



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



36.21.669A TYPES OF WELLS REQUIRING ABANDONMENT

- (1) Wells requiring permanent abandonment include, but are not limited to those:
 - (a) whose use has been permanently discontinued, or
 - (b) in such disrepair that its continued use for obtaining groundwater is impractical or may be a health hazard, or
 - (c) whose existence allows intermixing of waters which cause deleterious effects upon temperatures, qualities, or pressures, or
 - (d) a well in the process of being drilled which is rendered unusable because of driller error and for which drilling must be discontinued.
- (2) The well owner is responsible for abandonment of wells described in (1) (a) , (b) , and (c) .
- (3) The well driller is responsible for abandonment of wells described in (1) (d) . These types of wells shall be permanently abandoned by the driller within 60 days after drilling is discontinued.
- (4) The driller should advise well owner of this requirement that abandoned wells must be permanently abandoned.
- (5) The board may order the driller to permanently abandon an unusable well that may be a danger to the aquifer.

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