

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## **Repeat Sample Locations for Transient Systems**

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When a routine sample comes back positive for total coliform, the system is required to take repeat samples. The following is an explanation of where these repeat samples should be collected.

- One (1) from the original sample site;
- One (1) within five (5) service connections **upstream\***;
- One (1) within five (5) service connections downstream\*\*;
- One (1) from the source sample tap which is before any storage/bladder tanks or filtration/disinfection systems.
  - \*Upstream is defined as: before the routine sample location; between the well and the routine sample location; in advance of the routine sample location.
  - \*\*Downstream is defined as: after the routine sample location, between the routine sample location and the end of the piping; opposite direction of upstream location.

## Repeat Samples (Coliforms are present) (Coli

- One must be at same site as the routine sample.
- One must be within 5 service connections upstream.
- One must be within 5 service connections downstream.

The main reason for this repeat sampling is to determine whether the contamination is in the well, a specific area of piping or in the distribution system itself.