

SECTION 13. WATER WELL DRILLING, COMPLETING, CAPPING, AND PLUGGING

RULE 13.1 - WELL DRILLING, COMPLETION, CAPPING AND PLUGGING.

(a) Responsibilities of the Well Driller and Landowner.

All well drillers, landowners drilling their own wells, and persons having a well drilled, deepened, or altered shall adhere to the provisions of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Title 16, Texas Administrative Code §76.702, Well Drilling, Completion, Capping and Plugging as contained in the State Water Well Drillers and Water Well Pump Installers Rules, as amended, prescribing the location of wells and proper drilling, completion, capping, and plugging of wells.

(b) Location and Standards of Completion for Wells.

Wells shall be located and completed in accordance with the provisions of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1000, Locations and Standards of Completion for Wells, as amended.

(c) Reporting Undesirable Water or Constituents.

All well drillers including landowners drilling their own wells shall adhere to the provisions of the State Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.701 and any subsequent changes or amendments, when reporting any undesirable water or constituents that have been encountered.

(d) Standards of Completion for Water Wells Encountering Undesirable Water or Constituents.

If a water well driller or landowner drilling his/her own well knowingly encounters undesirable water or constituents and the well is not plugged or made into a completed monitoring well, the driller shall complete the well in accordance with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1001, Standards of Completion for Water Wells Encountering Undesirable Water or Constituents, as amended.

(e) Standards for Wells Producing Undesirable Water or Constituents.

Wells completed to produce undesirable water shall be completed in accordance with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1002, Standards for Wells Producing Undesirable Water or Constituents, as amended.

(f) Re-completions.

The landowner shall have the continuing responsibility of insuring the integrity of the well in accordance with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1003, Re-completions, as amended.

(g) Standards for Capping and Plugging of Wells and Plugging Wells that Penetrate Undesirable Water or Constituent Zones.

Wells must be capped and plugged in accordance with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1004, Standards for Capping and Plugging of Wells and Plugging Wells that Penetrate Undesirable Water or Constituent Zones, as amended.

(h) Standards for Water Wells (drilled before June 1, 1983). Wells drilled prior to June 1, 1983, unless abandoned, shall be grandfathered without further modification unless the well is found to be a threat to public health and safety or to water quality as described in the provisions of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, §76.1005, Standards for Water Wells (drilled before June 1, 1983), as amended.