

## TRACKED CHANGES VERSION – Final Rule 5/27/25

TITLE III  
WITHDRAWAL, DIVERSION, STORAGE AND USE OF WATER  
DIVISION A  
WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION: GENERAL STANDARDS AND REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

CHAPTER 38  
PRIVATE WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

**567—49.238.1(455B) Definitions.**

~~“Abandoned well” means a water well which is no longer in use or which is in such a state of disrepair that continued use for the purpose of accessing groundwater is unsafe or impracticable.~~

“Agreement” means a signed document between the department and the county board of supervisors with which the department delegates the authority to issue private well drilling permits to the county board of supervisors or its designee.

~~“Construction” means the physical act or process of making a water well including, but not limited to, siting, excavation, construction and installation of equipment and materials necessary to maintain and operate the well.~~

“Contiguous” means any number of parcels of land that physically touch one another, including tracts of land separated by roads, railroads or streams, except that for the purpose of reporting on other existing wells on the property, the radius of a contiguous piece of land shall be limited to one mile from the site of the newly constructed well.

“Contractor” is defined in [Iowa Code section 455B.17\(1\)](#) means a person engaged in the business of well construction or reconstruction. [For the purposes of this chapter,](#) the term [also may](#) includes a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, association or any other business entity, [and as well as](#) any employee or officer of the entity.

~~“Department” means the Iowa department of natural resources.~~

~~“Director” means the director of the department or a designee.~~

~~“Groundwater” means any water below the surface of the earth.~~

“Inactive water well” means a water well [that](#) which is not currently in use and is capped or sealed to prevent the entrance of contaminants into the well; but is in such a condition that it can be activated to produce a safe supply of water.

“Landowner” means an individual, trust, partnership, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, association, or other legal entity that has legal or equitable title to a piece of land.

“Landowner’s agent” means a person who acts for or in place of the landowner by authority from the landowner.

“Private water well” means a well that does not supply a public water supply system.

~~“Protected source” means a surface water or groundwater source recognized by rule as deserving special protection in order to ensure its long-term availability, in terms of either quality or quantity, or both, to preserve the public health and welfare.~~

~~“Public water supply system” means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The term includes (1) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the supplier of water and used primarily in connection with the system; and (2) any collection (including wells) or pretreatment storage facilities not under the control which are used primarily in connection with the system.~~

~~“Water well” means an excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, augered, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed for the purpose of exploring for groundwater, monitoring groundwater, utilizing the geothermal properties of the ground, or extracting water from or injecting water into the aquifer. Water well does not include an open ditch or drain tiles or an excavation made for obtaining or prospecting for oil, natural gas, minerals, or products mined or quarried.~~

**567—38.2(455B) Forms.** The following application form is currently in use:  
Application for Private Water Well Construction Permit. 12/98. 542-0988

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**Commented [2]:** Abandoned well - Defined in 455B.171.

**Commented [3]:** Construction - Defined in 455B.171.

**Commented [4]:** Department - Defined in 455B.190.

**Commented [5]:** Director - Defined in 455B.101.

**Commented [6]:** Groundwater - Defined in 455B.190A(1)(c) and 455E.2(7).

**Commented [7]:** Defined in Chapter 50.

**Commented [8]:** Public water supply system - Defined in 455B.171.

**Commented [9]:** Water well - Defined in 455B.171.

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~~567—38.3(455B) Permit requirement.~~~~49.3(3)38.3(1) When Construction permit required.~~

~~a. In accordance with Iowa Code section 455B.18(2)A, a landowner or landowner's agent shall not drill or construct a new private water well without first obtaining a well construction permit from issued by the department or by a county board of supervisors or the board's designee authorized to issue permits pursuant to this chapter. Examples of private water wells requiring well construction permits include, but are not limited to: domestic wells, livestock wells, irrigation wells, recreational-use wells, monitoring wells, heat pump wells, horizontal and lateral geothermal wells, industrial wells, and dewatering wells, except that dewatering wells shall be exempt from the construction standards of 567—Chapter 49 (nonpublic water wells).~~

~~b. A private well construction permit is required for all replacement wells and for modification of the physical dimensions of a well.~~

~~49.3(4)38.3(2) Exemptions.~~

~~a. The permitting and construction rules in this chapter shall not apply to public water supply wells; elevator shafts; underground storage tank monitoring wells as covered under 567—Chapter 135; or monitoring wells for solid waste disposal facilities as covered in 567—Chapter 113.~~

~~b. All dewatering wells are exempt from the construction standards of this chapter, except that a construction permit is required if a dewatering well will be in place for more than seven consecutive days.~~

~~The following types of excavations do not need a~~

~~c. Private water well construction permits: are not required for temporary test holes or wells that are in place for seven consecutive days or less; soil borings; percolation test holes; mineral, rock, gas, and other non-groundwater wells or exploration boreholes; sand and gravel and limestone exploration holes; excavations for storing and extracting natural gas or other products; gravel pits and quarries and all monitoring wells required as part of a permit or a construction approval issued by the department. Test holes used to determine the availability, quality or depth of groundwater are also exempt provided that all the following conditions are met:~~

~~— a. The use of the test hole is limited to the conduct of the test only.~~

~~— b. The duration of the test is not more than seven consecutive days.~~

~~— c. The test hole is properly closed immediately after the test is completed in accordance with 567—Chapter 39 "Requirements for Properly Plugging Abandoned Wells."~~

~~38.3(3) Caveat. Nothing in these rules shall be construed as exempting public water supply wells from the construction permit and water withdrawal permit provisions of the environmental protection commission rules, 567—Iowa Administrative Code.~~

~~567—49.538.4(455B) Form of Private well construction permit applications and fees.~~~~49.5(1) Application forms.~~

~~a. An application for a private water well construction permit Application shall be made on forms provided supplied by the department. However, counties that have active delegation of authority to issue new private well construction permits pursuant to rule 567—49.748.15(455B) may develop and use their own application forms, subject to departmentthe approval of the department.~~

~~b. Each application shall list all wells, including non-plugged abandoned wells, on the applicant's property contiguous to the well site described in the application and shall describe the location of each well site. The location shall be given as in the form of a legal land description (section, township and range) to the nearest quarter of a quarter of a quarter of a section, or as a latitude and longitude in degrees to four-decimal accuracy. The list of wells to be registered shall include but is not limited to abandoned wells, inactive wells, agricultural drainage wells, irrigation wells, domestic wells and livestock wells.~~

~~c. A proper application shall consist of a fully completed form and nonrefundable fee.~~

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~~567—38.5(455B) Fees.~~

~~49.5(2)38.5(1) Application fees payment. This paragraph is in effect through June 30, 2003. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$25 in the form of a check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources, unless a county board of supervisors or the board's designee is authorized to issue private well construction permits pursuant to rule 567—38.15(455B). In cases where the~~

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**Commented [12]:** "Except that dewatering..." - moved to new 49.3(4)"b".

**Commented [13]:** New 49.3(3)"b" - Moved from old 38.6 Well maintenance and reconstruction.

**Commented [14]:** New 49.3(4) - moved from 49.3(3).

**Commented [15]:** New 49.3(4)"b" - moved from old 38.3(1), "Except that dewatering..."

**Commented [16]:** New 49.3(4)"c" - moved from old 38.3(2).

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permitting authority is delegated to the county, the county board of supervisors may set a different fee and shall designate the terms for fee payment. More than one proposed well for the same use on one contiguous piece of property of less than ten acres may be listed on one application and only one fee need be paid irrespective of the number of wells listed on the application form. Additional wells on the same property at a later time require another permit. A proper application shall consist of a fully and properly completed form and nonrefundable fee.

a. Effective July 1, 2003, ~~e~~Each application for a private well construction permit shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$125 in the form of a check or money order payable to the ~~D~~department of ~~N~~natural ~~R~~resources, unless a county ~~board of supervisors or the board's designee~~ is authorized to issue private well construction permits pursuant to ~~rule 567—49.738.15(455B)~~.

b. In cases where the permitting authority is delegated to athe county, ~~if the county board of supervisors~~ may set a different fee and ~~shall~~ designate the terms for fee payment; and shall submit to the department a permit fee of \$25 per application. [This \$25 fee shall be submitted quarterly by the counties in a manner provided by the department.]

c. More than one proposed well for the same use on one contiguous piece of property of less than ten acres may be listed on one application and only one fee need be paid irrespective of the number of wells listed on the application form. Additional wells on the same property at a later time shall require another permit. Separate permits are required for individual wells and geothermal systems that are not interconnected and supply or will supply separate domestic or commercial dwellings. A proper application shall consist of a fully and properly completed form and nonrefundable fee. The \$25 fee collected by the counties for each permitted well shall be submitted quarterly by the counties to the department on forms and in a manner as provided by the department.

38.5(2)-d. Exemption. The department is exempt from the fee payment requirements to the counties. The department shall remit fees directly to the department's private well permit program fund.

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567—38.6(455B) Well maintenance and reconstruction. A private well construction permit is required for all replacement wells. A private well construction permit is required for modification to a well such as changes in physical dimensions including, but not limited to, deepening the well and changing the diameter or length of the casing or the screen. A private well construction permit is not required for the repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of an existing well that does not change its physical dimensions.

567—38.7(455B) Emergency permits. Contracting counties must have policies and procedures in place to accommodate the issuance of permits on an emergency basis for the immediate replacement or reconstruction of water wells in response to the sudden and unforeseen loss or serious impairment of a well for its intended use.

567—49.638.8(455B) Private well construction permit issuance, and conditions, expiration, and denial.

49.638.8(1) When issued. Upon receipt of a complete application, the department or contracting county shall issue a private well construction permit to the landowner or landowner's agent, except as provided in rule 49.6(6). ~~567—38.12(455B).~~

49.638.8(2) Not a water withdrawal permit. Each permit shall include notification that a private well construction permit is not a water withdrawal permit and does not eliminate the necessity of obtaining any water withdrawal permits required in ~~567—Chapters 50 and 53 through 554 for water withdrawal in excess of.~~ A water withdrawal permit is required before an applicant can withdraw more than 25,000 gallons of water per day from any source or combination of sources in the state of Iowa.

49.638.8(3) Construction by certified well contractor. Each well construction permit shall require that each well be constructed by a certified well contractor in compliance with this chapter 567—Chapters 49 and 567—Chapter 82. However, temporary dewatering wells at construction sites shall be exempt from the construction standards of ~~567—Chapter 49.~~

567—38.9(455B) Noncompliance. Violations of any of the provisions of this chapter may be addressed by the department pursuant to Iowa Code sections 455B.109, 455B.110, 455B.175 and 455B.191.

49.6(4) Transferability. A private well construction permit is not transferable.

49.6(5) 567—38.10(455B) Expiration of a permit. A private well construction permit shall expire one

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calendar year from the date of issuance. If the well construction ~~of the proposed well~~ is not started prior to the permit expiration date, a new application plus a new nonrefundable fee must be filed with the department or the county ~~board of supervisors~~ pursuant to 49.5(2) ~~rule 567—38.15(455B)~~.

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~~567—38.11(455B) Transferability. A private well construction permit is not transferable.~~

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49.6(6) ~~567—38.12(455B) Permit Denial of a permit.~~ The department or contracting county may deny a private well construction permit in the following circumstances:

a. ~~if~~ granting the permit would lead to the violation of state law, could result in groundwater contamination, or would lead to withdrawal from a protected source;

b. ~~If~~ the well could threaten public health or the environment; or ~~Examples of wells that could threaten public health or the environment and, therefore, may be denied construction permits include, but are not limited to: in situ mining wells, wells which may result in a negative impact on an identified point source of groundwater contamination and cause leachate plume to spread or migrate, underground injection wells, except as provided in subrule 567—50.6(4) and 567—62.9(455B).~~

c. ~~If the well would be an underground agricultural drainage injection well.~~

49.6(7) ~~567—38.13(455B) Appeal of a permit denial.~~ Any applicant aggrieved by a decision issued under the provisions of this chapter may file a notice of appeal with the director. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of the permit decision. The form of the notice of appeal and appeal procedures are governed by 567—Chapter 7. Appeal of a permit denied by a county ~~that~~ which has been delegated authority to issue private water well permits shall be administered by the county in accordance with its ~~the county's~~ appeal or judiciary review process. Appeal to the department is possible only when the appeal involves well design or construction variances or if delegation to the county is suspended, rescinded, or revoked.

