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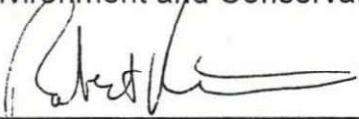
Re: Permitting Requirements:
Construction of Non-Domestic Drilled Wells

Date: January 7, 2008

This Department has been requested by the Department of Environment and Conservation to notify engineering consultants and other stakeholders of the permitting requirements related to the drilling of non-residential water wells as per Section 58 of the *Water Resources Act*. DOEC is in the process of implementing an expanded monitoring effort to identify non-domestic wells that have not been properly permitted, registered, and tested as per the *WR Act*. Please note for compliance the following important information related to the regulatory requirements associated with the development of new or upgraded water supply systems that utilize drilled wells:

- Section 58 of the *WR Act* requires that a proponent who wishes to construct a groundwater source drilled well intended to supply water for non-residential purposes (single family dwelling) must apply to the Department of Environment and Conservation for a *Permit to Construct a Non-Domestic Well*. Please visit www.gov.nl.ca/env/water to obtain the most recent version of the application form.
- Examples of drilled wells requiring a permit include installations used as water supplies for municipalities, local service districts, private water committees, geothermal heat pumps, hotels/motels/B&B's, schools, clinics, churches, seniors homes, halls, farms, greenhouses, fish plants, water bottling facilities, garages, and all other public, business, and industrial operations relying upon ground aquifer sourced water.
- Permitting of non-domestic well developments will help ensure the protection of the province's groundwater resources and that the development of these resources continues in an efficient and sustainable manner.
- As with other permits required for the installation of water and sewer systems, the Department of Municipal Affairs will require that all necessary permits are in place before to approvals for tender calls or contract awards are issued.

If you have any concerns or queries related to the above, please contact Mr. Keith Guzzwell, P.Geo (729-2939) or Mr. Bob Lethbridge (729-3398) with the Department of Environment and Conservation.



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