

# SAFE WATCH

## SAFE WATER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

*Safer Well Water through Stronger Public Health Programs*

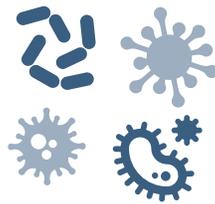
Learn how CDC works with health departments to protect communities from unsafe well water.

### The Issue



**1 in 8**

About 1 in 8 Americans get their drinking water from a private well.



Germs, chemicals, or radionuclides can impact wells and other private drinking water sources.



**1 in 5**

About 1 in 5 sampled private wells had at least one contaminant at levels that could affect health.

### Making Programs Stronger

Safe WATCH works with well water programs at health departments to help them improve their services, like



**Investigating** common contaminants that can affect health.



**Educating** well owners about testing their water and interpreting test results.



**Linking** homeowners with services, treatment systems, and other resources to make their water safer.



**Partnering** with labs, well drillers, universities, and others.

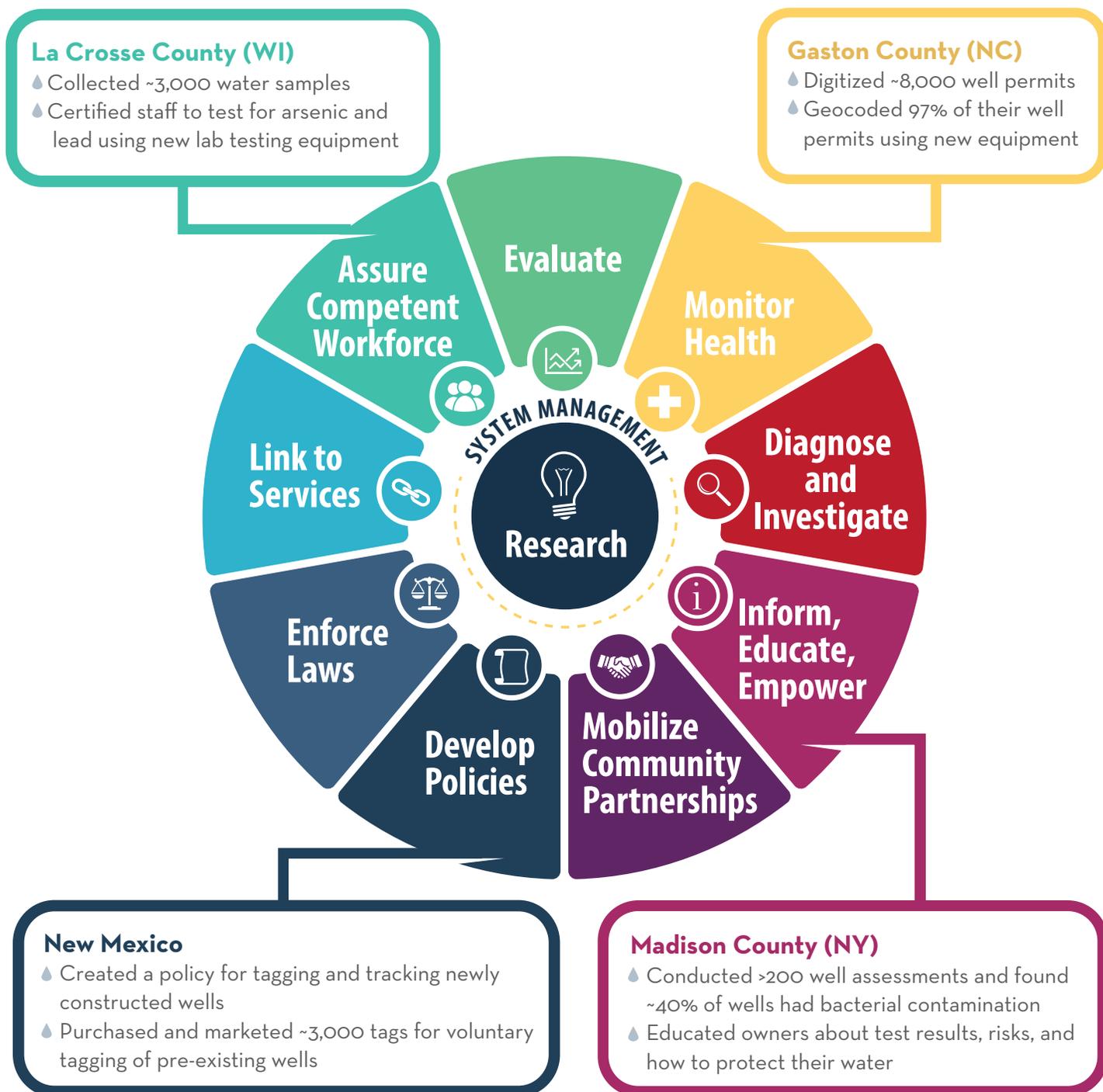


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## Safe WATCH Grantees Improve Services

CDC Safe WATCH helps health departments strengthen and improve their programs by

- Identifying gaps in their program using the 10 Essential Environmental Public Health Services.
- Taking actions to close gaps and reduce exposures to contaminants.



Learn More

[www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/safe-watch](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/safe-watch)