



# News Release

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## **Public Meeting Scheduled on Contaminated Well Water**

FAYETTEVILLE – State and local public health officials will meet with citizens in the Bullard Circle community in northern Cumberland County on Thursday, March 20, to provide information and answer questions following notifications to 27 area homes that arsenic levels in their private wells exceeded federal drinking water standards.

The public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Long Hill Elementary School at 6490 Ramsey St. Cumberland Department of Public Health Director Buck Wilson, Environmental Health staff and representatives from the N.C. Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section will lead the discussion.

The Health Department has notified the 27 homes that the arsenic levels in their wells exceed the Environmental Protection Agency standards. Health officials have recommended that the water not be used for drinking and cooking, unless a water treatment system is installed to remove the substance. The water may be used for washing, cleaning, bathing and showering.

Wilson will brief the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, March 17, during their 6:45 p.m. meeting in Room 118 of the Cumberland County Courthouse at 117 Dick St.

Citizens should direct their questions to the Health Department at 910-433-3692 or 910-433-3688; or to the state Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch at 919-707-5900.

*For additional information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at [www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment\\_form.aspx](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx). The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.*

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