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Water Systems Council Publishes New Fact Sheets, Revises Others

Washington, DC (August 6, 2007) – Water Systems Council (WSC) has released three new **wellcare**® information sheets on “When is a Well a Public Water System?,” “Well Water & Fluoride,” and “Methane Gas & Groundwater,” and has revised seventeen others.

The “When is a Well a Public Water System?” information sheet provides an overview of how the state and federal governments define a public water system. This issue becomes significant to owners of shared wells because, if a well is classified as a public water system, its owners must follow the EPA’s standards for drinking water testing and treatment. Unless the system is defined as a “public water system,” it is not subject to EPA regulation.

The fact sheets on fluoride and methane gas provide information on these substances, which may be found in groundwater, including information on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) safe drinking water limits, water testing and treatment.

WSC is also working to revise its existing fact sheets to include updated information from the WSC Handbook, as well as information from the EPA and other sources that has become available since the sheets were originally published. The following information sheets were updated in May or June:

- Well Components: Your Pitless Adapter
- Well Components: Your Well Cap
- Well Components: Your Well Casing
- Well Components: Your Well Pump
- Well Components: Your Well Tank
- Arsenic & Groundwater
- Bacteria & Groundwater
- Benzene & Groundwater
- Chlorine Disinfectants and Their Byproducts & Groundwater
- Chromium & Groundwater
- Copper & Groundwater
- Radium & Groundwater
- Radon & Groundwater
- Trichloroethylene (TCE) & Groundwater
- Turbidity in Drinking Water
- Uranium & Groundwater
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) & Groundwater

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 70

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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