**Water Testing and Approved Testing Laboratories (Paragraph 1924.5e)**

Whenever RD loans are made to purchase, construct or repair dwellings with private

water systems, it is required that the seller, builder or applicant furnish a satisfactory

water test to the Area Specialist. Water samples must be taken as directed by the testing

laboratory to insure accuracy of the tests. The following tests are required by Minnesota

RD:

1. Coliform (total)
2. Nitrate Nitrogen
3. Lead
4. Arsenic (only needed on **new** wells)

The testing laboratory report will indicate those tests that are unsatisfactory and make recommendations for correction. Refer to the Minnesota Department of Health website for a list of the accredited testing laboratories at: [www.health.state.mn.us/labsearch](http://www.health.state.mn.us/labsearch)