

Article - Natural Resources

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(a) In this subtitle, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Abandon" means to permanently discontinue the use of a well. Any well shall be deemed abandoned when it is in such a state of disrepair that continued use for the purpose of obtaining [groundwater] GROUND WATER is impracticable or when it has been permanently disconnected from any water supply system or irrigation system.

[(c) "Aquifer" means any formation of soil, sand, rock, gravel, limestone, sandstone, or other material, or any crevice from which underground water is or may be produced.]

[(d)] (C) "Board" means [Maryland] THE State Board of Well Drillers.

[(e) "Business of well drilling" includes the construction, installation, abandonment, by permanent disconnection alteration, or repair, for profit, of a well and related equipment necessary to draw and purify water from the well, including water pump, tank, or water conditioning equipment.]

[(f)] (D) "Owner" is a person who has the right to drill into, produce, and appropriate the production of water, either for [himself] THE OWNER, another person, or for both of them.

[(g)] (E) "Underground water" means any supply of water which may be developed by any type of well or spring from beneath the surface of the ground whether the water flows from the well or spring by natural force or is withdrawn by pumping, other mechanical device, or artificial process.

[(h)] (F) "Well" means any [excavation or penetration] HOLE MADE in the [ground, whether drilled, bored, cored, driven, jetted, or dug, for a water supply, or for the exploration for water, or for the recharge or injection of any water into an aquifer] GROUND:

(1) TO EXPLORE FOR GROUND WATER;

(2) TO OBTAIN OR MONITOR GROUND WATER; OR

(3) TO INJECT WATER INTO ANY UNDERGROUND FORMATION FROM WHICH GROUND WATER MAY BE PRODUCED.

[(i)] (G) "Well driller" means a person in charge of [the actual drilling, boring, coring, driving, jetting,