Drought Relief Water Well Installation and Compliance Information

Irrigation wells used solely for agricultural purposes are the only wells that can be installed for Drought Relief purposes. Perspective well owner of Drought Relief Irrigation Wells are not required to provide advanced notification to the Office of Conservation prior to installation of the well; however the following compliance steps must be met within 60 days of installation.

Compliance Guidance

1. Complete and submit a water well notification form to the agency within 60 days after the drought relief well has been installed.
2. Provide an updated water well notification form to the agency within 30 days following the end of drought conditions where the well is located. Detail the owner’s future purpose for use of the well. The U. S. Drought Monitor may be found at http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/. Please note that “abnormally dry conditions” do not constitute drought.
3. View Office of Conservation Order No. ENV 2009-GW001 for more details and to ensure compliance with agency regulations concerning installation of drought relief wells.

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