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This is to inform all code officials that, pursuant to a legal consent order, the Department of Community Affairs has defined the jurisdiction of code officials over private, on-site water supply systems. Jurisdiction begins at the main water supply valve required by Section 10.12.2 of the Plumbing Subcode, and extends to the distribution and removal of potable water within structures regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

Code officials do not have jurisdiction to inspect a private, on-site water supply system, nor do they have jurisdiction to approve or inspect work done by a licensed well driller or pump installer in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, installation, or removal of a private, on-site water supply system.

All proposed wells are issued a drilling permit by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection [Well Drilling, (609) 984-6831]. Municipal or county health officials shall issue the well construction permit, make site visits, and issue necessary approvals.

Note: Licensed well drillers are exempt from the requirements of a licensed electrical contractor, according to N.J.A.C. 13:31-4.2, to not more than ten feet from the point where the exterior wiring enters the building.

This is not an exemption from an electrical permit and inspection required by the State UCC. Included are the well pump motor, switches, and other electrical devices associated with the installation.