

## **WELL SIGN OFF**

The Building Inspector requires the Board of Health to sign off on the suitability of potable (drinking) water wells prior to issuing a Building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy for a new building where water is consumed.

Prior to signing either of those forms the Board of Health must be provided a signed document by a State of Massachusetts Certified Testing Laboratory certifying that the well water complies with all applicable State and Federal drinking water requirements. In addition, this certification must include a Chain of Custody Document. The Chain of Custody Document must be signed by the individual who drew the water sample, including the name of his (her) employer. That employer must be licensed by the State of Massachusetts to take and transport such samples, and the employee must be trained in the appropriate sampling techniques.

Some wells may require treatment of the water prior to meeting the applicable standards. In the event that the well water does not meet all State and Federal drinking water standards at the time of the Building Permit Application sign off request, the applicant must provide the Board with a signed statement from a licensed well water system installer that the water can be made to meet the State and Federal requirements through onsite remedial devices.