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State Waives Well Water Testing Fee for Isabella and Midland County Residents Affected by Flood

LANSING, MI. The State of Michigan encourages all residents with a private drinking water well that has been covered by flood water to have their well cleaned and tested to ensure the water is safe to consume.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley declared a “state of disaster” for Isabella and Midland counties Friday after severe weather and intense rain struck the counties, resulting in widespread flood damage.

The disaster declaration enabled the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to approve a waiver of the usual \$16 fee for a bacteriological test analysis for private residential wells in Isabella and Midland counties.

To qualify for the waiver residents must meet the following criteria:

- The property must be their primary residence and they will need State of Michigan issued identification.
- A damage assessment report must show the drinking water well has been inundated with flood waters.
- The homeowner must have a signed affidavit stating they are unable to pay the fee for a bacteriological test analysis.
- The property must be in an area under a state level declared emergency or disaster.
- No other government entity in the county is able to perform the analysis.

Residents should contact their local health department for additional information or the MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278.

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