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### **State health department recommends water well testing for Valley Run Mobile Home Park area**

DANVILLE, Ill. – The Illinois Department of Public Health is advising residents who obtain their drinking water from private wells in the Valley Run Mobile Home Park area (located Southeast of Danville) to test their water for possible groundwater contamination. Valley Run Mobile Home Park previously operated its own drinking water system and routine testing by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) indicates contamination could be present in the area's private wells.

Although the contaminants were found in Valley Run Mobile Home Park's source water wells, drinking water for Valley Run Mobile Home Park is now being supplied by Aqua Illinois – Vermilion Division and meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards. Thus customers of the public water supply are not affected.

Persons with private wells located within the area located South of Lick Creek extending a fourth of a mile south of Perrysville Road, East of Stoney Creek and West of Lewis Road, are encouraged to have their water tested by a private laboratory.

Contaminants detected were trichloroethane, 1,1,2 trichloroethane, tetrachloroethane, 1,1,1 trichloroethane, methylene chloride, and total trihalomethanes, below the groundwater quality standard.

A list of private laboratories approved for testing can be obtained by calling Illinois Department of Public Health's Champaign office at 217-278-5900. Once samples have been analyzed, residents can call the health department for an explanation of the test results.

The risk of adverse health effects depends on the level of contaminants in the water and the length of exposure. Long-term exposure to these chemicals may increase the risk of liver and kidney damage.

This information has been compiled from historic data and is provided to the public to ensure full disclosure of state records.

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