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567—38.14 Reserved.

~~567—49.738.15(455B) Delegation of construction permitting authority to a county to county board of supervisors.~~

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49.738.15(1) Application by board. A county board of supervisors, board of health, or the board's designee, hereafter referred to as a "county," requesting the authority to issue private well construction permits shall enter into an intergovernmental (28E) service agreement ~~apply to with~~ the department in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 281. The agreement shall be signed by the department and the county ~~and application shall~~ include statements ~~of agreement to complying with this chapter and 567—Chapter 398.~~ Additional information supporting an application may be requested by the department. The department may contract for all or part of the private well permitting services in those counties that do not receive or maintain delegation authority or for permit authorities retained by the department.

~~38.15(2) County standards. The county board of supervisors may impose additional standards as local conditions dictate, but the standards cannot be less stringent than those required by the provisions of this chapter.~~

49.7(2) ~~38.15(3) Information to the department.~~ The delegation agreement shall provide for the method, format, and frequency of reporting all permit application information and remission of fees to the department.

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49.7(3) ~~38.15(4) Board authority.~~ After delegation of authority to a county, ~~board of supervisors,~~ all applications in that county shall be made to the board or its designee, except that all new private well construction permit applications by state or federal agencies shall be made to the department.

49.7(4) ~~38.15(5) Term of a Delegation term.~~ A ~~The~~ delegation of authority may be for up to five years and may be redelegated at the department's ~~of the department.~~ discretion

49.7(5) ~~38.15(6) Permit number.~~ Each permit shall be given a unique number as prescribed by the department. This numbering system shall be consistent throughout the state.

49.7(6) Emergency permits. Contracting counties must have policies and procedures in place to accommodate the issuance of permits on an emergency basis for the immediate replacement or reconstruction of water wells in response to the sudden and unforeseen loss or serious impairment of a well for its intended use.

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49.7(7) Delegation agreement revocation. The department may revoke a county delegation agreement if the board of supervisors or the board's designee failed or refused to carry out the provisions of this chapter in a

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timely manner or violated any of the provisions of the delegation agreement with the department.

~~38.15(7) Well tag.~~ The department may require that an identification tag be applied to each well. Counties with delegated permitting authority and certified water well contractors are responsible for ensuring that the tags are properly attached to the wells. The department may supply the numbered tags.

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**Commented [38]:** Not needed; well tags are no longer being used.

~~567 38.16(455B) Concurrent authority of the department.~~ Notwithstanding the delegation of permit granting authority pursuant to rule 567—38.15(455B), the department reserves the right to exercise concurrent authority. In cases where the board or its designee fails to act on an application, or the director determines that a particular application cannot be appropriately evaluated by the board or its designee, the department may review such an application without invoking the provisions of rule 567—38.17(455B).

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~~567 38.17(455B) Revocation of delegation agreement.~~ The department may revoke the delegation to issue private well construction permits if the board of supervisors or its designee failed or refused to carry out the provisions of this chapter in a timely manner; or violated any of the provisions of the delegation of authority agreement with the department.

**Commented [40]:** Old 38.17 - moved to last subrule in the delegation rule; new 49.7(7).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 455B.105(11), 455B.172, and 455B.187.

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## CHAPTER 49

## NONPUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS – PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION

[Prior to 7/1/83, Health Dept. Ch 45]

[Prior to 12/3/86, Water, Air and Waste Management[900]]

**567—49.1(455B) Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health by protecting groundwater supplies from contamination by establishing uniform minimum standards and methods for nonpublic water supply well construction and reconstruction ~~for nonpublic water supply wells~~. This chapter ~~also~~ provides minimum standards for installation of well pumps or equipment employed in withdrawing or obtaining water from a well for any use, except monitoring wells, including ~~such seals and~~ safeguards as may be necessary to protect from contamination the water in ~~an~~the aquifer and water being pumped from ~~a~~the well.

**567—49.2(455B) Definitions, references, and abbreviations.** In addition to the definitions in 567—Chapter 39, 567—Chapter 40, 567—Chapter 82; the references and abbreviations in 567—Chapter 40; and Iowa Code sections 455B.101, 455B.171, 455B.190 and 455B.190A, the following definitions and abbreviations shall apply to this chapter:

**49.2(1) Definitions.**

*“Abandoned well”* means a well whose use has been permanently discontinued. A well shall be considered abandoned when its condition is such that continued use is impractical or no longer desired.

*“Administrative authority”* means the county board of supervisors or its designee ~~local boards of health~~.

*“Agreement”* means a signed document between the department and the county board of supervisors with which the department delegates the authority to issue private well drilling permits to the county board of supervisors or its designee.

*“Anaerobic lagoon”* means an impoundment, the primary function of which is to store and stabilize organic wastes. The impoundment is designed to receive wastes on a regular basis, and the design waste loading rates are such that the predominant biological activity in the impoundment will be anaerobic. An anaerobic lagoon does not include:

1. A runoff control basin ~~which~~that collects and stores only precipitation-induced runoff from an open feedlot feeding operation; or
2. A waste slurry storage basin ~~which~~that receives waste discharges from confinement feeding operations and ~~which~~that is designed for complete removal of accumulated wastes from the basin at least semiannually; or
3. Any anaerobic treatment system ~~which~~that includes collection and treatment facilities for all off-gases.

*“Annular space”* means the open space between the well hole excavation and the well casing.

*“Backflow prevention device”* means any device, method or type of construction to prevent backflow of water, liquids, mixtures, or substances into a well or into the distribution pipes of a potable supply of water from any source other than its intended source.

*“Cesspool”* means a covered excavation, lined or unlined, into which wastes from toilets or urinals are discharged for disposal. Cesspools are not an approved method of sewage disposal.

*“Class 1 well”* means a well 100 feet or less in depth and 18 inches or more in diameter.

*“Class 2 well”* means a well more than 100 feet in depth or less than 18 inches in diameter or a bedrock well. Bedrock wells include:

- 1. Wells completed in a single confined aquifer;
- 2. Wells completed in a single unconfined aquifer; and
- 3. Wells completed in multiple aquifers.

*“Class 3 well”* means a sandpoint well 50 feet or less in depth and having a casing inside diameter of 2 inches or less constructed by joining a screened drive point with lengths of pipe and driving the assembly into a shallow sand and gravel aquifer.

*“Compensation for well interference”* means payment to the owner of a nonregulated well for damages caused by a lowered water level in the well due to withdrawal of water for a permitted use.

*“Confinement building”* means a building used in conjunction with a confinement feeding operation to house animals.

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**Commented [3]:** "county board of..." - Changed to align with 28E agreements signed by county board of supervisors and their designees.

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**Commented [5]:** Backflow prevention device - Defined in Chapter 40.

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**Commented [7]:** Class 2 well - Defined in 455B.190.

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“*Conforming well*” means a well that complies with the standards of this chapter, including wells properly plugged according to [567—Chapter 39](#).

“*Contiguous*” means any number of parcels of land that physically touch one another, including tracts of land separated by roads, railroads or streams, except that for the purpose of reporting on other existing wells on the property, the radius of a contiguous piece of land shall be limited to one mile from the site of the newly constructed well.

“*Contractor*” is defined in [Iowa Code section 454B.17\(13\)](#). For the purposes of this chapter, the term also includes a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, association or any other business entity, and any employee or officer of the entity.

“*Deep well*” means a well located and constructed in such a manner that there is a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock at least 5 feet thick located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which water is to be drawn.

“*Earthen manure storage basin*” means an earthen cavity, either covered or uncovered, which, on a regular basis, receives waste discharges from a confinement feeding operation if accumulated wastes from the basin are completely removed at least once each year.

“*Established grade*” means the permanent point of contact of the ground to artificial surface with the casing or curbing of the well.

“*Formed manure storage structure*” means a structure, either covered or uncovered, used to store manure from a confinement feeding operation, which has walls and a floor constructed of concrete, concrete block, wood, steel, or similar materials. Similar materials may include, but are not limited to, plastic, rubber, fiberglass, or other synthetic materials. Materials used in a formed manure storage structure shall have the structural integrity to withstand expected internal and external load pressures.

“*GHEX*” means ground heat exchange.

“*GHEX loop borehole construction*” means the borehole excavation, emplacement of the closed loop, grouting of the loop, and installation of the heat exchange fluid.

“*GHEX loop boreholes*” means ground heat exchange borehole(s); ground-coupled, closed-loop, heat exchange borehole(s); or any excavation 20 feet or greater in depth that is augered, bored, cored, drilled, driven, dug, jetted, washed, or is otherwise constructed into which a closed loop used for ground heat exchange is installed. A GHEX loop borehole is not a water supply well.

“*GHEX loop system services*” means any construction, installation, rehabilitation, repair, or plugging of the various components of ground heat exchange systems, including the borehole, piping, grout, and heat-exchange fluid.

“*Grout*” means a material used to seal the annular space between the casing and the borehole and shall consist of neat cement, concrete, high solids bentonite slurry, or hydrated bentonite chips.

“*Health-related problem*” means well water that contains any contaminant at a level that exceeds MCLs (maximum contaminant levels), or HALs (health advisory levels) as adopted by the department of natural resources.

“*Heavy drilling fluid*” means water used for drilling ~~which that~~, because of the natural clay content of the borehole or by addition of bentonite grout, has a solids density of at least 10 percent by weight or a mud weight of at least 9.25 lbs/gal.

“*Inactive well*” means a well that is not currently in use and is capped or sealed to prevent the entrance of contaminants into the well but is in such a condition that it can be activated to produce a safe supply of water.

“*Landowner*” means an individual, trust, partnership, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, association, or other legal entity that has legal or equitable title to a piece of land.

“*Landowner’s agent*” means a person who acts for or in place of the landowner by authority from the landowner.

“*Low permeability material*” means a geological unit of unconsolidated material (usually clay or till) or bedrock (usually shale) that is all or partially saturated, and having permeability low enough ( $10^{-7}$  cm/sec) to give water in the aquifer artesian head.

“*Nonpublic water supply well*” means a well that does not supply a public water supply system (PWS).

“*Nonregulated well*” means a well used to supply water for a nonregulated use (a use of water less than 25,000 gallons per day ~~which that~~ is not required to have a water use permit).

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**Commented [12]:** Earthen manure storage basin - Replaced in 49.6 with Animal waste storage basin or lagoon for consistency.

**Commented [13]:** Formed manure... - For consistency, replaced with “animal waste storage tank”, defined in Ch. 40 and used in Ch. 43.

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*“Open feedlot”* means an unroofed or partially roofed animal feeding operation in which no crop, vegetation, ~~or forage growth,~~ or residue cover is maintained during the period that animals are confined in the operation.

*“Permitted use”* means a use of water in excess of 25,000 gallons per day ~~which that~~ requires a water use permit pursuant to ~~567—Chapter 50 through 52 and Iowa Code chapter 455B, division III, part 4.~~

*“Pitless adapter”* means a device designed for attachment to one or more openings through a well casing. It shall be constructed so as to prevent the entrance of contaminants into the well through such openings, conduct water from the well, protect the water from freezing or extremes of temperature, and provide access to water system parts within the well.

*“Pitless unit”* means an assembly ~~which that~~ extends the upper end of the well casing to above grade. It shall be constructed so as to prevent the entrance of contaminants into the well, conduct water from the well, and protect the water from freezing or extremes of temperature, and ~~shall~~ provide full access to the well and to water system parts within the well. It shall provide a pitless well cap for the top terminal of the well.

*“Private well”* means a well that does not supply a public water supply system.

*“Public water supply”* means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The term includes (1) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the supplier of water and used primarily in connection with the system; and (2) any collection (including wells) or pretreatment storage facilities not under the control of the supplier which are used primarily in connection with the system.

*“Pump installer”* means a person certified by the department to perform pump services.

*“Pumps and pumping equipment”* means any equipment or materials, including seals, tanks, fittings and controls utilized or intended for use in withdrawing or obtaining water for any use.

*“Pump services”* means the installation, repair, and maintenance of water systems; modification of the upper terminus of a well; well plugging; well rehabilitation; or the construction of Class 3 wells.

