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Subject: Guidelines for Sampling Domestic Water Wells for Petroleum Storage Tank
Contaminants

These general guidelines have been developed for taking representative water samples from domestic water wells:

• Samples are to be taken as close to the well head as possible.

• Care must be taken to get a sample of the well water, not a sample from the pressure tank or
from a storage system.

• The well must be thoroughly purged. Approximately 30 minutes or more is recommended.

• For documentation purposes, each well location should be diagramed so that the next person
to work on the site can find the well.

• Wherever possible, data about well construction should be collected from the well owner,
local driller, or other authority.

• All normal sampling procedures are to be followed (e.g. clean gloves used for every sample,
zero headspace in VOAs, etc.).

Please let me know if you have any questions.