partnerships to improve access to information in order to plan and prioritize actions aimed at enhancing services. The State Labo-lished a partnership with SLPH that allowed ratory of Public Health (SLPH) receives and the staff to gather test results from new wells tests water samples of new wells from most

The CDC grant helped PWHP establish local health departments. Contaminants in groundwater vary by region, so tests focus on just suspect contaminants. PWHP estab-

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identify factors that in uence private well user abilities to routinely test, treat, and maintain the quality of their drinking water. PWHP staff arecommitted to continue enhancing services for private well users and increasing the resources available to them. In turn, staff hope to motivate private well users to maintain their wells and test their water. Established collaborations with academic institutions, county health departments, and other public health partners have contributed to improved private well services.