



Effective immediately, the Department (HUD) will accept individual water purification units on all single family properties including both proposed and existing construction. This Mortgagee Letter sets forth the requirements for HUD acceptance of these individual water purification units. This Mortgagee Letter supersedes Mortgagee Letter 91-4 dated January 25, 1991.

**B. CERTIFICATION BY LOCAL (or STATE) HEALTH AUTHORITY.** A local (or State) health authority certification must be submitted to HUD which certifies the following:

1. That a "point-of-use" or "point-of-entry" water purification unit is operating on the property.

If "point-of-use" equipment is used, a water purification unit must be employed on each water supply source (inside and outside faucet) serving the property. (If a "point of entry" system is used, a separate water supply system carrying untreated water for flushing toilets may be used);

2. That the water purification unit is sufficient to assure an uninterrupted supply of safe and potable water, adequate to meet household needs;

3. That the water supply, when treated by the water purification unit, meets the water quality standards of the local (or State) health authority.

If there are no local (or State) water quality standards, then water quality must meet the standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as prescribed in the National Primary Drinking Water requirements in 40 CFR Parts 141 and 142; and

4. That there exists a Plan that provides for the monitoring, servicing, maintenance, and replacement of the water purification equipment, and which meets the requirements listed in paragraph G below.

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA Well Clearance Distances

US-EPA Distances from Well to:	
Septic tanks	50 [This distance may not be acceptable by most local, state, and other agencies and probably needs updating - DJF]
Septic leach fields	50 [This is unlikely to be acceptable by most local, state, and other agencies and probably needs updating - DJF]
Livestock yards	50 [This is unlikely to be acceptable by most local, state, and other agencies and probably needs updating - DJF]
Silos	50 [This is unlikely to be acceptable by most local, state, and other agencies and probably needs updating - DJF]
Petroleum Tanks	100
Liquid Tight Manure Storage	100
Pesticide & Fertilizer Storage & Handling	100
Manure stacks	250
Water supply piping to Septic Tank/Field	10

### TABLE NOTES:

Distances are in feet unless otherwise stated

EPA references above and for other EPA information see Well Construction and Maintenance [Details to Help Avoid Well Water Contamination] US EPA

Also see Drinking Water Supply, Contamination Levels, Water Testing Procedures

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