

recognize a variation in the primary use or construction of wells, and of the materials penetrated in different localities.

(b) Any rule or regulation proposed by the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE with respect to the construction of wells shall be submitted to the Board for comment before adoption.

8-603. Permit prerequisite to drilling.

A licensed well driller may not undertake any operation to bore, core, dig, or construct a well for any owner who is required to obtain a permit for production and appropriation of waters from a well under the provisions of this title until the owner has obtained the permit from the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. A permit may not be refused for domestic use on a farm.

8-604. Permit to drill well required; report of driller on completion of work.

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.