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The purpose of this letter is to alert you to significant changes in the state law regarding high capacity and private wells, and to provide instructions on how to comply with these changes.

In the spring of 2004 the Governor and Legislature passed Wisconsin Act 310. The law establishes protections for groundwater, springs, trout streams and other important surface water resources. The work now required to provide the additional review of high capacity well applications and private well notification and compliance work will be funded by a new high capacity well application fee of \$500 and a new private well notification fee of \$50. For a more details about Act 310 please see the information included with this mailing (Attachment 1).

Here are the important points for High Capacity Wells:

- The fee for a High Capacity Well Application is \$500.
- The fee must accompany all applications that are either delivered to the Private Water Supply Section in Madison on or after May 1, 2005, or are postmarked after that date.
- Any new well on a high capacity well property requires an approval and is subject to the fee.
- GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) location data will be required for all wells listed on applications.
- Temporary dewatering well installations with multiple wells for one project are only subject to a single \$500 fee.

Here are the important points for Private Wells:

- The fee for a Private Well is \$50, including drive point wells.
- The fees can be paid at any of the 1500 locations, including the internet, where you can purchase a hunting or fishing license.
- When you pay the fee and provide the necessary information you will receive a receipt which bears a DNR Notification # which you must write on the well construction report.
- It is the well owner's responsibility to pay the \$50 fee and provide notification prior to commencing well construction, but just like an approval, it is the well

constructor's responsibility to obtain a copy of the receipt bearing the DNR Notification # prior to initiation of any work on the well.

- The well owner is not the only person authorized to provide notification and pay the \$50 fee; that task can be delegated to the builder or well driller. Regardless, of who pays the fee, it is the well constructor's responsibility to obtain a copy of the receipt before starting work on the well.
- When a well driller or constructor submits a construction report it must contain the DNR Notification #. Until the well construction reports have been changed to create a new entry box for the DNR Notification #, the DNR Notification # should be written in the bottom right hand corner under the signature lines.
- The Department recognizes there will be rare circumstances where you will need to replace a well on an emergency basis and all nearby license vendors will be closed. Under those circumstances you may initiate construction after calling the Drinking Water Specialist and leaving a voice mail message regarding the location of the well. The Department expects you to obtain the DNR Notification # as soon as possible.
- Enclosed with this letter you will find some informational handouts about the notification process and the \$50 fee, including information regarding using the internet to accomplish that task (Attachment 2).

If you have questions, then please contact me either by email or telephone.

Sincerely,

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