

# Water Gremlin

HEALTH ASSESSMENT SERIES | PRIVATE WELL TESTING

## No contaminants found in private wells sampled

**There is no information to indicate that drinking water is affected by contaminant releases from the Water Gremlin facility.**

To provide additional reassurance to residents near the Water Gremlin facility, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) sampled 13 private wells that were selected to represent groundwater near the facility. Water samples were analyzed at the MDH Public Health Laboratory for a standard list of 68 volatile organic compounds, including TCE and its breakdown products. No contaminants were detected in any of the wells sampled (see map for general locations). The results are what was expected, because TCE released in air spreads out and moves through the atmosphere and breaks down in days to weeks.

### Next steps

There is no information to indicate that chemical use at Water Gremlin has affected the groundwater at this time. Recent Ramsey County hazardous waste inspections have not found any evidence of chemical spills or improper chemical storage. As a precaution, an environmental consultant will follow an MPCA-approved workplan to sample groundwater at the Water Gremlin facility this summer. MPCA will provide the results to the community when they are available.

### Questions?

Call (651) 201-4897 and leave a message or email [health.hazard@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hazard@state.mn.us).

