ON-SITE WATER SUPPLY TIME OF TRANSFER
EVALUATION CATEGORIES

Prior to the sale or transfer of a property with an on-site water supply and/or sewage system, the property must be evaluated and the Central Michigan District Health Department must issue a transfer authorization. The items below are examples which have been provided to assist understanding of possible evaluation outcomes.

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- Home vacant and system not in use at time of evaluation
- No well log
- Low yield
- Unapproved yard hydrant(s) not on main service line
- Possible abandoned well
- Improper pump cycling
- Not properly vented well casing
- Loose fitting well cap
- Improper pump cycling
- Not accessible for maintenance
- Primary contaminant detected but less than MCL’s
- Well terminates less than 12 inches but above grade (in an area not subject to flooding)
- Well may not be located on subject property and/or may be a shared water supply with no easement or use agreement
- Well in drained well pit and not subject to flooding prior to 1994 Groundwater Quality Control Act revisions

ACTION REQUIRED: The on-site water supply system is not in substantial conformance with the Regulation and must be upgraded to eliminate listed deficiencies. TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION IS NOT GRANTED UNTIL CORRECTIONS MADE OR ESCROW. Water supply system is in substantial non-conformance for one or more of the following reasons:

- Abandoned well(s) located on property
- Well in disrepair
- Missing well cap, damaged well cap/open well casing
- Well not capable of meeting the intended use or not functioning/operable
- Well is under suction
- Well terminates less than 25’ below ground surface
- Flooded well/subject to flooding
- Well could not be found
- Well not located on subject property and no easement for use recorded
- Dug well or cistern
- Well is pumping sand, sandstone, and/or is turbid
- Unsafe water sample (includes positive bacteria or any other MCL’s exceeded)
- Unprotected suction line
- Buried wellhead
- Major cross connections present
- Well does not meet minimum isolation requirements of Groundwater Quality Control Act without an approved deviation