

Attachment 1

Wisconsin Act 310 Groundwater Quantity Law

- The limitations of Wisconsin's Groundwater Law came to public attention during the Perrier bottled water application.
- The new law was developed through an open and transparent process.
- Many interested groups had a seat at the discussion table, representing industry, agriculture, well drilling, local government, and the environment.
- The Wisconsin Water Well Association represented the well drilling and pump installing community at the discussion table.
- Act 310 passed the legislature with broad bipartisan support.
- The law recognizes the interconnection between surface water and groundwater, and contains provisions intended to protect both.
- The law establishes requirements to improve existing information and data about water level, water use, pumpage, well construction and location.
- The law recognizes the importance of proper location and construction for all wells.
- In order to increase the number of private well inspections the law requires advanced notice before any new private well is constructed.