



The New England Private Well Initiative

New England Private Well Water Symposium

December 3 & 4, 2007

Newport, Rhode Island

www.usawaterquality.org/newengland/wellsymposium

2007 Symposium Goal:

Integrate research, Extension, and educational efforts in the field of private well protection to reduce the risks associated with groundwater use to private well users.

Target Audience:

- Federal, state, and local water agencies and organizations
- University researchers and educators
- Extension professionals
- Private sector professionals

Symposium Themes:

- Land Use and Groundwater
- Public Health
- Well Water Treatment
- Legal and Regulatory Issues
- Education and Risk Communication
- Risks of Naturally Occurring Contaminants

Abstracts are now being accepted, see the website:

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Photos from the 2005 Symposium



Workshop on Social Marketing Techniques presented by Dr. James Lewis of the University of New Hampshire's School of Health and Human Services.



Steve Spayd with the Bureau of Water Resources, New Jersey's Geological Survey, presents highlights of New Jersey's private well testing regulations to the New England audience.



The Symposium gave participants an opportunity to network and pick up program materials.

2005 Symposium Impacts and Accomplishments

Ninety-five people attended the 2005 Private Well Water Symposium in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Symposium was attended by a diverse audience of Federal, state, and local agency and organization staff, university researchers, educators, and students, Extension faculty and staff, private non-profits, and private sector professionals.

- 91% of participants agreed that the symposium provided an effective avenue for exchanging ideas about private well water issues.
- 95% of participants reported a significant increase in knowledge in at least one of the program's topics.



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