

Information About Well Permitting

- **How the permitting process works**

1. Following approval of the application packet, proposed well site(s) will be surveyed by San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services within five (5) business days.
2. Well driller is notified that the Well Permit Application is approved and drilling may commence.
3. The well driller shall notify San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services within twenty four (24) hours in advance prior to annular seal placement.
4. The well driller shall submit a Well Completion Report upon completion of well construction.
5. San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services issues a final letter approving the well construction which is sent to the well owner.

- **How to avoid delays in the application approval process**

1. Submit complete application packets that indicate accurate property owner information, driller's signature, and are accompanied by a Well Permit Plot Plan and permitting fees.
2. Submit complete Well Permit Plot Plans that indicate accurate directions to well site, measured distance to existing septic systems, animal enclosures, property lines, solid waste and structures on site that may contain hazardous materials.
3. Note: Although unavoidable, be aware that wells located within the coastal zone or city limits will take longer while awaiting approval from other governing agencies.

- **How to obtain a Water Well Construction Permit**

1. Hire a C-57 licensed well driller.
2. The well driller will submit a Well Permit Application and Well Permit Plot Plan for each well on behalf of the property owner.
3. The well driller will pay the Well Permit Application fees.

- **How to obtain a Monitoring Well Construction Permit (Soil Borings, Vapor Extraction, Oxygen Sparge, Test or Exploratory holes, etc.)**

1. Hire a C-57 licensed well driller.
2. The well driller will submit a Monitoring Well Permit Application & Well Permit Plot Plan for each well on behalf of the property owner.
3. The well driller will pay the Monitoring Well Permit Application fees.

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- **Special instructions for submittal of Monitoring Well Permit applications**

1. It is not necessary to submit a Monitoring Well Permit Application if you are drilling less than 25 feet and do not anticipate encountering groundwater. If you are drilling less than 25 feet and unexpectedly encounter groundwater, immediately contact San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services to submit a Monitoring Well Permit Application.
2. Multiple Monitoring Wells shall be included on one application if they are the same type of well and are on the same parcel. A separate fee shall apply for each Monitoring Well.
3. Consultants cannot sign the Monitoring Well Permit Application. Only the C-57 licensed well driller can sign Monitoring Well Permit Applications.

- **How to obtain a Well Destruction Permit**

1. Hire a C-57 licensed well driller.
2. The well driller will submit a Well Destruction Permit Application & Well Permit Plot Plan for each well on behalf of the property owner.
3. The well driller will pay the Well Destruction Permit Application fees.

- **How to qualify as a well driller in San Luis Obispo County**

1. Driller shall have a current C-57 contractor license.
2. Driller shall have a \$25,000 surety bond in place with San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services. A cashier's check may be submitted in place of a surety bond and payment shall be returned after the Well Completion Report is reviewed and approved.

- **How to locate a Well Completion Report (WCR)**

Please call the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Fresno California at (559) 230-3300 to obtain a copy of a Well Completion Report. WCR's are **confidential** and can only be released after obtaining signed consent from the current property owner. If the DWR cannot locate your WCR, you may call (805)781-5544 and San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services will perform a search. If we are able to locate your WCR, we are required to send it back to the DWR and they will release it from their office.