

CITY OF SWEET HOME FORM

**PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM REQUIRED CONNECTION FOR MIDWAY
CONTAMINATED GROUND WATER AREA**

(Only for use by well owners in the critically affected area from a chemical spill under
Sweet Home Municipal Code Chapter 13.20)

SHMC 13.20.025 reads as follows: **EXEMPTION FROM REQUIRED CONNECTION.** An owner of property located within the Critically Affected Area may petition the City for an exemption from the connection requirement, to allow use of well water at that property for domestic purposes. An exemption will be granted if the owner can demonstrate that the well water does not contain concentrations of chemicals of concern above DEQ tap water Risk-Based Concentrations (RBCs) and federal safe drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Chemicals of concern include tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, and 1,1-dichloroethylene. At least two well water samples (one from the dry season-July through October-and one from the wet season-January through May) shall be tested and demonstrate that concentrations of chemicals of concern are below the RBCs and MCLs. Representative water samples must be collected by laboratory personnel, environmental professionals, well water professionals or water pump professionals with experience in collecting water samples for testing of volatile organic compounds. Samples shall be analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the State of Oregon Laboratory Accreditation, using EPA Method 524.2 or EPA Method 8260 to test for volatile organic compounds, including the chemicals of concern. Detected concentrations of contaminants of concern must be below the respective RBCs and MCLs for the dry and wet season samples. Notwithstanding the above process, an owner may submit DEQ prior lab test results to obtain a DEQ recommendation for an exemption from the connection requirement.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY OWNER WHERE WELL IS LOCATED:

Name

Address of well site

Well ID # (If Known)

Mailing Address of Property Owner

Phone Number of Property Owner

EXEMPTION PROCESS:

1. Property Owner to contact laboratory personnel or environmental professionals with experience in collecting water samples of volatile organic compounds to obtain the two water well samples (one in dry season-July through October/one in wet season-January through May).
or

1a. Property Owner to request testing process to use prior DEQ tests on well
_____ (Date and Initial Property Owner).

(skip section 2 if using 1a.)

2. _____ (Date and Initial Property Owner) After the second test Property Owner to return this form to City with the written results of the two tests. Property Owner must submit complete laboratory chemical analytical data reports with the Petition Form.

The report needs to include a copy of the chain-of-custody form completed by the qualified laboratory personnel/environmental professionals who collected the samples. (Generally, a lab report for one test is typically between 4 and 8 pages in length, which includes quality control information, a copy of the chain-of-custody, etc.)

3. _____ (Date and Initial City) City to send this form (and laboratory reports if using section 1) with a cover letter requesting review of the well testing data for exemption from required city water connection in City of Sweet Home to DEQ at the following address:

Oregon DEQ
Cleanup Program Manager
Attn: ECSI #1240/Sweet Home Areawide
165 E. 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Eugene, OR 97401

4. After checking the laboratory reports and/or DEQ prior test results DEQ to date and initial one of the two lines below:

_____ (Date and Initial DEQ) DEQ recommends Exemption for disconnection from city water.

_____ (Date and Initial DEQ) DEQ does not recommend Exemption for the following reason(s):

5. _____ (Date and Initial DEQ) DEQ to send this form and results back to City to be processed.

6. _____ (Date and Initial City) City to contact Property Owner with decision to grant or deny exemption petition.

7. _____ (Date and Initial City) City to keep copy of form, lab report, tests and DEQ results and return originals to Property Owner.

8. If Exemption is granted by DEQ the Property Owner to decide if he/she wants to disconnect from city water and contacts City with his/her request to be processed as any other requested disconnection from city water.