

A well may not be drilled until [the Department issues] a permit HAS BEEN OBTAINED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. In applying for a permit, the driller shall give the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE the information it requires. As a condition to issuing a permit, the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE may require samples of the materials encountered in drilling the well to be preserved and submitted to it. On completion of the drilling of any well, the driller shall file a final report with the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE giving the log of each well, size and depth, diameters and lengths of casing and screen installed, static and pumping levels, yield of the well, and any other information pertaining to construction or operation of the well the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE requires.

8-605. Maintenance of wells; abandonment of wells.

The owner of a well shall maintain it in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. On abandoning any existing well or test hole, the well owner shall notify the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE and effectively seal and fill the well or test hole in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department.

Part III. Well Drillers

8-607. Board of well drillers.

(a) Established. -- There is a Maryland State Board of Well Drillers in the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(b) Composition; appointment and terms of members; chairman; vacancies. --The Board consists of seven members appointed for a two year term by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, and the advice and consent of the Senate. The representation of four of the seven appointments shall be as follows: one from the Eastern Shore, which comprises the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester; one from central Maryland, which comprises Baltimore City and the counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery; one from southern Maryland, which comprises the counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's; and one from western Maryland, which comprises the counties of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington. A regional appointee shall be a licensed well driller actively engaged at the time of his appointment in the well-drilling business in the State. The Governor shall appoint the remaining three members of the Board upon the recommendation of the Secretary OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE and with the advice