

# **Water Test Overlay Update**

### August 14, 2024

#### Introduction

This Lender Notice relates to NH Housing's water test overlay for private water sources.

## Summary

NH Housing's current mortgage program overlay requires a water test if the subject property has a private/individual water source (well). Testing must include E.coli, Total Coliform, Lead, Nitrate and Nitrite. All primary parameters tested must pass. NH Housing is updating its overlay to include additional testing for **arsenic and copper**, for any loan reserved starting today.

Additionally, we are announcing the new "New Hampshire Housing Water Wellness Course!" With this new course, we are allowing homebuyers to waive the water testing requirement if they complete the course on the day of or prior to the execution of the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the property being acquired.

The Selling Guide will be updated with this change shortly, and a subsequent lender notice will outline the details.

#### **Effective Date: August 14th, 2024**

Effective for all reservations received on or after August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have any questions, please email <u>underwriters@nhhfa.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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