



FREE **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC) WATER SAMPLE**



The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) MtBE Remediation Bureau recently mailed letters to Danbury residents in the vicinity of US Route 4/NH Route 104/North Road/Railroad Drive. These properties have been identified as being served by private wells and located in an area that is ***potentially*** vulnerable to gasoline contamination. **NHDES does not know whether gasoline components, such as methyl tertiary butyl ether (MtBE) have impacted these private wells.** Laboratory analysis of the drinking water is the only way to find out.

For a limited time, the NHDES MtBE Remediation Bureau is extending this invitation to **all** Danbury residents that have a private well. Testing private wells provides valuable information to homeowners and allows NHDES to screen a broader area for potential MtBE impacts. NHDES staff will collect the sample, transport it to a NH certified laboratory and provide homeowners with a copy of the results. **This work will be performed at no cost** due to a MtBE settlement fund resulting from a lawsuit pursued against gasoline manufacturers. More information can be obtained from the NHDES website at: <https://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/mtbe/index.htm>.

Additional testing of private wells is recommended every 3-5 years in order to understand common problems with drinking water quality. Due to settlement fund restrictions, NHDES can only pay for a MtBE-related VOC analysis. If you elect to have additional analyses added, you will need to pay for those analyses. For more information on these additional testing options and recommended frequency please visit the NHDES website at: https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/well-testing.pdf



If you are property owner in Danbury and interested in having your private well tested by NHDES, or if you have questions about the Program, contact Deb Loiselle (Sampling Program Supervisor) at 603-271-8483 or deborah.loiselle@des.nh.gov

