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I do not agree with the proposed rulings on exempt private wells. There are studies showing most of the water pulled from the private wells returns to the underlying water substrata via the septic systems. There are earlier published reports showing the amount of household water usage and the amount of water returned to the aquifer. Are there new studies that invalidate these conclusions? Metering private rural wells is the first step to charging private well users for water drawn from private wells. No government agency has come forward to provide water to rural residents or to drill and maintain private wells. If a rural household's well pump fails or if the water supply pipes are damaged, the rural homeowner will bear that cost of repair or go without water. I see nothing in these new proposed rules that addresses providing water to rural residents. The burden of these proposed rules falls heavily upon the rural residents with private exempt wells and constitutes a "taking" with no compensation or benefit.