*“Runoff control basin”* means an impoundment designed and operated to collect and store runoff from an open feedlot.

*“Shallow well”* means a well located and constructed in such a manner that there is not a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock (or equivalent retarding mechanism acceptable to the department) at least 5 feet thick, the top of which is located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which water is to be drawn.

*“Stuffing box”* means an approved receptacle in which packing may be compressed to form a watertight or airtight junction between two objects.

*“Upper terminus”* means the upper ten feet of the well casing as measured from the finished surface grade.

*“Water systems”* means any part of the mechanical portion of a well that delivers water from the well to a valve that separates the well from the plumbing system. “Water systems” includes the pump, drop pipe to the well, electrical wire from the pump to the first electrical panel or connection outside the casing, piping from the well to the pressure tank or first valve outside the casing, pitless unit or adapter, and all related miscellaneous fittings necessary to operate the pump. “Water systems” does not include any outside piping to other buildings and does not include the piping that carries the water in the remainder of the distribution system.

*“Water well”* means an excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, augered, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed for the purpose of exploring for groundwater, monitoring groundwater, utilizing the geothermal properties of the ground, or extracting water from or injecting water into the aquifer. Water well does not include an open ditch or drain tiles or an excavation made for obtaining or prospecting for oil, natural gas, minerals, or products mined or quarried.

*“Well”* is synonymous with “water well” as defined in ~~Iowa Code chapter 455B.171.~~ means any excavation that is drilled, cored, driven, dug, bored, augered, jetted, washed, or is otherwise constructed for the purpose of exploring for groundwater, monitoring groundwater, utilizing the geothermal properties of the ground, or extracting water from or injecting water into the aquifer. “Well” does not include an open ditch, drain tiles, an excavation made for obtaining or prospecting for oil, natural gas, minerals, or products mined or quarried. ~~The term does not include heat pump or lateral geothermal heat exchange systems less than 20 feet deep; nor temporary dewatering wells in place for seven days or less, such as those used during the construction of~~

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**Commented [23]:** Shallow well - Defined in Chapter 40.

**Commented [24]:** Water systems - Defined in 455B.190A.

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~~subsurface facilities only for the duration of the construction.~~

“Well construction” means constructing a well and installing necessary casing, screen, liners, grout, seals, and other appurtenances.

~~“Well driller” means a person certified by the department to perform well drilling services.~~

~~“Well drilling services” means new well construction, well reconstruction, well repair, well rehabilitation, installation of pitless equipment, or well plugging.~~

“Well liner” means a pipe used to line the inside of a well hole but not designed to hold hydraulic or structural loading. Liners ~~shall~~must be installed within a casing or in an ungrouted open borehole.

“Well plugging” means the closure of an abandoned well with plugging materials by procedures ~~which~~that will permanently seal the well from contamination by surface drainage and permanently seal off the well from contamination into an aquifer. “Well plugging” includes the proper application of filling and sealing materials.

“Well reconstruction” means modification of the original construction of a well. “Well reconstruction” includes, but is not limited to, deepening the well, installing a liner, installing or replacing a screen with one of a different diameter or length, installing a pitless adapter, extending the casing, or hydrofracturing a well. Replacing a screen with one of identical diameter and length or replacing a pitless adapter is considered repair, not reconstruction.

“Well rehabilitation” means the physical or chemical cleaning of a well.

“Well seal” means a device used to cover or seal a well that establishes or maintains a junction between the ~~well casing of the well~~ and the piping, electric conduit, or equipment installed, so as to prevent water or other foreign material from entering the well at the uppermost terminal.

1. “Well cap” means a snug-fitting, watertight device used above flood level that excludes dust and vermin and allows for screened venting.

2. “Sanitary seal” means a watertight fitting ~~which~~that uses mechanical compression that is installed on wells that terminate in a wellhouse.

~~“Well services” means both well drilling services and pump services.~~

#### 49.2(2) Abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Meaning
ABS	acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene
DR	dimension ratio
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
HDPE	high-density polyethylene
HTH	high test hypochlorite
psi	pounds per square inch
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
SCH	schedule, as in a SCH 40 rating
SD	separation distance (a.k.a. setback distance)
SDR	standard dimension ratio
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
VFD	variable frequency drive

**567—49.3(455B) Applicability.** The provisions contained herein apply to the construction and reconstruction of all nonpublic water supply wells 20 feet or greater in depth, ~~constructed for the purpose of domestic, livestock, irrigation, recreation, and commercial or industrial use. They shall also apply to existing wells undergoing reconstruction. Ponds and surface water supplies are not covered by these standards. Information regarding use of these sources of water should be sought from the administrative authority prior to the development of the sources.~~

#### **49.3(1) Nonconforming well construction installations.**

a. Certified well drilling ~~contractors~~ers and pump installers shall ensure that the reconstruction of nonconforming wells adheres to all applicable provisions of this chapter or to comparable construction or installation requirements approved by the administrative authority, except for separation distances (SDs).

b. When any construction or reconstruction is done on a nonconforming feature of a well, that feature shall be upgraded and brought into compliance with the material and installation standards ~~contained~~ in this chapter.

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**Commented [28]:** Well driller - Defined in Chapter 82.

**Commented [29]:** Well drilling services - Defined in Chapter 82.

**Commented [30]:** Well reconstruction - Keep. Partial definition in 455B.171, but this elaborates and better defines. Remove from Chapter 82.

**Commented [31]:** Well services - Defined in 455B.190A.

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except for SDs.

**49.3(2) Nonconforming water system installations.**

a. Certified pump installers shall ensure that the reconstruction or repair of nonconforming water systems adheres to all applicable provisions of this chapter or to comparable construction or installation requirements approved by the administrative authority.

b. When pump services are ~~to be~~ performed on a well that has a contamination problem, the well shall be upgraded and ~~shall be~~ brought into compliance with the installation standards ~~contained~~ in this chapter, except for SDs.

c. When pump services are ~~to be~~ performed on a well that does not have a contamination problem, the well may be put back into service with nonconforming features. However, the certified installer shall notify the well owner of the well in writing of the defects and include with recommendations ~~as to what should be done~~ to correct these deficiencies.

**49.3(3) Construction permit required.**

a. In accordance with Iowa Code section 455B.187(2), a landowner or landowner's agent shall not construct a new private well without first obtaining a well construction permit from the department or a county authorized to issue permits pursuant to this chapter. Examples of private wells requiring well construction permits include but are not limited to domestic wells, livestock wells, irrigation wells, recreational-use wells, monitoring wells, heat pump wells, horizontal and lateral geothermal wells, industrial wells, and dewatering wells.

b. A private well construction permit is required for all replacement wells and for modification of the physical dimensions of a well.

**49.3(4) Exemptions.**

a. ~~The permitting and construction rules in this chapter shall not apply to public water supply wells; horizontal heat pump installations; elevator shafts; underground storage tank monitoring wells as covered under 567—Chapter 135; or monitoring wells for solid waste disposal facilities as covered in 567—Chapter 440.113.~~

b. All dewatering wells are exempt from the construction standards of this chapter, except that a construction permit is required if a dewatering well will be in place for more than seven consecutive days.

c. Private well construction permits are not required for temporary test holes or wells that are in place for seven consecutive days or less; soil borings; mineral, rock, gas, and other non-groundwater wells or exploration boreholes; and all monitoring wells required as part of a permit or a construction approval issued by the department.

**567—49.4(455B) General.**

**49.4(1) Duties of administrative authority.**

a. The administrative authority shall:

(1) ~~Have the authority to visit well sites during any phase of the work without prior notice, and. The administrative authority shall by rule~~

(2) ~~Require the issuance of permits and the submission of well logs by rule.~~

b. The administrative authority may also require posting of performance bonds and the collection and submission of other data.

**49.4(2)** No well construction or reconstruction shall be initiated until a permit has been issued by the proper authority. ~~The administrative authority may also require posting of performance bonds and collection and submission of other data. The issuance of Construction permits issuance is covered by this chapter in 567—Chapter 38 and shall be coordinated with the water withdrawal permits issued by the Iowa department, of natural resources as covered in pursuant to 567—Chapters 504 and 52.~~

**49.4(3)** All well services shall be performed by a certified well contractor or the property owner as specified in **567—Chapter 82.**

**49.4(4)** ~~It shall be~~ the responsibility of the certified well contractor to ensure that a well construction permit has been issued prior to initiation of well construction or reconstruction and. It shall also be the responsibility of the certified well contractor to ensure that all well services are performed in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter.

**49.4(5) 567—49.5(455B) Waivers/Variances.** ~~Waivers/Variances~~ to these rules may be granted by the

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administrative authority if sufficient information is provided to substantiate equal protection and the need for such action. Waiver requests and reasoning shall be in writing. Variance approvals or rejections shall also be in writing. Where permitting authority has not been delegated to the county, the department will review and grant or deny any waiver requests within that jurisdiction.

49.4(6) ~~567—38.9(455B)~~ Noncompliance. Violations of any of the provisions of this chapter may be addressed by the department pursuant to Iowa Code sections 455B.109, 455B.110, 455B.175 and 455B.191.

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#### 567—49.5(455B) Private well construction permit applications and fees.

##### 49.5(1) Application forms.

a. An application for a private well construction permit shall be made on forms provided by the department. However, counties that have active delegation of authority to issue new private well construction permits pursuant to rule 567—49.7(455B) may develop and use their own application forms, subject to department approval.

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b. Each application shall list all wells, including non-plugged abandoned wells, on the applicant's property contiguous to the well site described in the application and describe the location of each well site. The location(s) shall be given as a legal land description (section, township and range) to the nearest quarter of a quarter of a section, or as a latitude and longitude in degrees to four-decimal accuracy.

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c. A proper application shall consist of a fully completed form and nonrefundable fee.

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##### 49.5(2) Application fees.

a. Each application for a private well construction permit shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$125 payable to the department of natural resources unless a county is authorized to issue private well construction permits pursuant to rule 567—49.7(455B).

b. In cases where the permitting authority is delegated to a county, it may set a different fee and designate the terms for fee payment and shall submit to the department a permit fee of \$25 per application. This \$25 fee shall be submitted quarterly by the counties in a manner provided by the department.

c. More than one proposed well for the same use on one contiguous piece of property of less than ten acres may be listed on one application and only one fee need be paid irrespective of the number of wells listed on the application form. Additional wells on the same property at a later time shall require another permit. Separate permits are required for individual wells and geothermal systems that are not interconnected and supply or will supply separate domestic or commercial dwellings.

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d. The department is exempt from the fee payment requirements to the counties. The department shall remit fees directly to the department's private well permit program fund.

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~~567—49.5(455B) Variances. Variances to these rules may be granted by the administrative authority if sufficient information is provided to substantiate equal protection and the need for such action. Variance requests and reasoning shall be in writing. Variance approvals or rejections shall also be in writing. Where permitting authority has not been delegated to the county, the department will review and grant or deny any variance requests within that jurisdiction.~~

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#### 567—49.6(455B) Private well construction permit issuance, conditions, expiration, and denial.

49.6(1) Issuance. Upon receipt of a complete application, the department or contracting county shall issue a private well construction permit to the landowner or landowner's agent, except as provided in 49.6(6).

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49.6(2) Not a water withdrawal permit. Each permit shall include notification that a private well construction permit is not a water withdrawal permit and does not eliminate the necessity of obtaining any water withdrawal permits required in 567—Chapters 50 and 53 through 55 for water withdrawal in excess of 25,000 gallons of water per day from any source or combination of sources in the state of Iowa.

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49.6(3) Construction by certified well contractor. Each well construction permit shall require that each well be constructed by a certified well contractor in compliance with this chapter and 567—Chapter 82.

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49.6(4) Transferability. A private well construction permit is not transferable.

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49.6(5) Expiration. A private well construction permit shall expire one calendar year from the date of issuance. If the well construction is not started prior to the permit expiration date, a new application plus a new nonrefundable fee must be filed with the department or the County pursuant to 49.5(2).

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49.6(6) Permit denial. The department or contracting county may deny a private well construction permit in the following circumstances:

a. If granting the permit would lead to the violation of state law, could result in groundwater contamination, or would lead to withdrawal from a protected source;

b. If the well could threaten public health or the environment; or

c. If the well would be an underground agricultural drainage injection well.

