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Memorandum

To: North Carolina Local Health Departments,
Environmental Health Staff

From: Cindy Price, Manager, Environmental Sciences Unit

Date: December 29, 2017

Re: Fees for Environmental Sample Collection Kits

Our laboratory is aware that many local health departments must prepare their budgets early in the calendar year for the fiscal year that in many cases begins in July. Attached is the expected fee schedule for testing of well water samples for chemical and microbiological contaminants that the State Laboratory of Public Health will use starting July 1, 2018. These kit prices include the sample materials, shipment of the kit to your facility, and the analytical testing. No additional testing charges will be applied. Although no changes are expected, the laboratory reserves the right to adjust these kit costs based on legislative or departmental mandate.

Please be aware that in January 2018 a small increase will be applied to the current kit costs to cover a recent increase in shipping charges.

Included with this information is an updated listing of the well water testing profiles which provides the analytes included in each group. Also included is a description of how each of the profiles is listed on the NCSLPH external ordering site. Unfortunately, due to space limitations of this ordering software some of the profile names must be truncated and it can be difficult to know exactly which kit to request. Please work closely with your technical and administrative staff responsible for ordering off our website so that the correct kit is selected.

Please note the following related to well water sample testing:

- Except for potential public health emergencies, the State Laboratory does not test public/municipal water samples. These must be submitted through the regional Public Water Supply office. We do test small communities that do not fall under public water supply authority.
- The laboratory is closed for all State holidays listed on the NCSLPH website. Since microbiological samples must be incubated for a minimum of 24 hours, except in emergencies samples should not be submitted to the laboratory the day before a holiday. Please contact the laboratory at 919.733.7308 if you need an emergency sample(s) tested.

- It is advisable to check the State courier schedule during holiday periods and times of inclement weather. The courier falls under the NC Department of Administration.

We look forward to working with your staff in 2018. Please feel free to contact me at 919.807.8845 or at cindy.price@dhhs.nc.gov if you have questions on the attached.