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Private Wells

If a well has been flooded, or there is any possibility of contamination such as standing water close to the well head, follow this procedure:

1. Check to see if the well is pumping clear water. If it is not, pump the well until it runs clear. Chlorinating is ineffective on turbid water.
2. Once the well is running clear, chlorinate using standard chlorinating procedure.
3. Take the sample after the chlorine odor is gone.
4. If the first sample is good, wait 3-5 days and take another sample. If the first sample is bad, repeat the chlorinating process.
5. If the second sample is good, the water should be safe to drink. Take another sample in 2-4 weeks for confirmation.

Public System

Three consecutive negative raw samples must be obtained from any public system where the well has been flooded. Then representative distribution samples must be taken to check the system. Raw samples should be marked "raw" and distribution samples should be marked "special."