



Highway — Arkansas River Mineralization Study Area

River — County

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Dear resident,

More than 15 years ago data was collected by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) on the declining quality of ground water in the Arkansas River region due to naturally occurring sources. The Kansas Water Office along with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department of Agriculture will be working with KGS and Groundwater Management District No. 3 in a two- year study to collect current, updated data in the areas adjacent to the river and surface irrigation canals in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray, and Ford counties in response to a legislative resolution passed this past 2019 session, Senate Resolution No. 1729.

In an effort to help update data, a study area has been identified and the state of Kansas is providing the opportunity for domestic well owners in those areas who use their well(s) for drinking water purposes to have their water tested for free (*see back for map of study area within Finney County*). Test results will be provided back to the well owner and used in the broader study to determine overall regional groundwater quality. Please note, water from public water supply systems is routinely tested and meets all safe drinking water standards, and therefore is not included in this study.

The state is working with the five listed county health departments and conservation districts have water sampling kits available to private well owners. This will be a phased approach starting with Hamilton County, followed by Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford. Those who use their well(s) for drinking water purposes are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to help update the water quality data in this study area (*map on back*). Participation in this study is voluntary.

Anyone in the study area wanting their drinking water well sampled must have a well ID to pick up a sample kit. If you receive an offer letter from KDHE the WWC5 well ID number is in the subject line. If you do not have a well ID number, please contact KDHE at 785-296-8800 to determine eligibility and have a number assigned to your well for this study. Sample kits will be available to those with well ID numbers in Finney County beginning on September 16.

For more information please visit www.kdheks.gov/mineralization/ or call: (785) 296-3185.

Sincerely,

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