49.6(7) Appeal of permit denial. Any applicant aggrieved by a decision issued under the provisions of this chapter may file a notice of appeal with the director. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of the permit decision. The form of the notice of appeal and appeal procedures are governed by 561—Chapter 7. Appeal of a permit denied by a county that has been delegated authority to issue private well construction permits shall be administered by the county in accordance with its appeal or judiciary review process. Appeal to the department is possible only when the appeal involves well design or construction variances or if delegation to the county is suspended, rescinded, or revoked.

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**567—49.7(455B) Delegation of construction permitting authority to a county.**

49.7(1) Application. A county board of supervisors, board of health, or the board's designee, hereafter referred to as a "county," requesting the authority to issue private well construction permits shall enter into an intergovernmental (28E) service agreement with the department in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 28E. The agreement shall be signed by the department and the county and include statements complying with this chapter and 567—Chapter 39. Additional information supporting an application may be requested by the department. The department may contract for all or part of the private well permitting services in those counties that do not receive or maintain delegation authority or for permit authorities retained by the department.

49.7(2) Information to the department. The delegation agreement shall provide for the method, format, and frequency of reporting all permit application information and remission of fees to the department.

49.7(3) Authority. After delegation of authority to a county, all applications in that county shall be made to the board or its designee, except that all new private well construction permit applications by state or federal agencies shall be made to the department.

49.7(4) Delegation term. A delegation of authority may be for up to five years and may be redelegated at the department's discretion.

49.7(5) Permit number. Each permit shall be given a unique number as prescribed by the department. This numbering system shall be consistent throughout the state.

49.7(6) Emergency permits. Contracting counties must have policies and procedures in place to accommodate the issuance of permits on an emergency basis for the immediate replacement or reconstruction of wells in response to the sudden and unforeseen loss or serious impairment of a well for its intended use.

49.7(7) Delegation agreement revocation. The department may revoke a county delegation agreement if the board of supervisors or the board's designee failed or refused to carry out the provisions of this chapter in a timely manner or violated any of the provisions of the delegation agreement with the department.

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**567—49.8(455B) ~~1.~~ Well location and separation distances (SDs) of wells.**

49.8(1) Wells shall be located with consideration given to the lot size; soil contour, porosity, and absorptency; ~~of the soil~~, local groundwater conditions; flooding; publicly available geologic data including but not limited to well logs; and other factors necessary to implement the rules.

a. Frost pits. Wells cannot be located within frost pits. Frost pits that do not contain wells are allowed for the purpose of housing other appurtenances, such as pressure tanks and valves, provided the frost pits are not located closer than ten feet from any well.

b. Relation to buildings. Wells shall be located so that no building interferes with reasonable access for cleaning, treatment, repair, testing, inspection, or other maintenance. Wells cannot be located in basements.

c. Easements. No well shall be located on a property not owned by the well owner unless an easement allowing such placement is reviewed and approved by the administrative authority and the easement is legally recorded.

The lack of specific distances to other possible sources of contamination, such as refuse disposal sites and

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high pressure gas lines, does not minimize their potential hazard. These must be evaluated in each particular situation and a distance arrived at that is based on pertinent facts. The well contractor shall consult the administrative authority for assistance in determining a proper distance in such cases.

**49.8(2) 49.6(1) Minimum distances.** The following minimum lateral SDs distances in Table I below from all private wells shall apply for the common structures or sources of contamination listed in the following table. The lack of specific distances to other possible sources of contamination, such as refuse disposal sites and high-pressure gas lines, does not minimize their potential hazard. Other possible sources shall be evaluated in each particular situation and a distance arrived at that is based on pertinent facts. The well contractor shall consult the administrative authority for assistance in determining a proper distance in such cases.

**TABLE I: 49.6(1) Minimum Lateral Distances, Private Wells Separation Distances**

Structure or Source of Contamination	Minimum Lateral Distance (feet)	
	Shallow Well <sup>1</sup>	Deep Well <sup>1</sup>
Public water supply well	400	200
Formed manure storage structure, confinement building, feedlot solids settling facility, open feedlot	200	100
Transmission pipelines (including, but not limited to, fertilizer, liquid petroleum, or anhydrous ammonia) if a more restrictive setback is not set by the pipeline owner	200	100
<b>All Private Wells</b>		
Earthen manure storage basin, runoff control basins and anaerobic lagoons (see subrule 49.6(2) below)	1000	
Drainage wells	1000	
Solid waste landfills and disposal sites <sup>2</sup>	1000	
Domestic wastewater lagoon	400	
Preparation or storage area for spray materials, commercial fertilizers, or chemicals that may result in groundwater contamination	150	
Existing wells that do not conform to this chapter	100	
Liquid hydrocarbon storage tanks, except for liquid propane gas (LPG)	100	
Private sewage disposal systems – open portion of treatment system <sup>3</sup>	100	
Private sewage disposal systems – closed portion of treatment system <sup>3</sup>	50	
Flowing streams or other surface water bodies	25	
LPG storage tanks	15	
Roadside ditch and road rights-of-way	15	
Existing wells that conform to this chapter	10	
Sewer of cast iron with leaded or mechanical joints, sewer of plastic pipe with glued or compression joints, independent clear water drains, cisterns, well pits, or pump house floor drains	10	
Yard hydrants	10	
Frost pit	10	
Property lines (unless a mutual easement is signed and recorded by both parties)	4	

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Structure or Source of Contamination	Required Minimum Lateral Distance, as Measured Horizontally on the Ground Surface, in feet	
	Private Wells	
	Deep Well <sup>1</sup>	Shallow Well <sup>1</sup>
WELLS:		
Public wells:		
Public water supply well - deep or shallow	200	400
Below-ground level finished water storage facility	50	
Private wells:		
Existing private wells that do not conform to 567—Chapter 49	100	
Existing private wells that conform to 567—Chapter 49	10	
WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:		
PSDSs and onsite treatment systems – closed portion <sup>2</sup>	50	
PSDSs and onsite treatment systems – open portion <sup>2</sup>	100	
Wastewater treatment works <sup>3,4,5</sup>	400	
CHEMICALS:		
Transmission pipelines (including but not limited to fertilizer, liquid petroleum, or anhydrous ammonia) <sup>6</sup>	100	200
Chemical and mineral storage or preparation areas, including areas for spray materials, commercial fertilizers, or chemicals that may contaminate groundwater, except for liquid propane gas (LPG)	150	
Liquid hydrocarbon storage tanks, except for LPG	100	
LPG storage tanks	15	

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<b>ANIMALS:</b>		
Animal enclosures (such as confinement buildings or open feedlots)	100	200
<b>Animal Wastes:</b>		
Storage basins or lagoons, or runoff control basins	1000 <sup>5</sup>	
Solids stockpiles, solids settling facilities, or storage tanks	100	200
<b>WATERBODIES:</b>		
Flowing streams, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, wetlands, or drainage channels <sup>7</sup>	25	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>		
Anaerobic lagoons <sup>5</sup>	1000 <sup>5</sup>	
Solid waste landfills and disposal sites <sup>8</sup>	1000	
Roadside ditches and road rights-of-way	15	
Cisterns, well pits (containing a well head), yard hydrants, or frost pits	10	
Property lines <sup>9</sup>	4	
Land application of septage <sup>10</sup>	500	
Land application of sewage sludge	200	
<b>CONVEYANCES:<sup>11</sup></b>		
Gravity sanitary sewers and sanitary sewer force mains including those carrying water treatment plant wastes:		
Water main materials <sup>12</sup>	25 <sup>13</sup>	
Standard sanitary sewer materials <sup>12</sup>	50 <sup>13</sup>	
Storm sewers, general minimums	10	
Independent clear water drains or pump house floor drains	10	
Building sewer service lines and laterals <sup>14</sup>	10	

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Added onsite text.**Commented [98]:** Differentiates this "onsite system" term from the one in new Ch. 90.**Commented [99]:** Clarifies "closed" & "open" portion.**Commented [100]:** New #3 - clarifies terms & exemptions.**Commented [101]:** Moved from old 64.2(3).**Commented [102]:** New #4 - new SD exemption for indust. upgrades for existing industrial private wells.**Commented [103]:** New #5 - from old 49.6(2).**Commented [104]:** New #6 - text from old table.**Commented [105]:** New #7 - existing text from IWFDs.**Commented [106]:** New #8 - old #2; clarified.**Commented [107]:** Old #3 - moved to new #2.**Commented [108]:** New #9 - text from old table.**Commented [109]:** New #10 - new reference to specific land app regs in Ch. 68.**Commented [110]:** New #11 - old #2 in old Ch. 43 Table A.**Commented [111]:** New #12 - added to specify "materials".<sup>1</sup>"Deep and well" and "shallow wells" are defined in rule 567—409.2(455B).<sup>2</sup>PSDS (private sewage disposal system) is defined in 567—subrule 69.1(2). For the purposes of this table, "onsite treatment system" includes any wastewater treatment system not included in the definition of a PSDS (i.e., provides treatment or disposal of domestic sewage from more than four dwelling units or 16 or more individuals on a continuing basis) that is utilizing wastewater treatment technologies described in 567—Chapter 69 to treat domestic waste. Closed portion refers to the part of a treatment system that is fully contained and does not allow effluent or pretreated effluent to enter soil or groundwater (e.g., septic tank or impervious vault toilet). Open portion refers to the part of a treatment system that allows effluent or pretreated effluent to discharge into soil or groundwater for treatment or disposal (e.g., soil absorption system or unlined ISSF system). These SDs also apply to septic systems that are not considered privately owned.<sup>3</sup>For the purposes of this table, "wastewater treatment works" includes lagoons and mechanical treatment plants as described in this superscript. The term "lagoons" includes aerated lagoon systems, advanced aerated lagoon systems, and waste stabilization lagoons, as defined in 567—subrule 81.1(1), and holding ponds, equalization basins, and sludge digestion or holding tanks, as described in the Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards (IWFDs). The term does not include lagoons used to dispose of water treatment plant wastes and anaerobic lagoons used for animal wastes (as noted in superscript 5). The SD from lagoons shall be measured from the water surface. The term "mechanical treatment plants" includes activated sludge systems and fixed film biological treatment systems, as defined in 567—subrule 81.1(1), and any other wastewater disposal system that is not a PSDS, an onsite treatment system, or a lagoon.<sup>4</sup>The SD between an existing, nonpotable, deep or shallow private well and an industrial treatment works may be reduced from 400 feet to 200 feet to accommodate the expansion of an existing industrial treatment works, provided the well and the treatment works share the same ownership.<sup>5</sup>The 400-foot SD between a private well and an anaerobic lagoon, earthen manure storage basin, earthen manure slurry storage basin, or runoff control basin shall be 1,000 feet. If an applicant for a private well construction permit demonstrates through percolation testing that the seepage loss through the lagoon or basin does not exceed 1/16 inch per day (0.0625 inch/day), the SD shall be 400 feet. The percolation test shall meet the requirements of ASTM D1587/D1587M-15 and 567—subrule 65.15(11).<sup>6</sup>These private well SDs apply only if a more restrictive setback is not set by the pipeline owner.<sup>7</sup>Includes drainage channels that may have a direct connection to the groundwater table or a surface water.<sup>8</sup>Solid waste, when referring to landfills and disposal sites, means garbage, refuse, rubbish, and other similar discarded solid or semisolid materials, including but not limited to such materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities.<sup>9</sup>Private sewage disposal system is defined in 567—subrule 69.1(2). Open portions of treatment systems include subsurface absorption systems, mound systems, intermittent sand filters, constructed wetlands, open bottom media filters, and waste stabilization ponds. Closed portions of treatment systems include septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, fully contained media filters, and impervious vault toilets. These separation distances also apply to septic systems that are not considered privately owned.<sup>10</sup>This distance applies unless a mutual easement is signed and recorded by both parties.<sup>11</sup>Septage shall be land applied in accordance with 567—Chapter 68.<sup>12</sup>The SDs are dependent upon two factors: the type of piping that is in the existing sewer or drain, as noted in the table, and that the piping was properly installed in accordance with the standards.<sup>13</sup>These are the type of materials or pipe used to construct the type of sewer, main, or drain as specified, in accordance with 567—subrule 43.3(2) and Section 2.4 of the IWFDs.



