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AN ACT

1 Requiring well operators to provide complete water analysis  
2 results to the Department of Environmental Protection under  
3 certain circumstances.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Water  
8 Analysis Information Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of  
14 the Commonwealth.

15 "Well operator." As defined in 58 Pa.C.S. § 3203 (relating  
16 to definitions).

17 Section 3. Complete water analysis results to be provided.

1       (a) Duty of well operator.--A well operator who analyzes or  
2 enters into a contract with an independent certified laboratory  
3 to analyze a public or private water supply before, during or  
4 after drilling or alteration of an oil or gas well in accordance  
5 with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3218 (relating to protection of water  
6 supplies), shall provide the complete analysis results,  
7 including all data and documentation of the analysis to the  
8 department within five days of receipt of the analysis results.

9       (b) Duty of department.--The department shall provide  
10 complete analysis results, including all data and documentation  
11 of a public and private water supply analysis conducted in  
12 accordance with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3218(e), including all results  
13 received under subsection (a) and analyses conducted by or at  
14 the request of the department. This information shall be made  
15 available at no cost to the landowner or water purveyor of the  
16 water supply within ten business days upon receipt of a written  
17 request by the landowner or water purveyor.

18 Section 4. Effective date.

19       This act shall take effect in 60 days.