

		West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources			
		MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES			
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The Department has recently been asked to clarify requirements when a homeowner must obtain a permit to upgrade an existing water well. Our policy is:

Any work to construct, alter or modify an existing well to meet the requirements of the "[Water Well Regulations](#)" or "[Water Well Design Standards](#)" that requires the use of a drilling rig for reaming, deepening, recasing, grouting, or other operations requires a permit prior to commencing work. Abandonment of a well also requires a permit.

A permit is not required for any other upgrading or when a drill rig is used for removal or replacing pumping equipment and cleaning.

This policy has been adopted upon the recommendations of the Water Well Advisory Board and review by staff of the Office of Environmental Health Services.

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

History

Attachments