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<sup>13</sup>The 25- and 50-foot SDs do not apply to private closed-loop geothermal wells. The SD between closed-loop geothermal systems and both gravity sanitary sewers and sanitary sewer force mains shall be 10 feet.

<sup>14</sup>The SD for building sewer service lines and laterals shall be considered the minimum distance when constructing sewer lines and shall be increased where possible to provide better protection.

**49.6(2) Exception to minimum lateral distances.** The minimum separation distance between a well and an anaerobic lagoon, earthen manure slurry storage basin, earthen manure storage basin, or runoff control basin shall be 400 feet if the lagoon or basin was permitted by the department after January 1, 1989, or if the applicant demonstrates through percolation testing that the seepage loss through the lagoon or basin does not exceed 1/16 inch per day (0.0625 inch/day). The percolation test shall meet the requirements of ASTM D1587 and 567—subrule 65.15(11).

**49.6(3) Frost pits.** Wells are not permitted to be located within frost pits. Frost pits that do not contain wells are permitted for the purpose of housing pressure tanks and valves, for example, provided the frost pits are not located closer than ten feet from any well.

**49.6(4) Relation to buildings.** The well shall be located so that no building interferes with reasonable access for cleaning, treatment, repair, testing, inspection, and other maintenance. Wells shall not be located in basements.

**49.6(5) Easements.** No well shall be located on a property not owned by the well owner unless an easement allowing such placement is reviewed and approved by the administrative authority and the easement is legally recorded.

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**567—49.2(455B) General construction requirements.** Wells shall be planned and constructed to adapt to the geologic and groundwater conditions of the proposed well site to ensure both the reasonable utilization of every natural protection against contamination of the water-bearing formation(s) and the exclusion of possible sources of contamination, to attempt to produce bacterially safe water which is free of health-related problems.

**49.2(1) Water used in construction.** Water used in the construction process shall be obtained from a potable water source that will not result in well contamination of the well. Water used for drilling water shall be treated with 3 pints of 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite solution per 100 gallons of water, or 0.25 pounds of 65 percent calcium hypochlorite per 100 gallons of water, or other additives to produce an equivalent concentration of chlorine residual (50 ppm).

**49.2(2) Wellhead.**

**a.** The upper terminal casing of all wells shall extend at least 12 inches above established grade or pump house floor, or the 100-year flood level, whichever is higher. A well cap or sanitary seal shall be installed immediately following well completion. A well cap shall be used on an exposed well; a sanitary seal only on a well terminating within a wellhouse. Any openings in the cap or seal, such as for pump wiring or water depth measurement, shall be properly grommited or sealed, except for properly screened and oriented vent openings.

**b.** The ground surface immediately adjacent to the well casing shall be compacted and graded so that surface water is diverted away from the casing. Well platforms are not recommended, except other than those used as pump house floors as indicated in 49.12(2).

**49.2(3) Criteria for well interference protection.** 567—Chapter 54 provides an administrative process for owners of nonregulated wells to receive compensation for well interference caused by permitted uses. To be eligible for compensation due to well interference, nonregulated wells constructed after July 1, 1986, must shall be constructed to allow for some potential well interference.

**a.** Allowance for potential well interference is accomplished by constructing a nonregulated well to anticipate a lowering of the well's static head, of the well which may be caused by interference from a nearby permitted use well.

**(1) a.** The well shall must be drilled deep enough to allow for setting the pump setting at least 10 feet or half the normal pumping drawdown, whichever is greater, below the initial recommended setting depth.

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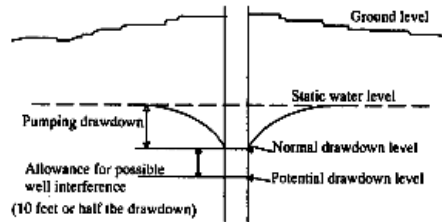
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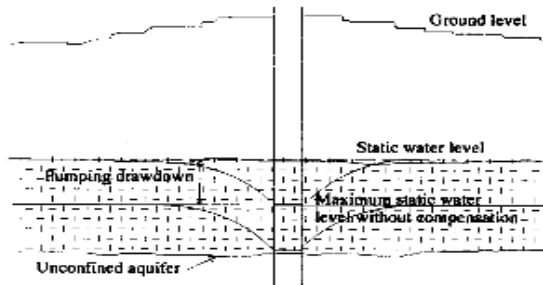
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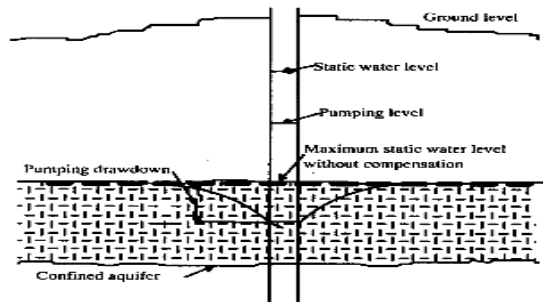
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(2) If the well draws from an unconfined aquifer, the static water level may drop to half the saturated thickness of the aquifer before well interference is considered, if the calculation in (1) above should indicate a shallower depth. Shallow aquifers that are only slightly confined may be classified as unconfined aquifers for this purpose.



(3) Where a well penetrates a confined aquifer, the static water level is protected only to the top of the aquifer if the calculation in (1) above should indicate a deeper level.



(4) Protected levels for flowing wells will be considered the top of the confined aquifer or 100 feet below the surface, whichever is higher. Flowing wells shall be constructed to accommodate a pump capable of supplying a sufficient water supply at protected levels.

(5) The well design also needs to consider drought and reduced well efficiency. (Additional information is provided contained in 567—Chapter 54.)

b. A well that is used to withdraw more than 25,000 gallons of water per day requires a water use permit from the Iowa department of natural resources. Upon obtaining such a permit, the well is considered a permitted use.

(1) If a permitted use exists prior to the construction of a well without a water use permit, no compensation

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for well interference will be allowed unless a significant change in the permitted use occurs.

(2) A physical change to withdrawal facilities may be considered a significant change to a permitted use (e.g., moving the withdrawal location, installing a new well, or installing a higher capacity pump).

(3) A person desiring to construct a well not requiring a water use permit should first obtain information concerning nearby permitted use wells. The department ~~of natural resources will~~ shall provide information on permitted use wells upon request.

~~49.97(4) Access port for water level measurement of water levels.~~ Permitted use wells shall be equipped with an access port having a minimum diameter of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. The access port shall be fitted with a threaded cap or plug and be located to allow insertion of a steel tape or electric probe into the well for water level measurements ~~of water levels~~. When a spool type of pitless adapter is used ~~which that~~ obstructs clear access to the water, a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe shall be attached to the spool and brought to the surface below the well cap to allow water level measurements. Wells not requiring a water use permit should be constructed with an access port for water level measurement for possible future well interference concerns.

~~49.97(5) Interconnection of aquifers. There may be local confining beds that serve an important protective function. Permitted use wells shall use casing and grouting to maintain a hydraulic separation between distinct aquifers separated by confining intervals. Hydraulic separation of distinct aquifers for extreme caution should be exercised in the construction of non-permitted use wells is not required; however, caution should be taken to prevent aquifer contamination, and the if allowing the well to connect aquifers across confining intervals, particularly in areas where that would open the aquifer to surficial contamination, i.e., in areas where the upper rock unit is unconfined or contains less than 40 feet of unconsolidated materials. The administrative authority shall be consulted for possible local regulations when interconnection of aquifers across confining intervals is anticipated.~~

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#### 567—49.108(455B) Types of well construction.

##### ~~49.10(1) 49.8(1)~~ Drilled wells.

##### a. ~~Non-bedrock wells. Drilled wells in unconsolidated materials.~~

(1) ~~Casing~~ depth. In no case shall less than 20 feet of permanent solid casing be installed in wells drilled in unconsolidated materials. If the alluvial aquifer where the water is to be drawn from is covered by less than 40 feet of low permeability materials, the well screen shall be set at the bottom of the water-bearing aquifer or at least 60 feet from the surface. ~~(Deeper depths may be required if nitrate contamination is excessive.)~~ If more than 40 feet of low permeability materials are present above the aquifer, the casing shall extend down at least to the top of the aquifer.

##### (2) Grouting.

1. Grout shall be placed to a minimum depth of 40 feet or along the full length of the casing where less than 40 feet of casing is set. Grouting the full length of the casing below 40 feet may be necessary to isolate any contaminated water lenses or aquifers.

2. If a layer of low permeability material at least 5 feet thick is encountered less than 40 feet from the surface, the grout may be terminated no less than 5 feet below the top of this low permeability material, but in no case less than 20 feet from the ground surface.

3. Grout ~~shall must~~ be placed in accordance with 49.119(3), except when driving casing. When driving casing, a cone-shaped depression or temporary outer casing that is filled with bentonite products must be maintained around the well casing ~~#8 mesh bentonite or bentonite grout must be maintained around the outside of the casing~~. The bottom of the driven casing ~~shall must~~ be equipped with a drive shoe.

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##### (3) Annular space.

1. The ~~borehole diameter of the borehole~~ shall be at least three~~3~~ inches greater than the outside diameter of the well casing to the minimum grouting depth.

2. When steel well casing pipe is installed using percussion methods, the annular space shall be at least five~~5~~ inches greater than the outside diameter of the well casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet.

(4) If the depth of casing is greater than 40 feet, the annular space below 40 feet may be filled with heavy drilling fluid taken from the borehole as long as the top 40 feet of annular space is properly grouted. In this case, the annular space below 40 feet shall be kept as small as possible to avoid settling.

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b. Bored and augered non-bedrock wells with concrete, fiberglass, or clay tile casing. The casing shall be at least 18 inches in diameter and buried-slab construction is required.

(1) Casing.

1. The top of the concrete, fiberglass, or vitrified clay pipe casing shall be terminated not less than 10 feet below ground surface and extend to a minimum depth of 20 feet.

2. Casing shall be fitted with a reinforced concrete, fiberglass, or steel plate, into which a watertight steel or thermoplastic casing is firmly embedded in or connected to a pipe that is cast or welded into the plate.

3. The embedded casing shall be at least 5 inches in diameter and shall extend from the plate to not less than 12 inches above established grade or the 100-year flood level, whichever is higher.

4. A pitless adapter shall be installed below frost depth on newly installed plastic or steel casing.

(2) Grout. A 12-inch grout seal shall be poured over and around the plate.

(3) Annular space. The annular space between the steel or thermoplastic casing and the borehole shall be backfilled with clean compacted soil free of debris or large organic material. During the backfilling process, the earth shall be thoroughly tamped to minimize settling. Grading around the well shall then be accomplished in accordance with 49.9(2).

c. Bedrock Wells Drilled wells in consolidated material.

(1) Minimum Casing depth. Casing shall extend to a depth of at least 40 feet and be seated in firm rock. When the uppermost bedrock consists of creviced limestone or dolomite that does not produce water, the casing shall extend through the creviced formation, be seated in firm rock, and be properly grouted.

(2) Grouting.

1. For bedrock wells, full-length grouting of the casing is strongly recommended. Grout shall be placed to a minimum depth of 40 feet in accordance with 49.119(3), except when driving casing using percussion or casing-hammer/rotary drilling.

2. When driving casing, a cone-shaped depression or temporary outer casing that is filled with bentonite products #8 mesh bentonite or bentonite grout must shall be maintained around the outside of the casing. The bottom of the driven casing shall must be equipped with a drive shoe.

3. If a layer of low permeability material at least 5 feet thick is encountered less than 40 feet from the surface, the grout may be terminated no less than 5 feet below the top of this low permeability material, but in no case less than 20 feet from the ground surface.

4. Where local conditions warrant, the administrative authority may require more extensive grouting to protect any aquifer(s) that are penetrated.

(3) Annular space.

1. The borehole shall be at least three<sup>3</sup> inches greater than the outside diameter of the well casing for the upper 40 feet or the minimum grouting depth.

2. When steel casing pipe is installed using percussion, or casing-hammer/rotary methods, the annular space shall be at least five<sup>5</sup> inches greater than the outside diameter of the well casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet.

