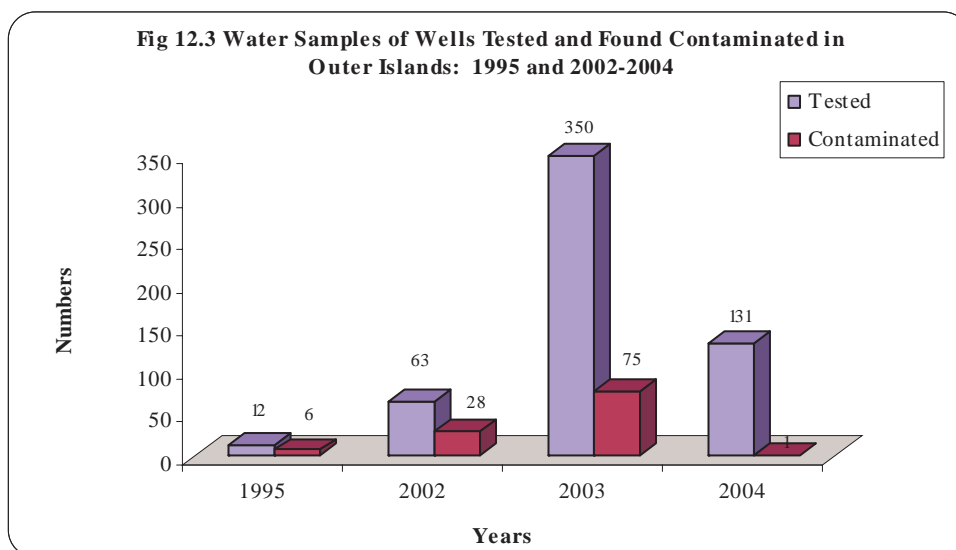


Table 12.3 Testing of Quality of Ground Water (Wells) in different Outer Islands in RMI: 1995 and 2001-2004

Outer Island	1995		2002		2003		2004	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	Tested	Defective	Tested	Defective	Tested	Defective	Tested	Defective
Arno	0	0	0	0	12	12	3	0
Jaluit	0	0	14	8	0	0	0	0
Kili	0	0	0	0	204	45	0	0
Likiep	0	0	0	0	80	13	0	0
Mili	0	0	0	0	54	5	0	0
Wotje	12	6	49	20	0	0	0	0
Mejit	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Aur	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
Enewetak	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Maloelap	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Ailuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Ujae	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1
Jabat	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Total	12	6	63	28	350	75	131	1

Source: General Manager, RMI Environmental Protection Authority



In 2003, all the 12 samples of ground water tested for Arno were found contaminated. Jaluit was the next where 8 out of 14 were contaminated samples. In 2004, only one well - in Ujae - was found defective and not safe for use due to high nitrate. It must be noted, though, that all the wells in the outer islands require boiling prior to use.