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## **GBRA Recommends Water Testing for Those Using Wells Adjacent to Area Lakes.**

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SEGUIN-The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority is urging area residents who normally get their drinking water from wells located near the rivers and streams that flooded last week to have their water tested before using it for human consumption.

“Surface water will see a substantial increase in bacteria and harmful pathogens due to rainfall runoff,” said GBRA director of water quality services Debbie Magin.

“Shallow wells near area lakes can be ‘influenced’ by nearby surface water.”

“A good example of surface water ‘influence’ was exhibited when several residents reported low or dry wells this week when damage to flood gates at GBRA’s hydroelectric dam at Lake Placid caused lake levels to be much lower than normal. In a similar situation following the 2002 flood, residents were advised to convert to a more reliable source of treated water.” Magin said.

This direct correlation indicates that some wells are affected by the lake water. Other indications that ground water may be impacted by surface water are significant and rapid shifts in water clarity or temperature. If your well has shown any of these symptoms, you should not use the well water for drinking, cooking, bathing or personal hygiene.”

To have your water tested, you may pick up a water sample bottle and instructions from GBRA at 933 East Court Street in Seguin. Regular lab hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Special holiday hours for Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27 will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am only.

Visit our website at [www.gbra.org](http://www.gbra.org) and click on ***Regional Laboratory Services-other documents*** to download instructions on how to disinfect your well.