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Background information for the well water steering committee:

Number of new wells drilled in Stamford over the past five years averages to approx.. 7/year

Connecticut towns with specific testing requirements for newly drilled wells:

Cheshire – VOC's in addition to basic parameters that the state requires.

Quinnipiac Health District – Currently nothing additional however they were testing for VOC's (this was removed after several years of testing showed no presence of this contaminant).

Somers – refers to the state DPH code listing inorganic chemicals, organic chemicals ,pesticides, herbicides , PCB's, gross alpha particle activity and man-made beta particle and photon emitters. These are very stringent guidelines.

Westport/Weston – Basic parameters that the state requires (pH, color, odor, iron, nitrate, etc), they do recommend arsenic but it is not required. People have been voluntarily testing for arsenic.

Other states:

New Jersey (the state requires testing for basic parameters and in addition, depending on the particular area of the state, also test for mercury, VOC's, arsenic and gross alpha particle activity).

Maine – No mandated testing. Private wells are not regulated.

Vermont- No mandated testing however well drillers are required to hand out educational material to homeowners once a new well is drilled. The information outlines what should be tested for but it is no means comprehensive.