



County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental Health Division

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Dear Future or Current Well Owner,

We have identified a communication gap between well owners and Yolo County Environmental Health regarding water well applications and the permitting process. This letter is designed to bridge that gap and help you understand your role in finalizing your water well permit. Please review the following conditions of your well permit. You are responsible for ensuring that your well is inspected and approved for use within one year of permit issuance. Your well permit application will not be approved without the submittal of a signed copy of this letter.

Permit Application Submittal & Approval

All water well permit applications must be complete prior to Yolo County Environmental Health (YCEH) review. Applications must be submitted by the property owner, a C-57 licensed well driller contracted to drill the well, or an authorized representative. A to-scale plot plan representing the entire parcel must be included, identifying the location of the well and distances to potential sources of contamination and other features listed in the plot plan instructions. Permits are issued upon approval by YCEH staff.

Inspections

All wells constructed, repaired, converted, or abandoned require inspections by YCEH. Please contact YCEH at least 24 hours in advance to schedule an inspection.

- Annular Seal Inspection:

All newly constructed wells require an inspection of the placement of the annular seal.

- Final Inspection:

All newly constructed, repaired, or converted drinking water wells require a final inspection when construction on the well has been completed. Please refer to "Sanitary Well Construction" for the surface features that should be present. All irrigation wells must also meet minimum surface construction features as specified in the California Well Standards. Verification of surface features for irrigation wells may be satisfied by a field inspection or pictures of the completed well that clearly show all required components.

- Water Sampling:

Drinking water wells must meet the bacteriological quality standard as determined by the absence of total coliform. Nitrate levels must also be tested and recorded on the well permit. Total coliform (bacteria) and nitrate water testing is not included in the well permit fee. An ELAP Certified Drinking Water Laboratory must be used to evaluate total coliform and nitrate samples.

- Well Abandonment Inspection:

Abandoned wells require an inspection of the destruction (sealing) of the well.

Permit Finalization and Expiration

Please note that all conditions listed on the well permit application must be met prior to finalization of the permit. In addition, well permit applications expire one year after the date the permit was issued. Well permits may be renewed at half price for an additional year if renewed prior to the expiration date.

Owner's Acknowledgement:

I have read and understand the above conditions of the water well permit.

Signature of Owner

Printed Name of Owner

Date

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Address

Assessor's Parcel Number