

Case 2: Whispering Woods Trailer Park, near Prince George

- existing water system with 2 wells that have been in operation for 15 years;
- historic water quality sampling has never shown any coliform or E. coli bacteria, elevated levels of turbidity have been reported at times in Well #1;
- Well #1 is a 8 m deep, large diameter dug well situated in the Nechako River floodplain and 75 m from the main channel of the river;
- Well #2 is a 92 m deep well in confined sand and gravel drilled outside of the floodplain and 75 m from the high water mark;
- Well #2 meets all requirements of the *Groundwater Protection Regulation*;
- no known sources of contamination within Public Health setback distances for both wells.

STEP 1. Based on the information you have available run through the checklist and complete each item as you see it for each well (i.e. 2 checklists).

STEP 2. Discuss your individual findings for each well as a group and record any major differences.

STEP 3. Identify any areas where you feel additional information or more details are required.

STEP 4. Discuss and record the recommendations of your group for each well.

STEP 5. Would your recommendations for Well #2 be any different if the well was a 92 m deep bedrock well having an intake depth < 15 m below the high water mark?

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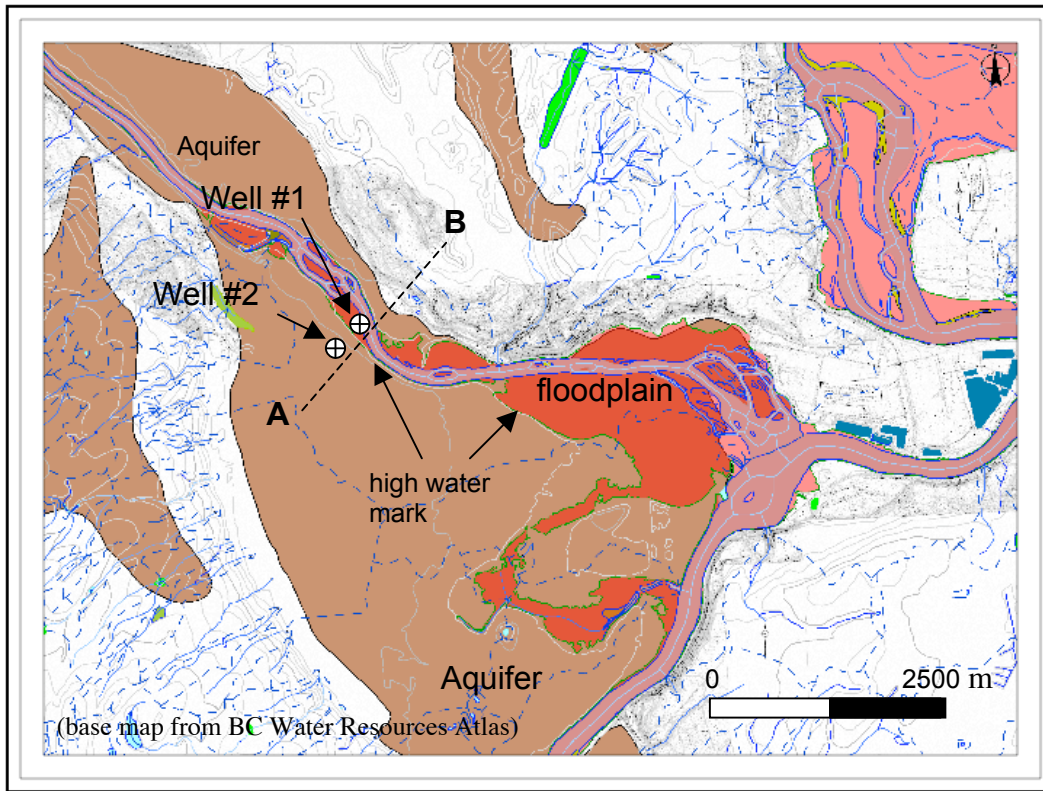


Figure 1. Location of wells at Whispering Woods Trailer Park, near Prince George.

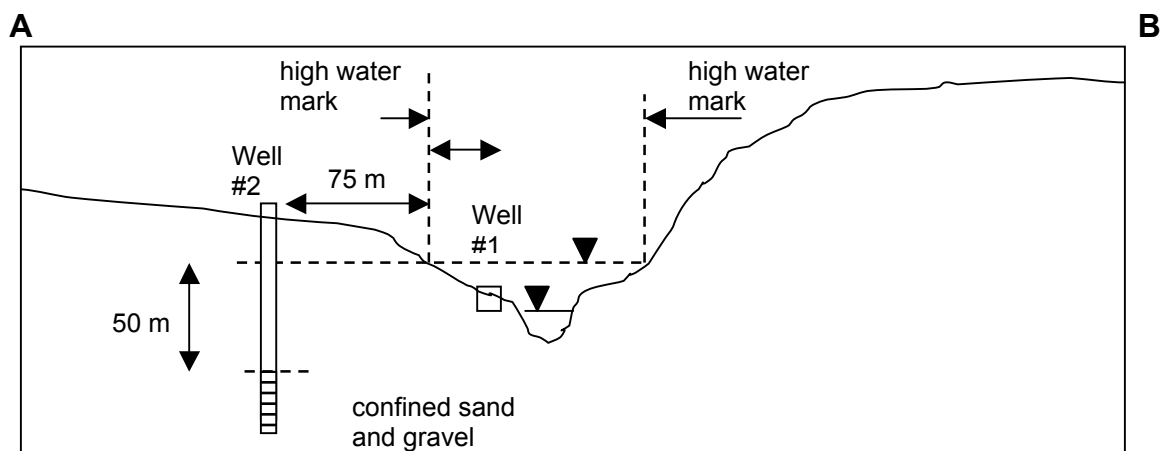


Figure 2. Cross section A-B looking northwesterly.

Screening Tool Checklist for GROUND WATER AT RISK OF CONTAINING PATHOGENS

WATER SYSTEM NAME: _____

BCMOE Well Identification Plate Number (number on plate on well): _____

Well Log Examined: Yes / No Site Survey Conducted: Yes / No

FACTORS and CRITERIA	YES: At Risk	NO: Low Risk	Unable to determine risk status	Comments
WATER QUALITY RESULTS				
Water system or well sampling shows presence of total or fecal coliform or <i>E.coli</i> .				
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SOURCE TYPE and LOCATION				
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AQUIFER TYPE and SETTING				
Well with intake depth < 15 m below ground and situated in; a highly vulnerable, unconfined, unconsolidated aquifer or in any bedrock aquifer.				
Well completed in a karst bedrock aquifer.				

Risk Assessment:

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Yes/No/Unable to Determine

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- Treatment to meet Health Authority drinking water requirements
 - Provide alternate source of water
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