

WATER TESTING PROGRAM

SCHSS does random water samples from Coldwater and Nooaitch Communities. The samples are taken once a week from each area. There are three community systems in Coldwater and one in the Nooaitch area. Also, private water systems are checked two times a year. We have a small lab for testing community wells, and the samples we collect from private wells are sent to the BC Centre for Disease Control in Vancouver. There are two basic organisms we are testing for: Total coliforms and E.Coli. If any on the samples are unsatisfactory, the Environmental Health Officer becomes involved and band offices are notified. Resamples are taken and then wells treated if needed.