3. When bedrock wells are full-length pressure-grouted through the casing, the borehole diameter shall be three<sup>3</sup> inches larger than the outside diameter of the casing for the minimum depth of at least 25 feet.

(4) If the depth of casing is greater than 40 feet, the annular space below 40 feet may be filled with heavy drilling fluid taken from the borehole as long as the top 40 feet of annular space is properly grouted. In this case, the annular space below 40 feet shall be kept as small as possible to avoid settling.

(5) In fractured rock, where circulation of slurry cannot be maintained, grouting may be done with bentonite chips. The chips shall be hydrated with one gallon of water per bag of bentonite.

49.8(2) Bored and augered wells in unconsolidated materials. For bored or augered wells with concrete or clay tile casings at least 18 inches in diameter, buried-slab construction is required.

a. Casing. The concrete or vitrified clay pipe casing shall be terminated not less than 10 feet below ground surface and extend to a minimum depth of 20 feet. The casing shall be fitted with a reinforced concrete or steel plate into which a watertight steel or thermoplastic casing is firmly imbedded in or connected to a pipe cast or welded into the plate. This casing shall be at least 5 inches in diameter and shall extend from the plate to not less than 12 inches above established grade or the 100-year flood level, whichever is higher. A pitless adapter shall be installed below frost depth on the newly installed plastic or steel casing.

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~~b. Backfilling annular space. A 12-inch grout seal shall be poured over and around the plate. The annular space between the steel or thermoplastic casing and the borehole shall be backfilled with clean compacted soil free of debris or large organic material. During the backfilling process, the earth shall be thoroughly tamped to minimize settling. Grading around the well shall then be accomplished in accordance with subrule 49.7(2).~~

~~49.10(2)49.8(3) Driven, and direct push, and sandpoint wells. Sandpoint wells are typically Well construction in sandy areas with a high water table. Groundwater in these areas is often susceptible to contamination. This type of construction is not recommended for potable water supplies supply. These types of Sandpoint wells shall meet the requirements of this chapter, except for casing depth and grouting requirements.~~

~~49.10(3)49.8(4) Flowing artesian wells.~~

~~a. Drilling operations shall extend into but not through the formation confining the water. The casing shall then be installed and the annular space full-length pressure-grouted and allowed to set. After the grout is set, the drill hole shall be extended into the confined water-bearing formation.~~

~~b. Flow control from the well shall be provided by valved pipe connections or a receiving tank set at an altitude corresponding to that of the artesian head. Under no circumstances shall the water flow uncontrolled to waste.~~

~~c. A direct connection between the discharge pipe and a receiving tank, sewer, or other source of contamination is prohibited.~~

**567—49.119(455B) Material standards.** All materials utilized in well water construction shall conform to the standards ~~and guidance of the AWWA, API, ASTM, and NGWA of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the American Petroleum Institute (API), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and the National Ground Water Association (NGWA),~~ except as modified by ~~this rule~~ these standards.

~~49.119(1) Water well casing.~~

~~1a. Steel well casing and couplings.~~

~~(1) Steel well casing pipe shall have the weights and dimensions and weights specified in Table II 49.9(1) "a"(4). Well casing pipe shall be new steel pipe meeting one of the following standards:~~

- ~~1. ASTM A-53-96,~~
- ~~2. ASTM A-106-95,~~
- ~~3. ASTM A-589-95a - Type I, II or III,~~
- ~~4. API SPEC 5CT (5th Edition, 4/1/95),~~
- ~~5. API SPEC 5D (3rd Edition, 8/1/92), or~~
- ~~6. API SPEC 5L (41st Edition, 4/1/95).~~

~~(Copies of these standards are available for inspection at the Des Moines office of the department of natural resources records center or may be obtained for personal use from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959, or the American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.)~~

~~(2) Each length of casing shall be legibly marked in accordance with API or ASTM marking specifications with showing the manufacturer's or processor's name or trademark, size in inches, weight in pounds per foot, whether seamless or welded (type of weld), and the API or ASTM specification or trade monogram.~~

~~(3) All casing pipe joints shall be watertight welded construction or threaded couplings.~~

~~(4) Minimum casing pipe and coupling weights and dimensions are shown in Table II below as follows:~~

**Table II - 49.9(1) "a"(4) Minimum Casing Pipe and Coupling Weights and Dimensions**

Size (inches)	Weight (lbs/ft)		Pipe				Couplings	
	Threads & Coupling	Plain End	Thickness (inches)	External Diameter (inches)	Internal Diameter (inches)	Threads per inch	External Diameter (inches)	Length (inches)
1	1.70	1.68	.133	1.315	1.049	11-1/2	1.576	2-5/8
1-1/4	2.30	2.27	.140	1.660	1.380	11-1/2	1.900	2-3/4
1-1/2	2.75	2.72	.145	1.900	1.610	11-1/2	2.200	2-3/4
2	3.75	3.65	.154	2.375	2.067	11-1/2	2.750	2-7/8
2-1/2	5.90	5.79	.203	2.875	2.469	8	3.250	3-15/16
3	7.70	7.58	.216	3.500	3.068	8	4.000	4-1/16

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4	11.00	10.79	.237	4.500	4.026	8	5.200	4-5/16
5	15.00	14.62	.258	5.563	5.047	8	6.296	4-1/2
6	19.46	18.97	.280	6.625	6.065	8	7.390	4-11/16
6-5/8 OD	20.00	19.49	.288	6.625	6.049	8	7.390	4-11/16
7 OD	20.00	19.54	.272	7.000	6.366	8 R	7.657	4-11/16
8	29.35	28.55	.322	8.625	8.071	8	9.625	5-1/16
10	41.85	40.48	.365	10.750	10.136	8	11.750	5-9/16
12	51.15	49.56	.375	12.750	12.090	8	14.000	5-15/16
14 OD	57.00	54.57	.375	14.000	13.250	8	15.000	6-3/8
16 OD	65.30	62.58	.375	16.000	15.250	8	17.000	6-3/4
18 OD	73.00	70.59	.375	18.000	17.250	8	19.000	7-1/8
20 OD	81.00	78.60	.375	20.000	19.250	8	21.000	7-5/8

R = Round Threads

## b. Thermoplastic casing and couplings.

(1) Materials. Thermoplastic well casing pipe and couplings shall:

1. Be new polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) material having a minimum pressure rating of 200 psi produced to and meeting one of the following standards: the ASTM F 480-12, standard or ASTM D2241-09, AWWA C-900-16, or ASTM 1785-21; and

2. shall have an standard dimension ratio (SDR) of 21, 17, or 13.5, a dimension ratio (DR) of 18 or 14, or a SCH schedule 40 or 80 rating, depending upon the specification. Styrene rubber thermoplastic well casing pipe, including ASTM F 480, may not be used.

(2) Potable water standards. The thermoplastic well casing pipe, pipe couplings, cement, primer, and other components used shall be approved for well casing pipe in potable water supplies by the NSF Standard Number 61-2016 or the health effects portion of NSF Standard Number 14-2012 as they relate to well casing pipe, or an approved equivalent organization.

(3) Markings. Each length of casing shall be legibly marked with showing the manufacturer's or processor's name or trademark, the size in inches, and the ASTM F 480 specification or trade monogram.

(4) Casing joints. The thermoplastic pipe shall be assembled with either flush-threaded joints, integral-bell, solvent-cemented joints, one-piece solvent-cemented couplings, or a nonmetallic restrained joint system in accordance with a manner according to the specifications in ASTM F 480-12.

(5) Hydraulic collapse pressure for plastic casing. The following table provides specifications for maximum hydraulic collapse pressure (in feet of water head) to which PVC well casing of different strengths can be installed.

Table 49.9(1) "b"(5) PVC WELL CASING  
Maximum Hydraulic Loading (in feet of water head) (+)

SIZE	ASTM F 480 or ASTM 2241-09			C-900		ASTM 1785-21	
	SDR 21	SDR 17	SDR 13.5	DR 18	DR 14	SCH 40	SCH 80
4"	257'	496'	1,024'	—	—	353'	1,055'
4 1/2"	257'	496'	1,024'	—	—	—	—
5"	257'	496'	1,024'	—	—	236'	758'
6"	257'	496'	1,024'	490'	956'	177'	678'
8"	257'	496'	1,024'	490'	956'	121'	471'
10"	257'	496'	1,024'	490'	956'	90'	404'
12"	257'	496'	1,024'	490'	956'	74'	376'
16"	257'	496'	1,024'	490'	956'	70'	350'

(+) Determined by formulae in ASTM F 480 with Poisson's ratio of .38

(56) When cement grout is used with thermoplastic casing, the manufacturer's specifications for use shall be followed, except in the top 40 feet.

(67) Thermoplastic pipe extending above ground shall be protected from ultraviolet light exposure.

(78) Under no circumstances shall thermoplastic well casing be driven.

49.119(2) Grouting guides. Casing that is to be grouted shall have a minimum of two sets of centering guides attached to the casing so as to allow permit the for unobstructed flow and deposition of grout.

49.119(3) Grouting materials and procedures. Materials and procedures for grouting shall be as follows:

Commented [128]: Old Table 49.9(1)"b"(5) - not needed; pressure ratings are already stated above in this paragraph.



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a. *Concrete grout.* This mixture, ~~used with bored and augered wells,~~ shall consist of cement, sand aggregate, and water, in the proportion of one bag cement (94 lbs.) and an equal volume of aggregate to not more than six gallons of clean water. Concrete grout shall not be used below the water table. Admixtures to reduce permeability or control setting time ~~shall~~must meet ASTM ~~Standard C 494-1992.~~ Concrete grout may be used with ~~permission of the administrative authority~~ permission where large void spaces need to be filled.

b. *Neat cement grout.* This mixture shall consist of one bag of cement (94 lbs.) to not more than six gallons of clean water. Admixtures to reduce permeability or control setting time ~~shall~~must meet ASTM ~~Standard C 494-1992.~~

c. *Bentonite grout.* This is a mixture of water and commercial sodium-bentonite clay manufactured for the purpose of well grouting. Mixing shall be per manufacturer's specifications. Sodium-bentonite mixtures that have high viscosity but contain less than 10 percent solids are designed for drilling purposes and shall not be used as grout. Organic polymers used in grout mixtures ~~shall~~must meet NSF ~~Standard 60-2016.~~

d. *Bentonite pellets, chips, or granular bentonite.* A layer of bentonite pellets, chips, or granular bentonite not exceeding five feet may be used between the gravel pack and grout. Bentonite pellets are otherwise not permissible.

g*d.* *Exclusion.* Drilling fluids and cuttings may not be used as grouting material ~~to satisfy the minimum grouting requirements.~~

f*e.* *Application.* Grouting shall be performed by pumping the mixture into the annular space from the bottom upward through the casing or through a tremie pipe until the annular space is filled. Grouting shall be done in one continuous operation, if possible. The bottom of the tremie pipe ~~shall~~must remain submerged in grout while grouting.

g*f.* *Exceptions.* ~~If the exceptions to this method of application are the use of buried-slab, percussion, or casing-hammer/rotary methods are used to construct a well, grouting shall be performed in accordance with the proper grouting methods for these types of wells are specified in 49.10(1) and 49.10(2). Another exception is where dry bentonite is required because If slurry circulation cannot be maintained, grouting shall be performed in accordance with as described in 49.10(1) "c" (5).~~

~~49.9(4) Pitless adapters and pitless units. Rescinded IAB 7/21/04, effective 8/25/04.~~

<sup>1</sup> Effective date of 49.9(1) "a" delayed 70 days by the Administrative Rules Review Committee at its meeting held May 12, 1998.

567—~~49.12~~49.10(455B) **Well reconstruction.** All well reconstruction ~~shall~~must meet the requirements of this chapter, except for SDs. If the well feature in need of reconstruction cannot be brought into compliance with these rules, the well ~~shall~~must be properly plugged.

