

Nonpublic Household Water Well Recommendation #17: Update County Sanitary Codes

Proposed Action

KDHE will conduct assessments of county sanitary codes and identify updates and revisions needed in the regulation of wastewater management and nonpublic water wells to protect public health. These assessments and updates will be conducted no less than every 10 years thereafter. KDHE will inform local environmental health professionals and county governments of the outcome of these assessments and actions needed to incorporate changes into county sanitary codes.

Potential Funding

Funding to support this recommendation would most likely come from a combination of sources, including: state funding, grants, and a percentage of fertilizer and pesticide sales.

Background Information

In the past decade, there have been significant developments regarding the groundwater supply on which nonpublic household water well users rely. This includes changes in the groundwater level, identified areas of contamination, and other concerns directly impacting nonpublic household water well users.

Why This Action is Needed

There is currently no requirement in Kansas for regular assessments of county sanitary codes or updates to these codes. As of May 2018, many Kansas county sanitary codes have not been updated in more than 20 years.

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