

**CONSENT TO ALLOW WATER QUALITY DATA
TO BE ADDED TO WILKES UNIVERSITY DATABASE**

**Homeowner Outreach Program
Wilkes University Center for Environmental Quality
<http://www.wilkes.edu/water>**

The Wilkes University Center for Environmental Quality, through its Homeowner Outreach Program, has been conducting water quality analysis and education for the past 20 years. Even though our groundwater resources are one of our most important assets, there is limited data on the quality and quantity of regional groundwater. Wilkes University is establishing a regional water quality database and we are requesting your participation by allowing us to add the data from your certified water quality baseline analysis to our database.

The purpose of our database is twofold. We will use it to help us better understand the current and future groundwater and surface water quality for the region. The database will also be used to generate educational materials relating to regional water quality. The database is for research and education purposes, and will not be sold or used for any commercial purpose. The database initiative is the first of its kind in northeast Pennsylvania and the initial database targeted private wells in Luzerne and Columbia Counties. In 2010, the database was expanded to include other counties in the area, i.e., Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties, but all and any data from Pennsylvania is being accepted. The database is managed by representatives of the Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences Department at Wilkes University, i.e., Dr. Brian Redmond and Dr. Sid Halsor.

To protect your privacy, the research database file will only include the testing results, zip code, general information on well or water source, and the “**approximate**” latitude and longitude of the sampling site. Your name, address, or other contact information **will not** be included within the database and the position of the well **will not** be published.

Action:

1. Please sign consent form (available online or call).
2. Complete the Information Sheet on the next page to the best of your ability (available online or call).
3. Make a copy of your laboratory reports and Chain-of-Custody Sheet or send a pdf version of your results to brian.oram@wilkes.edu or bfenviro@ptd.net
4. Mail a copy of all documents to :
Mr. Brian Oram, PG
c/o Citizen Outreach Program
15 Hillcrest Drive
Dallas, PA 18612
Questions - call (570) 335-1947

Note

If your third party contractor did not document the GPS position of the well, this consent includes permission to visit your parcel to document the GPS position of the source and collect readily available data, such as the water level in the well.

If you want to learn more about this program, please do the following:

1. Visit – <http://www.wilkes.edu/water> or <http://www.bfenvironmental.com/pawaters.php>
2. email – brian.oram@wilkes.edu or bfenviro@ptd.net
3. Call – 570-335-1947
4. Want to schedule an informational workshop or a list of planned training events by Mr. Brian Oram- Visit - <http://www.bfenvironmental.com>
5. For a list of planned workshops and training sessions by Wilkes University go to <http://energy.wilkes.edu>
6. New Free Manual for Private Well Owners
<http://www.bfenvironmental.com/pdfs/Waterbooklet070610.pdf>