

### GROUNDWATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT

# Prey Veng - Kamchay Mear - Doun Koeng (59F)



Doun Koeng is located in the district of Kamchay Mear. The population of this commune is approximately 6508 (2004). Groundwater sample collection occurred in November 2007 and consisted of the sampling of 20 tube wells throughout the commune. The attached figure presents the location of Doun Koeng within Prey Veng as well as groundwater sample locations and exceedances of health-impacting contaminants (when applicable).

#### **Groundwater Quality Rating**

The groundwater quality rating for Doun Koeng is 59F. Therefore, the general safety of deep aquifer groundwater is poor and the aesthetic quality of the water is poor, according to the contaminants measured and samples collected. The following two sections describe all major health and aesthetic contaminants that exceeded drinking water standards in at least one sample within the commune.

#### **Contaminants of Potential Concern – Health**

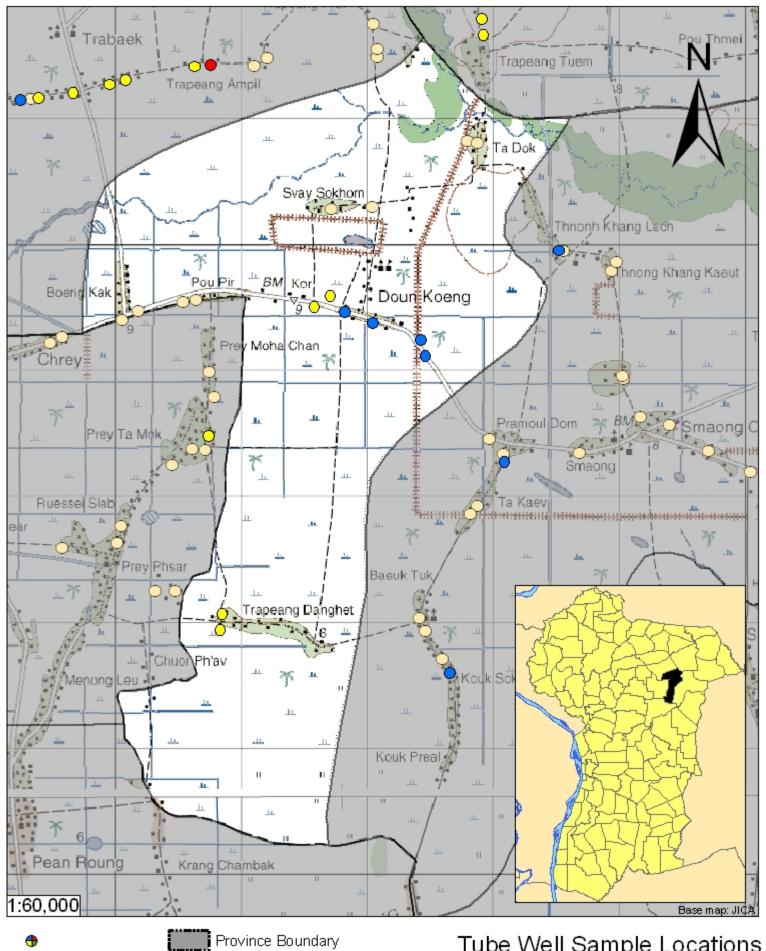
Manganese - Elevated concentrations of Manganese were observed within the commune. The estimated probability of encountering unacceptable concentrations of Manganese (>0.4 mg/L) in tube wells is 9%, based on the observed data. Exposure to elevated concentrations of Manganese can cause neurological disorders. Aeration allows oxygen to enter the water and react with Manganese to form a compound which is insoluble in water. The newly formed solids will slowly settle to the bottom or can be removed more rapidly by filtration. Performing these procedures may reduce the concentration of Manganese in water but follow-up testing is recommended to ensure water quality standards are met.

Fluoride - Elevated concentrations of Fluoride were observed within the commune. The estimated probability of encountering unacceptable concentrations of Fluoride (>1.5 mg/L) in tube wells is 31%, based on the observed data. At concentrations greater than 1.5 mg/L, Fluoride can cause dental fluorosis and at concentrations greater than 4 mg/L, skeletal fluorosis can occur.

#### Contaminants of Potential Concern – Aesthetic

Iron - Elevated concentrations of Iron were observed within the commune. The estimated probability of encountering potentially unacceptable concentrations of Iron (>1 mg/L) in tube wells is 39%, based on the observed data. At elevated concentrations, Iron causes water to be cloudy and unpleasant to drink. An odor may also be encountered at high concentrations. Iron can also stain laundry, food (can cause discoloration of cooked rice), and leave deposits. Aeration allows oxygen to enter the water and react with Iron to form a compound which is insoluble in water. The newly formed solids will slowly settle to the bottom or can be removed more rapidly by filtration. Performing these procedures may reduce the concentration of Iron in water but follow-up testing is recommended to ensure water quality standards are met.

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Province Boundary

Commune Boundary

Manganese Locations exceeding the
Fluoride Cambodian water quality
standards for major healthimpacting contaminants have
been colour-coded and arranged
No Exceedance such that they do not overlap.

## Tube Well Sample Locations and Health-Based Exceedances

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