

Illegal Water Well means any water well which has not been properly decommissioned and which meets any of the following conditions:

1. The water well is in such a condition that it cannot be placed in active or inactive status;
2. Any necessary operating equipment has been removed and the well has not been placed in inactive status;
3. The water well is in such a state of disrepair that continued use for the purpose for which it was constructed is impractical;
4. The water well was constructed after October 1, 1986, but not constructed by a licensed water well contractor or by an individual on land owned by him/her and used by him/her for farming, ranching, or agricultural purposes or as his/her place of abode;
5. The well poses a health or safety hazard; ~~or~~
6. The water well is an illegal water well in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-706; or
7. The water well has been constructed after October 1, 1986, and such well is not in compliance with the standards developed under the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act.

Inactive Status Water Well means a water well that is in a good state of repair and for which the owner has provided evidence of intent for future use by maintaining the water well in a manner which meets the following requirements:

1. The water well does not allow impairment of the water quality in the water well or of the ground water encountered by the water well;
2. The top of the water well or water well casing has a watertight welded or threaded cover or some other watertight means to prevent its removal without the use of equipment or tools to prevent unauthorized access, to prevent a safety hazard to humans and animals, and to prevent illegal disposal of wastes or contaminants into the water well;
3. All entrances and discharge piping to the water well are effectively sealed to prevent the entrance of contaminants; and
4. The water well is marked so as to be easily visible and located and is labeled or otherwise marked so as to be easily identified as a water well and the area surrounding the water well is kept clear of brush, debris, and waste material.

Injection Well means a well into which fluids are being injected (regulated under Title 122).

Installation of Pumps and Pumping Equipment means the procedure employed in the placement and preparation for operation of pumps and pumping equipment at the water well location, including connecting all wiring to the first control and all construction or repair involved in making entrance to the water well, which involves the breaking of the well seal.