49.12(1) Installing a liner installation. If ~~the~~ reconstruction will involve the placement of a liner, ~~the~~ at the certified well contractor ~~shall~~must then determine whether or not the proposed reconstruction is being ~~will be~~ done in order to correct a health-related problem. Based on the determination, the ~~The reconstruction shall be performed work to be performed must then be done~~ in accordance with either paragraph 49.12(1) "a" or "b" below.

a. *Standards for ~~installation of a liner~~ installation to correct a health-related problem.*

(1) The liner shall:

1. It ~~Have~~ have a minimum of two sets of centering guides to allow the proper placement of grout, and ~~In no case shall the liner be driven into place.~~

2. (2) The liner shall ~~extend~~ extend to the ground surface or top of the pitless adapter.

(2) In no case shall the liner be driven into place.

(3) The annular space between the old casing and the liner shall be pressure-grouted in place throughout its entire length using an approved grout.

b. *Standards for ~~liner installation of a liner~~ installation to correct a problem that is not health-related.*

(1) The liner shall extend at least ten feet above the static water level or, if a caving zone is present, shall extend above this region.

(2) The liner may be pressure-grouted in place if there is a sufficient annular space for proper grout ~~application of the grout.~~

c. *Liner materials standards.* Liners ~~shall~~must meet the well casing standards ~~as defined in 49.11(1).~~ Liners may be composed of either steel or thermoplastic with a minimum inside diameter of four ~~4~~ inches. Steel

**Commented [129]:** Added to allow for a better transition from gravel pack to the grout. This practice is likely already being used by some well drillers and it is acceptable.

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liners ~~shall must~~ be new and have a minimum wall thickness of .188 inches. Plastic liners ~~shall must~~ have an ~~SDR standard dimension ratio~~ of 26 or less or ~~be a schedule rating of~~ SCH 40 or SCH 80. If the installation does not meet the definition of a liner, ~~then~~ casing material shall be used.

~~49.1249.10(2)~~ *Upper terminus*. All well reconstruction performed on the upper terminus of a well ~~shall must~~ meet the standards of this chapter, ~~except for SDs~~.

567—~~49.1349.11~~ (455B) ~~Disposal of drilling mud disposal~~. Drilling fluid and mud remaining after construction of a well shall not be disposed of in a stream or storm sewer; nor shall these materials be discharged into a sanitary sewer without permission of the owner and operator of the wastewater treatment facility.

567—~~49.1449.12~~ (455B) ~~Pumps, and pumping equipment, and wiring~~.

~~49.1449.12(1)~~ *General pump installation requirements*. ~~The installation of pumps~~ installation shall be planned and carried out so the pump will be:

- Installed so that it and its surroundings are not exposed to chemical or biological contamination;
- Properly sized so as to provide the volume of water necessary, where obtainable, for an adequate water supply;
- Designed to meet the well characteristics and not exceed the yield of the well, except for low yield seepage/storage wells;
- Installed ~~for operation~~ without repriming or breaking suction;
- Installed in ~~such a manner~~ that as to provides adequate protection against contamination of the water supply from any surface or subsurface sources; and
- ~~Installed in a manner so that it is a~~ Accessible for maintenance, repair, and removal.

~~49.1449.12(2)~~ *Lubrication*. Pump motor lubricant or coolant oil shall be ~~NSF H1 approved United States Department of Agriculture or be United States Food and Drug Administration~~ FDA Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS)-approved for incidental food contact-grade formulations.

~~49.1449.12(3)~~ *Other power pumps*. Other power pumps located over the well shall be mechanically joined to the casing or on a pump foundation or stand in ~~such a manner~~ that as to effectively seal the top of the well. A sanitary seal shall be used where the pump is not located over the well, and the pump delivery or suction pipe emerges from the top.

~~49.1449.12(4)~~ *Hand pumps or similar devices*.

a. A hand pump, hand pump head, hand pump stand, or similar device shall be constructed so that there are no openings into the interior of the pump or well casing where ~~rain or surface~~ water, dirt, insects, or animals, or other foreign matter ~~vermin~~ can enter.

b. Hand pumps shall:

- ~~(1) Be~~ provided with a casing vent as ~~described~~ defined in 567—49.17(2)(455B), and
- ~~(2) shall have~~ a closed, downward-directed spout and a sealed pump rod packing assembly; and
- ~~(3) b. A hand pump shall be~~ attached to a well casing by a sealed flange or other method approved by the administrative authority, ~~to adequately prevent the entrance of surface water, dirt, animals, insects, or other foreign matter~~. The flange shall not be less than 12 inches above a concrete slab or the ground surface.

c. Where a well casing functions as a hand pump cylinder wall, the plunger shall not be less than 25 feet below the ground surface. ~~A casing wall weep holes are not allowed is not permitted~~.

~~49.14(5)(455B)~~ *Pump wiring*. Pump wiring within the well shall be double-jacketed copper wire ~~meeting and meet the NEC National Electric Code specifications for wire sizing, unless the pump manufacturer requires a non-jacketed wire. Wire outside of the casing shall must meet, at a minimum, NEC National Electric Code specifications, at a minimum~~. Wire shall be secured to the drop pipe at a minimum of 20-foot intervals.

567—~~49.1549.13~~ (455B) *Drop pipe*.

~~49.1549.13(1)~~ *Discharge pipe*. Galvanized, black, or stainless steel drop pipe shall be minimum ~~SCH schedule~~ 40 wall thickness when threaded. Minimum SCH 10 stainless is allowed with mechanical joint type systems. PVC drop pipe shall be minimum ~~SCH schedule~~ 80 wall thickness. ~~SCH schedule~~ 80 machined PVC, brass, ~~or~~ stainless steel couplings, or equivalent thickness cast couplings (including mechanical joints).

**Commented [132]:** New 49.14 - combines old 49.12 and old 49.14.

**Commented [133]:** "Installed in a..." - Redundant.

**Commented [134]:** USDA gave H1 control to the NSF in 1998.

**Commented [135]:** Clarifies the meaning of food contact.

**Commented [136]:** Combined with first sentence of old "b".

**Commented [137]:** Combined with first sentence in "a" above.

**Commented [138]:** New 49.14(5) - moved from old 49.14 Pump wiring.

**Commented [139]:** Stakeholder suggestion. Reduces regulatory burden by allowing for the use of mechanical joints and couplings, instead of only threaded.

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shall be used with PVC pipe. Polyethylene drop pipe shall ~~meet the~~ minimum specifications of ASTM D3350-21 Standard PE3406 SDR9. Only brass or stainless steel fittings ~~can be used~~ are permitted for use on polyethylene drop pipe. If polyethylene drop pipe is used, the outside diameter of the pump ~~shall~~ must be at least one inch smaller than the inside diameter of the well casing.

**49.15**~~49.13~~(2) Check valve. For potable water installations, all pumps shall have a check valve within 20 feet of the pump for pump installations without drain-back aeration. For pump installations with drain-back aeration, the check valve shall be below the pitless adapter.

~~567—49.14(455B) Pump wiring. Pump wiring within the well shall be double jacketed copper wire and shall meet the National Electrical Code specifications for wire sizing, unless the pump manufacturer requires a non-jacketed wire. Wire outside of the casing must meet, at a minimum, National Electrical Code specifications. Wire shall be secured to the drop pipe at a minimum of 20-foot intervals.~~

**Commented [142]:** Old 49.14 Pump wiring, moved to new 49.14(5) in Pumps rule.

**567—49.16**~~49.15~~(455B) Pitless adapters and pitless units.

**49.16**~~49.15~~(1) Pitless adapters and pitless units conforming to WSC Pitless Adapter Standard—1997 (PAS-97) as promulgated by the Water Systems Council are considered ~~compliant~~ as complying with these rules. A copy of the standard is available for inspection at the Des Moines office of the department of natural resources records center or may be obtained for personal use from the Pitless Adapter Division, Water Systems Council, 1101 30th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20007.

**49.16**~~49.15~~(2) No well casing shall be cut off or cut into below ground surface except to install a pitless well adapter below the frost level.

**49.16**~~49.15~~(3) A pitless subsurface pipe connection to a well casing pipe shall be made with a weld-on, clamp-on, or bolt-on pitless adapter or weld-on or threaded pitless unit. Aboveground discharge pitless adapters with a drain-back into the well are prohibited on systems under continuous pressure.

**49.16**~~49.15~~(4) If the pitless adapter is gasketed, the opening in the casing shall be sawed to the diameter recommended by the manufacturer with a hole saw and not cut with a torch. The pitless adapter used shall have the correct curvature to fit the diameter of the casing.

~~567—49.17~~~~49.16~~(455B) Well caps, ~~and seals, and vents.~~

**49.17**(1) Caps and seals.

*a.* A well cap shall be used on any well not protected by a wellhouse and ~~shall~~ must seal tightly against the casing to ~~prevent~~ exclude surface water, dirt, insects, or any foreign matter from entering the well.

*b.* The well casing shall terminate at least one foot above the finished grade surface.

*c.* A split-top sanitary seal may only be used on a well terminating within a wellhouse.

*d.* Any openings in the cap or seal, such as for pump wiring, water depth measurement, or chemical feed, shall be properly grommeted or sealed, except ~~for~~ properly screened and oriented vent openings.

*e.* There shall be no openings through the well cap except for a factory-installed vent, air-line chemical feed, and power supply wiring, unless a proposal is submitted to and approved by the administrative authority. To be approved, ~~the~~ proposal ~~shall~~ must show that any entrance into the well cap is watertight, ~~and meets the following conditions:~~ prevents surface water from entering the water supply, is secured in position, is ~~only~~ removable with tools ~~only~~, and is resistant to weathering and corrosion.

*f.* Well pump systems that are not under continuous pressure and have no pressure tank may discharge out of the top of the well if all connections are watertight welds or grommeted openings. Venting, heights, and other cap requirements shall be met.

**49.17**(2)~~567—49.17(455B)~~ Vents. A well cap used on a well that has a pitless adapter or pitless unit ~~shall~~ must have a screened vent hole ~~at least ½ inch in diameter,~~ pointing downward, with not less than 24-mesh noncorrosive screen, ~~and that is at least ½ inch in diameter.~~ Vent openings shall terminate at least 12 inches above finished ground surface. Venting is required on all wells, except Class 3 wells or flowing wells.

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**567—49.18**(455B) Underground piping ~~and wiring.~~

**49.18**(1) Underground piping from the well casing to the pressure tank shall be a minimum 100 psi pressure

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**Commented [146]:** New 49.18(1) - was old 49.18.

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rating, NSF Standard 61, and meet ASTM standards for potable water.

~~567—49.19(455B) Underground wiring.~~ 49.18(2) Underground wiring from ~~the~~ well shall ~~either~~ be enclosed in a watertight electrical conduit extending from the entrance of the conduit into the casing to a minimum of three feet below ground level, threaded into the well cap, or sealed into the cap or casing in a watertight manner. The internal passage of the conduit shall be sealed around the wire with a nonhardening, pliable sealing compound.

**Commented [147]:** Old 49.19 - Combined with old 49.18; now new 49.18(2).

~~567—49.19(455B) Filters, water treatment equipment, and sampling faucets.~~

49.19(1) Filters and water treatment equipment shall be installed and operated in accordance with manufacturers' directions.

**Commented [148]:** New 49.19 - combined old 49.25 and 49.20.

49.19(2) In all pressure water systems, provision shall be made for collection of water samples directly from the well by installation of a sampling faucet before the pressure tank, ~~and~~ prior to encountering any water treatment equipment.

**Commented [149]:** New 49.19(1) - moved from old 49.25 Filters & WT equipment.

a. The sampling faucet shall be installed at least 12 inches above the floor, have a downturned spout, and be in an accessible location.

**Commented [150]:** New 49.19(2) - was old 49.20 Sampling faucets.

b. All sample faucets shall be metal and have a smooth (nonthreaded) outlet.

~~567—49.20(455B) Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks.~~

49.20(1) *Sizing.* ~~With the exception of tanks that utilize VFDs, the~~ Pressure tanks shall have an effective water volume large enough to ~~allow~~ require the well pump to operate at least one minute between low-pressure activation and high-pressure shut off while no water is being used by the system. The minimum ~~allowable~~ pressure ~~at the pressure tank~~ shall be set according to the manufacturer's recommendation ~~30 psi~~.

