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**New Water Systems Council Informational Sheets on
Agricultural Best Practices to Protect Groundwater Now Available**

Washington, DC (August 20, 2009) – Three new **wellcare**® informational sheets on agricultural best management practices to protect groundwater are now available through Water Systems Council. The first sheet in the series – “Protecting Groundwater through Agricultural Best Management Practices” – discusses potential groundwater contaminants that may be found in agricultural areas, addresses soil type and water quality, and provides an overview of best management practices to protect groundwater from agricultural practices. Other sheets in this series include “Proper Use and Disposal of Pesticides and Fertilizers” (created in April of 2007) and two new sheets for 2009: “Protecting Groundwater by Managing Animal Waste” and “Protecting Groundwater through Proper Petroleum Storage Practices on the Farm.”

wellcare® information sheets are intended to educate well owners, home buyers, realtors, mortgage companies and others on topics such as well maintenance, well water testing and treatment, water quality, well components and potential ground water contaminants. There are 80 information sheets currently available. They can be downloaded FREE from the WSC website at www.watersystemscouncil.org, or can be obtained through the **wellcare**® hotline at 888-395-1033.

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.

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