

MRWA Wellheadlines



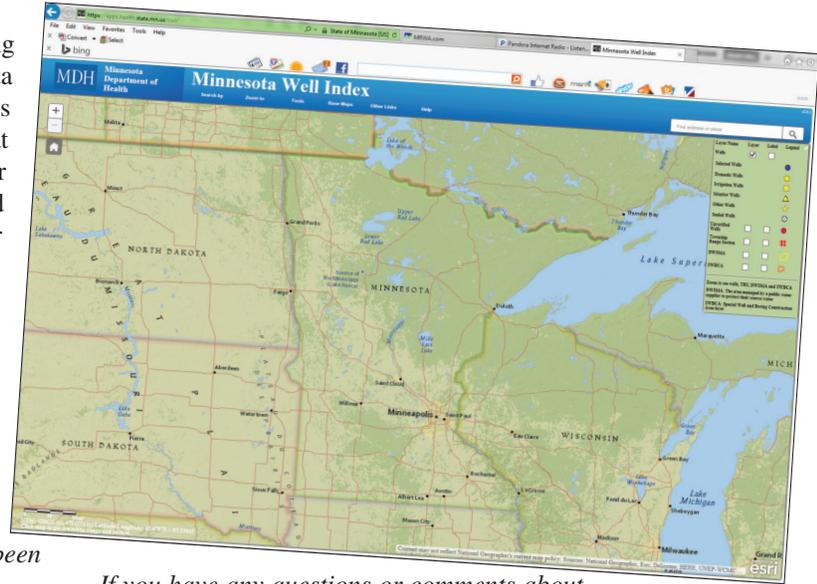
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Minnesota Well Index - Online Well Database

We recently received information from MDH regarding the new **MN WELL INDEX**, a web-based online data base containing detailed well information, which is available to everyone. This is the latest release of what was formerly known as the **County Well Index**. For those of you familiar with the older version, read ahead for information on some of the recent upgrades. For those of you who have never used the MDH online data, get familiar with this helpful feature and use it when you have a need. Here is the MDH release information:

Introducing the Minnesota Well Index

Launched on November 4, 2015, the Minnesota Well Index (MWI) is a new and improved tool for locating wells within Minnesota. The MWI replaces the County Well Index (CWI) Online application that has been



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an invaluable resource to contractors, realtors, and homeowners. The MWI can be found at: <https://apps.health.state.mn.us/cwi/>

MWI is an online mapping application that allows users to locate wells within Minnesota. Additional details about wells, where available, can be retrieved, including: original scanned well records, well construction information (date, drilling contractor, depth, aquifer), stratigraphy, water sample results, and pump test data.

Searching MWI has been updated and improved. You can search for well records by address, township and range, Minnesota Unique Well Number, owner name, or use the map to zoom in and pan! Other tools and features include:

- *Measurement tool for measuring the distance between two points,*
- *Two background map options: street and satellite imagery,*
- *Helpful overlay layers to see if a location is within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) or Special Well and Boring Construction Area (SWBCA),*
- *Overlay township, range, and section numbers for quick reference,*
- *Search and zoom to any street address, even if there is no well on the property, and*
- *Display wells with unverified locations.*

If you have any questions or comments about MWI, feel free to contact the Well Management Section at (612) 201-4600 or health.minnesotawellindex@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota Well Index (MWI) provides information about wells and borings in Minnesota. The MWI provides basic information, such as location, depth, geology, construction and static water level, for many wells and borings drilled in Minnesota. It by no means contains information for all the wells and borings, and the absence of information about a well on a property does not mean there is no well on that property.

Due to security concerns, wells supplying public water systems are not displayed in MWI. If you need access to this information, please contact MDH staff at: 651-201-4688.

There are now two ways to search for well information, a TEXT search, and the MAP version. The TEXT search function gives well information only in text format, while the MAP search function allows you to display location information on a map of the area. You can search by unique well number, address, Township, Section & Range, or simply zoom in on the map until you locate the area you are interested in. Once you locate a particular well, you can then view a copy of the well log, chemical data, geology, static water level, etc.

Another update which I find very useful makes this application work well on laptops, iPads, and tablets. This feature is invaluable for field work. If you are new to the MWI, take some time and become familiar with how it works, and then join the many contractors, realtors, state, and local agency folks who use the database on a daily basis.