



ORANGE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & CODE COMPLIANCE

December 5, 2016

Water Well Inspections

The Brown Estate
Attention: Terrie Smith
410 Front Street
Orange, Texas 77630

RE: Water Well Inspections

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Our records indicate that your establishment is being operated by a private water well system. There were changes in the new 2015 Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) on private water well systems for food service establishments. Here are the new requirements if you are operating by private water well:

Section 228.272. Water Quality

Bacteriological properties. Each food establishment that uses a private water well system shall have its water sampled and tested for total coliform, fecal coliform, E. Coli, or other fecal indicator organisms as specified in this subsection.

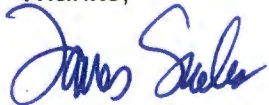
2. A food establishment shall have its water sampled and tested every six months and must obtain negative test results.
3. If a test result is positive, the food establishment shall remediate the water system and have its water sampled and tested every month until test results are negative for 12 consecutive months. After achieving negative test results for 12 consecutive months, the facility shall resume water testing every six months.
4. Testing for microbial contaminants shall be performed at an accredited laboratory certified in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 25 Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation and Certification.

5. If a routine distribution coliform sample is positive for E. coli, then the facility shall post a written boil water notification. The notification shall state, "To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and ice making must be boiled and cooled before consumption or use in preparing food or cleaning food contact surfaces and equipment. The water shall be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for least two minutes. Instead of boiling water, the food establishment may use purchased bottled water, water obtained from some other suitable sources, or ice obtained for an approved source."
6. The boil water notification shall remain in effect until a repeat distribution coliform sample is coliform-negative.
7. Records of all bacteriological tests and of any boil water notification shall be kept on site.

The Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance will also be requiring all establishments that are serviced by a private water well to submit all reports to our office bi-annual either by fax, mail or e-mail.

If you have any questions or need to discuss these private water well changes, please call between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday –Friday or email at jscases@co.orange.tx.us.

Thanks,



James Scales
Health Inspector
Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance

Cc: City of Orange (Code Enforcement)