

POLICY NO: 24.51A

SUBJECT: Second Residential Unit (SRU) Inland Water Testing

ISSUED: April 7, 1998

EFFECTIVE: June 1, 1998

SUPERSEDES: Policy 11(G) Memo 11/20/90; Form EH-24.51A (revised 12/92)

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

In the past the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) has had no prescriptive standard for SRU water testing for the inland areas.

DEH, responding to the request for permit streamlining, proposed to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) the elimination of water testing for all SRU applications. It was the wisdom of the BOS to continue to require water testing for SRU applications.

Discussion was entertained at the November 7, 1997 Site Evaluator's Meeting as agenda item 1103 as what standard to use if continued testing is required. The decision by consensus at that meeting was to have a 1200 gallon standard for Inland SRU water testing. The following Policy Statement defines the prescribed standard for Inland SRU water testing.

STATEMENT OF NEW POLICY

SRU water testing shall be according to the policies contained in the DEH Form 26.09 Land Division Requirements and instructions accompanying the most recent revision of DEH Form 26.05 Water Quantity Evaluation Report. These instructions require 1200 gallons to be pumped (or till the well is dry), however there is no minimum or maximum length of the test. Total drawdown and 30 minutes of recovery data must be reported. A restriction on the time of year for the water testing for SRUs using springs and shallow wells will still remain in effect per the Land Division Requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION / PRACTICE OF NEW POLICY

Use the most recent revision of DEH Form 26.05 Water Quantity Evaluation Report and the instructions accompanying the form for all Inland SRU water testing.