49.20(2) *Constant pressure pump.* Constant pressure/variable speed pumps shall be sized and operated at ~~the~~ minimum pressure ~~of 30 psi. Pressure tank size shall be according to manufacturer's recommendation.~~

49.20(3) *Pressure relief valve.* ~~The~~ Tanks shall have a pressure relief valve ~~of a sized according to~~ based on the pump capacity, if the pump is capable of developing pressure greater than the working pressure of any system ~~component of the system~~. The pressure relief valve shall be located prior to any shut-off valve on the distribution system side of the tank.

49.20(4) *Pressure gauge.* ~~The~~ Tanks shall have a pressure gauge capable of reading at least 100 psi.

49.20(5) *Tank appurtenances.* If a non-bladder tank is used, it shall be equipped with a means of adding or venting air from the tank to maintain the proper air-water ratio.

49.20(6) *Tank location.* Buried pressure tanks ~~are prohibited~~ shall not be permitted after July 1, 2009. If pressure tanks are not located in a residence or other heated structure, they shall be located in a buried vault or aboveground structure, should be housed in the following manner:

*a. Buried vault (frost pit).* The vault and vault opening shall be sized to allow ease of access for the installation and maintenance of necessary equipment. The vault shall be as watertight as possible, allow for drainage via drain tile or sump pump, and have at least one foot of rock or gravel. ~~The outside of the vault should be completely tiled at the base and either drain to daylight or to a sump pit that is equipped with a sump pump. The trench should be backfilled with pea gravel to one foot above the tile. All wiring in the vault shall be in watertight conduit. No buried vault shall be allowed within a 100-year flood plain. Buried vaults are not recommended because of the hazard associated with confined space entry.~~

**Commented [151]:** Clarified text. Buried vaults are allowed, but buried pressure tanks are not.

*b. Aboveground structure.* The structure and access opening shall be sized to allow the installation and maintenance of necessary equipment ~~with a minimum of inconvenience.~~ The structure shall ~~be of an all seasons design. It shall be insulated and heated to prevent tank freezing of the tank. If a poured concrete floor is provided, the top of the~~ Structures with concrete floors shall be at least four inches above the surrounding ground and be sloped to a drain or to the door to facilitate drainage ~~of the room. It is recommended that the structure be located no closer than ten feet from the well.~~ If the structure is located over the well, it shall ~~must~~ have a hinged roof or removable hatch over the well or have other provisions for pulling the well pump.

~~567—49.21(455B) Electrical connections.~~

**Commented [152]:** New 49.21 Connections - combined old 49.22 and 49.23.

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**49.21(1) Electrical connections.** At a minimum, all electrical installation shall be performed and maintained in accordance with the ~~current NEC National Electrical Code~~. A certified pump installer may perform wiring from the pump to the electrical panel unless local ordinances require additional licensing.

**Commented [153]:** New 49.21(1) - was 49.22.

**49.21(2) ~~567—49.23(455B)~~ Interconnections and cross connections.** No connection between a well or boring and another well, boring, water supply system, any chemical injection, or contamination source is allowed unless the connection is:

**Commented [154]:** Old 49.23 - combined with old 49.22; now new 49.21(2).

~~a. 1.~~ Protected by an air gap;

~~b. 2.~~ Protected by a backflow prevention ~~device~~ as approved by the department; ~~or~~

~~c. Inspected upon completion, and inspected annually by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester in accordance with 481-Chapter 476; or~~

~~d. 3.~~ Between wells or borings that meet the construction standards of this chapter, are used for the same purpose, and have equivalent quality water supply.

**567—49.2249.24(455B) Backflow prevention for chemical injection systems for nonpotable wells.**

**49.2249.24(1) Backflow ~~prevention~~ protection for irrigation.** Where a chemical injection system is connected directly to a well used for irrigation ~~and~~ that is not used as a potable water supply, a single-check spring-loaded backflow preventer shall be installed between the point of chemical injection on the pump discharge piping and the well, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The check valve shall withstand a minimum hydraulic pressure of 150 psi without leaking. The backflow device shall be provided with ~~the following~~:

a. Valving so that water can be drained from the system to prevent freezing;

b. A vacuum relief valve to prevent backsiphoning of chemicals into the well;

c. An automatic low-pressure drain at least ¾ inches in diameter, positioned so that when draining occurs liquid will flow away from the well. ~~This low-pressure drain shall be at least six inches above grade, and. The automatic low-pressure drain shall quickly drain the check valve body of water when operation of the well pump is discontinued.~~

d. A watertight seal around the check valve; ~~and.~~

e. An inspection port four inches in diameter to allow inspection of ~~check valve~~ the operation of the check valve.

**49.2249.24(2) Pump control interconnection.** The well pump and the chemical injection pump shall be electrically connected so that, when the well pump stops, the chemical pump will shut off automatically.

**567—49.25(455B) Filters and water treatment equipment.** ~~Filters and water treatment equipment shall be installed and operated in accordance with manufacturers' directions.~~

**567—49.2349.29(455B) Ground heat exchange (GHEx) closed-loop borehole systems** ~~Closed-circuit vertical heat exchangers. In addition to the other provisions of this chapter, the following provisions apply to the construction of GHEx loop systems 20 feet or greater in depth.~~ ~~closed-circuit vertical heat exchanger construction.~~

**Commented [155]:** New 49.24 - was old 49.29.

**49.2349.29(1) Piping used ~~must~~ shall be a minimum of 160 psi pressure-rated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or polybutylene and be pressure-tested with air or potable water for 15 minutes at a pressure of 1.5 times the system operating pressure, after installation in the borehole.**

**Commented [156]:** "or polybutylene" - removing polybutylene due to known issues with failure compared to HDPE.

**49.2349.29(2) Connection to piping shall** ~~must~~ use socket fusion or butt fusion joining methods.

**49.29(3) Piping must be pressure tested with air or potable water for 15 minutes at a pressure of 1.5 times the system operating pressure after installation in the borehole.**

**Commented [157]:** Moved up from (3) below, as both subrules began with "Piping must..."

**49.29(4) The annular space between the vertical heat exchanger piping and the borehole must be grouted as required in subrule 49.9(3) using an approved grouting method and material. Grout shall be placed at least in the top 40 feet. Any confining layers between aquifers shall be replaced with grout. Grouting must be performed within 24 hours of completion of the borehole.**

**Commented [158]:** Combined with new 49.23(1) (see above).

**49.23(3) 49.29(5) Only potable water, or food-grade or USP-grade propylene glycol or calcium chloride, may be used as heat transfer fluid.**

**Commented [159]:** Old 49.29(4) - Strike; redundant. The approved grouting methods & materials are in new 49.11(3), and grouting is referenced in new 49.23(6).

a. Heat transfer fluids containing additives shall be NSF certified as HT1 in the NSF White Book.



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~~b. Any other materials or additives shall must be NSF 60 certified approved for drinking water applications.~~  
~~c. Additives shall be mixed only in concentrations recommended by the manufacturer.~~

~~d. A permanent sign shall must be attached to the heat pump specifying the exact mixture of heat transfer fluid contained and stating that only approved heat transfer fluids may be used.~~

~~49.23(4)49.29(6) A flow measurement device shall must be installed on each system.~~

~~49.23(5)49.29(7) Water make-up lines to the vertical heat exchanger shall must be protected with a backflow prevention device.~~

~~49.23(6) Grouting shall be performed for the full length of the borehole via tremie pipe from the bottom upwards with the tremie submerged in grout during the entire process. The grout shall be checked for subsidence at least 24 hours after the initial grouting. If subsidence has occurred, the grouting process shall be repeated and rechecked until the borehole is fully grouted and subsidence has stopped.~~

~~49.23(7) All buried piping, including the top of vertical boreholes and the full length of horizontal piping, shall be permanently marked with magnetic tape, magnetic wire, or survey pins to allow for underground detection or utility location at the ground surface.~~

~~49.23(8) Within 30 days of GHEX borehole system installation, an as-built aerial map or engineering document shall be submitted to the permitting authority with the well record form showing the location and GPS coordinates of each vertical and horizontal borehole and all horizontal piping from the borehole into the building and vault. The permitting authority shall upload the document to the department's private well database.~~

**567—49.2426(455B) Well disinfection.** ~~All new, repaired or rehabilitated wells shall be pumped to waste until the water is free of drilling mud, drill cuttings and sand, and the water is clear. Wells and water systems shall be disinfected by the contractor following construction completion of construction and whenever any well services are have been performed. A chlorine solution such as a sodium or calcium hypochlorite shall be used. Chlorine compounds used for well disinfection must meet NSF Standard 61 and have no additives.~~

~~49.24(1) Prior to disinfection, all new, repaired or rehabilitated wells shall be pumped to waste until the water is free of drilling mud, drill cuttings, and sand, and the water is clear.~~

~~49.24(2) A chlorine solution, such as a sodium or calcium hypochlorite, shall be used for well disinfection. Chlorine compounds and any additives shall be NSF 60 (2016) certified.~~

~~49.24(3) 49.26(1) The disinfectant shall:~~

~~a. Be dispersed throughout the entire water column in the well. The disinfectant shall also~~

~~b. Be brought into contact with the inside of the well casing pipe above the static water level, and.~~

~~49.26(2) The disinfectant shall remain in the well for a minimum of two2 hours if a concentration of at least 100 mg/L chlorine is achieved, or a minimum of 24 hours if at least 50 mg/L is achieved.~~

~~49.24(4)49.26(3) For emergency situations, a contact time of a minimum of 30 minutes shall be provided at a chlorine concentration of at least 200 mg/L.~~

~~49.24(5)49.26(4) The amount of HTH or household bleach required for a chlorine concentration of 200 mg/L is given in the following Table III below:~~

**Table III49.26(4) - Amount of chlorine disinfectant required for every 25 feet of water in well**

Well casing diameter (in inches)	4	6	8	12	18	24	30	36
Amount of pelleted HTH (in ounces containing approx. 70 percent $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2$ )	0.7	1.5	2.6	5.6	13	23	36	52
Amount of chlorine bleach (in pints containing 5.25 percent NaOCl)	0.5	1.2	2.1	4.7	10.6	18.8	29.3	42.2

~~49.2426(55) Dry disinfectant shall be dissolved in a separate container of water before introduction into the well. The solution shall contain not more than eight ounces of pelleted HTH disinfectant per five gallons of water.~~

**567—49.2527(455B) Water sampling and analysis.**

~~49.2527(1) The owner of a new, reconstructed, or rehabilitated well shall submitbe responsible for submitting a water sample to a certified laboratory for coliform bacteria and nitrate analysis, or allow the~~

**Commented [160]:** "NSF 60..." - Clarified text.

**Commented [161]:** New 49.23(3)"c" - Added ensure chemical design standards are followed.

**Commented [162]:** New 49.23(3)"d" - Modified existing text for transparency and maintenance purposes.

**Commented [163]:** New 49.23(6) - Added for transparency & maintenance purposes.

**Commented [164]:** New 49.23(7) & (8) - new text; added to remove a financial burden on homeowners that occurs when historical geothermal systems have not been marked & are struck during excavation resulting in a large cost to repair or abandoned the entire system.

**Commented [165]:** The additional requirements about how to disinfect (sentences 1 & 3) moved to subrules (1) & (2) below.

**Commented [166]:** New 49.24(1) - Moved from opening paragraph of old 42.26.

**Commented [167]:** New 49.24(2) - Moved from opening paragraph of old 42.26.



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administrative authority to collect this water sample. The water sample shall be collected at least 10 days after, ~~and but~~ not more than 30 days after, a well is put into service following ~~the~~ construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation. The analysis results shall be submitted to the administrative authority.

**49.2527(2)** If the water sample analysis detects the presence of bacteria, the disinfection procedure described in ~~rule 567—49.2426~~ **(455B)** shall be repeated.

**567—49.2628(455B) Well abandonment of wells.** Abandoned wells are a contamination hazard to the water bearing formation as well as a physical hazard for people.

**49.2628(1) Plugging rules.** Abandoned wells shall be properly plugged as required in **567—Chapter 39**.

**49.2628(2) Waste disposal prohibition.** Under no circumstances shall abandoned wells be used for the disposal of debris, solid waste, septic tank sludge or effluents; ~~or~~ for any other type of unauthorized disposal of waste materials; ~~or~~ as a receptacle for field tile drainage.

These rules are intended to implement **Iowa Code chapter 455B**.

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**Commented [168]:** Clarifies that the county can perform this water sample (and should).