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STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

Chairperson: Estelle G. Cohen, 1988

George F. Easterday; Leo P. Ford; Joseph H. Gribble; Donald S. Newman; Roger E. Simon; Charles A. Wheeler. *Terms expire 1988.*

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The State Board of Well Drillers was created in 1968 (Chapter 584, Acts of 1968). It was transferred to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 1980 (Executive Order 01.01.1980.04). The Board was placed under the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Senate Bill no. 671).

The Board administers the licensing program for well drillers. It issues licenses in the following categories: Master well driller; journeyman well driller; apprentice well driller, classes A and B; pump installer; water conditioning installer; well driver; and well digger. The Board requires that all licensed individuals meet statutory requirements of insurance and bonding. The Board receives complaints against well drillers, holds hearings, and may revoke or suspend licenses for

violation of the Board's rules and regulations. Any rule or regulation concerning the drilling of wells proposed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene must be referred to the Board for comment.

The Board consists of seven members who serve two-year terms. They are appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of the Environment and the advice and consent of the Senate. One member each represents the Eastern Shore, Central Maryland and Baltimore City, Southern Maryland, and Western Maryland. Regional members must be licensed well drillers, actively engaged in the well drilling business in the State at the time of their appointment. Of the remaining three members, one must represent the public at large and serve as Board chairperson. One member represents the Department of Natural Resources and one the Department of the Environment.

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