

Drilling a New Public Supply Water Well

Follow these instructions-

- 1) All public supply well **OWNERS MUST** comply with Louisiana Office of Conservation (OC) notification requirements.
 - a. State law requires that prospective well owners notify OC's Ground Water Resources Program at least 60 days prior to the drilling of public supply wells.
- 2) ALL proposed public supply well locations must be evaluated by OC **prior** to any well construction work.
- 3) Before proceeding with well construction, well owners must receive a formal determination from OC on the proposed well depth, location and water withdrawal rate.
- 4) Water well **OWNERS** are held legally responsible for ensuring proper water well notification to OC.
 - a. Some well drilling companies may offer to handle the notification for well owners, but drilling companies **ARE NOT** held responsible for compliance with state law on water well notification.
 - b. Drillers are only responsible to register construction of a completed well – that **DOES NOT** satisfy state requirements for water well notification.
- 5) Some circumstances and well locations may require a determination from OC requiring limitations on water withdrawal rate or that the well be sited at a different location than the owner has proposed.
- 6) The mission of the Louisiana Ground Water Resources Program is to preserve and manage the State's ground water resources – accurate reporting of the types, volumes and locations of ground water use is critical to that mission.

Office of Conservation

Public Supply Water Well Owner Guidance Water Well Notification Flow Chart



Is the well replacing an existing well?

Regulation:
LAC 43: Part VI. Subpart 1.
Ground Water Management

Yes

No

Is the new well screened at the same interval and in the same aquifer, has the same pumping rate, purpose and is within 1000 ft of the well it's replacing?

No

Provide 60 day advance notice to the Office of Conservation **BEFORE** you install the well. (FORM GWR-01)

Yes

Install the well and provide a 60 day post notification to the Office of Conservation (FORM GWR-01)

Questions?

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