



# PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT

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## NYSDEC MONITORING WELL FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW:

The installation of monitoring wells are required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) environmental studies. The Plainview Water District does not have any involvement with these programs and are often times notified about them concurrently with residents. These wells are used to track known spots of potential groundwater contamination to assess their movement and determine whether or not they cause a risk to our drinking water supply wells.

### WHAT IS A MONITORING WELL?

A monitoring well is a 2-inch diameter, PVC casing pipe that begins at the surface and goes approximately 300 - 500 feet below the ground so groundwater samples can be taken.

### WHAT ARE THESE WELLS MONITORING?

The DEC is directing the installation of these wells to monitor groundwater—**not drinking water**. This is an important distinction; drinking water is the final product that is supplied to residents by the Plainview Water District. Drinking water is vigorously tested and treated to meet or exceed all federal, state and local standards.

We expect the data being collected will be analyzed to determine if contamination still exists at the site. The data will also help determine what trends and potential impacts contamination could have on our drinking water in the future.

### HAS MY DRINKING WATER BEEN IMPACTED?

Your **drinking water is not in any way affected** as a result of the DEC's actions. The water being delivered to your home is treated at our plant sites to meet all local, state and federal health department standards.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The DEC provides residents in close proximity to the site of the monitoring well with a fact sheet with additional information about their activities. If you have specific questions about the work being done or would like to know more about the monitoring wells, please feel free to contact the DEC Case Manager, Matt Egli at 631-444-0323. You are also always welcome to contact the Plainview Water District at 516-931-6469, and we will help to answer your questions as best we can.

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