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MEMORANDUM

To: Environmental Health Directors, Supervisors and Coordinators

From: Susan C. Grayson, Head
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Subject: Water for Temporary Food Establishments

Requirements for Temporary Food Establishments, 02635 (4), states running water under pressure shall be provided. Direct connection to an inspected and tested community or well source is our first choice, however holding tanks will be permitted. Wells shall be evaluated according to the .1700 Rules Governing the Sanitation of Protection of Water Supplies. The water supply should be protected with a back-flow prevention device.

When holding tanks are utilized, the following procedures and practices are advised:

- Water holding tanks (coolers in some cases) are not required to meet NSF/ANSI or equal construction; however, judging construction applicability using the NSF/ANSI standards as a national standard is acceptable. National Standards are recognized in courts as suitable standards for judging the quality or quantity of something. (NSF/ANSI Standard #2, the general construction standard, and/or Standard #61, *Drinking Water System Components Health Effects*, will be useful here)
- Evaluate what the tank or cooler has been used for previously.
- All water holding tanks are to be emptied, washed, rinsed and sanitized, prior to filling with water for use at the event. This is to be done on-site, so that you may see these operations if need be.
- People attempting to obtain a temporary food establishment permit may not bring water from other locations to this festival. Persons unable to connect to the community or well source may:
 - ✓ Bring water from their base supply if operating under a mobile food unit permit at this event
 - ✓ Carry water from the inspected and tested community or well source available on the grounds of the public exhibition, or
 - ✓ Purchase sealed, bottled water from a plant inspected by the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services or, if the bottling plant is in another state, that state's appropriate agency