

		<b>West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources</b>			
		<b>MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES</b>			
Section	Drinking Water	Date	December 10, 2008	Procedure #	DW-22
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The attached form, “[SW-259 Water Well and Pump Violation Report](#)” will be used as the standard methods of reporting violations of the [Water Well Regulations](#) and [Design Standards](#).

There has been some concern regarding difficulties in enforcement of regulations and design standards. This form provides a standard method of documenting allegations toward a certified water well driller, pump installer, a property owner or anyone else. It attempts to address the problems by encouraging accurate reporting and timely investigations.

This form is made freely available to local health departments, water well drillers, pump installers and the public. Local health department personnel may report alleged violations to the Office of Environmental Health Services, where further investigation will be conducted. However, if the allegation(s) are made regarding **private** water wells and the local health department is seeking **suspension or revocation of a well drillers certification**, the local health department should take the lead to investigate or assist in the investigation of the allegations, then submit any factual documents that prove or disprove the allegations to the **Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS)**. OEHS will review the investigative information and decide on a course of action within thirty (30) days of receiving the information.

Finally, if suspension or revocation of a well drillers certification is sought, the Commissioner may do this according to section **§64-19-13** of 64CSR19 “Water Well Regulations”. However, it must be proven that the certified well driller **knowingly** violated the regulations or the water well permit.

References                      [64 CSR 19, Water Well Regulations](#)  
    [64 CSR 46, Water Well Design Standards](#)

History                              Replaces DW-22 Dated April 21, 1987

Attachments                    [SW-259, Water Well and Pump Violation Report](#)