



Compliance Advisory

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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Licensed Professionals Eligible for Well Pump Installation and Repairs

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS ADVISORY?

This advisory affects any person, company, partnership, corporation, or other entity engaged in the installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, replacement or removal of well pumping equipment within the applicability of N.J.A.C. 7:9D. Such entities must comply with the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Well rules, N.J.A.C. 7:9D.

WHY IS THE DEPARTMENT ISSUING THIS ADVISORY?

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:4A-4.1, et seq. and the implementing regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:9D,¹ the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) provides a set of licensing standards to ensure that all who engage in well drilling and pump installing activities have the education, training, and experience necessary to conduct well drilling and pump installation activities in a manner that does not compromise the quality of the State's water resources or adversely impact public health. The Department's regulations provide that no person shall install, repair, remove, alter or replace a well pump or well pumping equipment or engage in such business without being a New Jersey licensed pump installer or New Jersey well driller of the proper class. A person without the proper New Jersey license may only engage in pump installing activities when in the presence of and under the onsite supervision of a New Jersey licensed pump installer or a New Jersey licensed well driller of the proper class.

This compliance advisory puts parties on notice that all well pump installation or repair activities in the State of New Jersey, including all installations and repairs of applicable appurtenances fitting within the applicability of N.J.A.C. 7:9D, must follow the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:9D. For the purposes of well construction standards, well pumps include all types of pumps, both inside the well (e.g., submersible) and outside (e.g., vertical turbine or jet pumps).

The Department is aware of pump installation and repair activities, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1.5,² in connection to water supply wells that are being conducted by unlicensed individuals,³ including but not

¹ The statutory authority for N.J.A.C. 7:9D is as follows: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq., 58:4A-4.1 et seq., 58:10A-1 et seq., and 58:12A-1 et seq. This authority includes the Water Pollution Control Act as N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq., which encompasses ground and surface water protection.

² Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1.5, "pump installing" means the installation, removal, alteration, or repair of well pumping equipment and appurtenances thereto in connection with any well including connecting lines between a well and storage tank or appurtenance thereto.

³ Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1.5, "licensee" means a driller or pump installer validly licensed pursuant to the Act and this chapter.

limited to licensed plumbers, laborers and property owners. These activities must be conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:9D, including the requirement to have a licensed individual onsite supervising an unlicensed individual's work.⁴ Prior clarification was provided by the [Department of Community Affairs' Bulletin 88-10](#), originally issued in July 1988 and last updated March 2008, regarding jurisdiction of code officials over private, on-site water supply systems. Jurisdiction of the Plumbing Subcode begins at the main water supply valve following the private, on-site water supply system.

Failure to properly conduct the installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, replacement or removal of well pumping equipment may threaten human health and the environment by introducing contamination into the water supply source and the Department will require corrective action. New Jersey licensed pump installers and well drillers of the proper class receive education, training, and experience to ensure that well pumping equipment and appurtenances are of appropriate materials and proper techniques are utilized to reduce the potential for introducing contamination into the water supply.

WHAT IS DEP DOING?

This advisory is being issued to educate the public, health departments, construction officials, Licensed Well Drillers and Pump Installers to achieve or maintain compliance⁴. The Department will continue to assist any person to achieve or maintain compliance with the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Well rules, N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1 et seq.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you are planning to install, repair, remove, alter or replace a well pump or well pumping equipment, review the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Well rules at N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1 et seq. Pump installation and repair in the State of New Jersey, fitting within the applicability of N.J.A.C. 7:9D, must follow all applicable requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:9D, including that the activities must be conducted or overseen by a Licensed Pump Installer or a Licensed Well Driller of an appropriate class⁴.

If you are made aware of any well pump or well pump equipment installations, removals, alterations, or replacements not conducted or overseen by a Licensed Pump Installer or Licensed Well Driller of an appropriate class or any activities out of compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:9D, please utilize the [Well Permitting Complaint Form](#) available on the Department's website.

Please reach out to the Department with any questions regarding the applicability of these rules and/or how to become, or obtain the services of, a properly licensed individual for well pump installation and repairs.

⁴ Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1.6(c) no person shall install, repair, remove, alter, or replace a well pump or well pumping equipment or engage in such business without being a New Jersey licensed pump installer or New Jersey well driller of the proper class or being in the presence of and under the onsite supervision of a New Jersey licensed pump installer or a New Jersey licensed well driller of the proper class.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

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WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?



The following website
can be accessed for
additional information:
[Division of Water
Supply & Geoscience
Website](#)

The Department provides a list of currently licensed
well drillers and pump installers on [DEP DataMiner](#).

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of Department requirements. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this advisory, please contact the numbers listed above.