



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
Division of Water Resources
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
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Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402-2013

November 20, 2023

Certified Mail
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Haskell Mills, Jr., #750
Samuel Mills & Sons Drilling
3653 Old Spencer Road
Pikeville, TN 37367

Re: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION (Case #129561)**
Failure to place driller tag on a well
Kevin Croft
829 Shipley Farm Lane
Sale Creek, Hamilton County

Dear Mr. Mills:

Division of Water Resources staff recently conducted surface inspections on a well that you drilled. There was no Driller Tag placed on the well.

Please be advised that:

- 1) Driller Tags are to be placed on the well casing before the drill rig leaves the drill site, regardless of the status of the well pump installation, and

Rule 0400-45-09-.14 (1) states, in part:

(1) Each water well-constructed or reconstructed shall be equipped before the drill rig leaves the site with an identification tag or decal bearing a registration number. The tag and registration number shall be supplied by the Department.

T.C.A. 69-10-110 Violations – Enforcement – Penalties states, in part:

(d) Any person who violates or fails to comply with provisions of this chapter, any order of the commissioner issued pursuant to this chapter, or any rule, regulation, or standard adopted pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per day for each day of violation. Each day such violation continues is a separate violation. In addition, such person shall also be liable for any damages to the state resulting from the violation, without regard to whether any civil penalty is assessed.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION:

You are required to go to your well site and put a driller tag on your well and provide photo documentation to the Division within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Jennifer Dulin at Jennifer.Dulin@tn.gov or (423) 298-3233 or Ashby Barnes at Ashby.Barnes@tn.gov or (615) 532-0176.

Sincerely,



Jennifer H. Innes
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Chattanooga Environmental Field Office

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