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Water Systems Council Publishes Information Sheet on Renting a Home with a Well

Washington, DC (March 18, 2008) – Water Systems Council (WSC) has published a new **wellcare**® information sheet to help landlords and tenants understand their responsibilities when it comes to maintaining a drinking water well that is located on a rental property. The information sheet, "Renting a Home with a Well," provides answers to the following questions:

- Where does well water come from?
- What steps should a landlord take to maintain a well on a rental property?
- Who is responsible for testing the water supply?
- How often should the water be tested, and what should I test for?
- What if testing shows contaminants are present? Who is responsible for treatment?
- Who pays for testing and treatment?
- What steps should the home's tenant(s) take to protect their drinking water?

The "Renting a Home with a Well" information sheet is intended to be used for educational purposes and is not a substitute for legal advice. Water Systems Council recommends that landlords and tenants consult legal counsel in their state to ensure compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

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 75 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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