

STEP 4 Obtain Approved Water Source Letter

If the water entering an establishment is supplied by a Municipal water supply system (i.e. city, county, or other public water system) the letter is issued by the Municipality, or the State Public Health Service or its county office. If the water is from a private water supply (such as a private well), the letter must be issued by the State Public Health Service or the appropriate county office. The letter should identify the source, state that the source is approved, and that the water is potable and meets tests prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency in its “Drinking Water Standards.” In addition to the water approval letter, a current acceptable water laboratory sample report (water potability certification) must be on file before inspection is granted.

NOTE: If the water is supplied from private wells, the letter must state that the wells are on the premises of the establishment and are effectively protected from pollution.

See Attachment 3 – Sample Letter for Approved Municipal Water Supply