



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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**Coastal District**

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April 16, 2024

Mr. Jon Smith  
393 Old Augusta Road  
Rincon, GA 31326

RE: **Complaint Investigation**  
Complaint ID 107568  
Effingham County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to inform you of the results of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) investigation into Complaint ID 107568 and your concerns regarding the private well on your property located at 393 Old Augusta Road, Rincon, Georgia 31326. Specifically, you have expressed concerns about the quality of the water coming from the well and about possible contamination of the aquifer.

Please be advised that EPD enforces safe drinking water regulations for public water systems and does not regulate or typically investigate private wells such as the well on your property. The local health department and the University of Georgia Extension <https://extension.uga.edu/> have resources for private wells and may be able to assist you.

To help you with your concerns, EPD has reviewed lab reports that you provided and discussed the well with you by telephone. EPD also met with you at the property on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During the site visit, the wellhead and surrounding area was inspected. A sample of water was observed in a glass, and the water had a brownish color. Before departing, EPD discussed the well with you, your well contractor, and your tenant. The tenant advised that he does not drink the water.

In response to your concerns regarding possible contamination of the Floridan aquifer, EPD reviewed monitoring data from public water systems located near your well. The monitoring data for those water systems does not indicate contamination of the aquifer. In addition, there are no documented releases of hazardous substances into groundwater near your well.

Based on available information, it is recommended that you have a licensed water well contractor conduct a downhole inspection of the well with the use of a camera to determine the condition of the well casing. An alternative is replacement of the well by a licensed water well contractor. The University of Georgia Extension Office (Effingham County) should be able to assist you with sampling and analysis of water produced by the well.

Please be advised that EPD is closing the complaint. Should you have questions concerning this correspondence, please contact our office at (912) 264-7284.

Sincerely,

David Lyle  
Program Manager  
Coastal District