ATSDR’s Work:
A Local Perspective
Local Health Department Perspective

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Montgomery County Individual Water Supply Program:
- Initiated by Local Health Department (LHD) in 1997
- Only 1 of 3 such county-wide programs in PA and the first to require testing for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in new wells.

Montgomery County has approximately 35,000 private water wells in use.
- VOCs found throughout Montgomery County.
- 17 of the 19 Superfund Sites in the county affected by VOCs.

Montgomery County LHD regularly consults with the ATSDR Regional Office on environmental public health concerns.
Calling in ATSDR Experts

Identified high levels of vinyl chloride and other chlorinated volatile organic compounds in a group of private wells.

ATSDR’s Toxicologists helped
Montgomery County:
• Interpret the data from private wells
• Decide the course of action
• Educate residents about their results