



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
Division of Water Resources
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
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Rodger Swade Mooney
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Re: **PLEASE BE ADVISED**
Unlicensed Maintenance/Installation of Water Well Pump and Pumping Equipment

Dear Mr. Mooney:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources (Division) received notice that you may be in the business of installing and/or maintaining water well pump systems in the State of Tennessee.

We have reviewed the Division's records and we are unable to find a license under your name. You must immediately cease installing and performing maintenance on water well pump systems within the state of Tennessee. You may not continue this practice until you obtain the proper license(s).

T.C.A 69-10-102 WELL DRILLER and INSTALLER LICENSE REQUIRED

(d) It is unlawful, except if it is done by a licensed individual:

- (1) To engage in the business of installing, removing, or repairing geothermal wells or **water well pumps** or drop lines in geothermal wells or water wells; or*
- (2) To engage in the business of **repairing, servicing, or installing filters and water treatment devices** on geothermal wells or water wells.*

Rule 0400-45-09-.01 DEFINITIONS

"Installation of pumps" means the procedure employed in the placement and preparation for operation of pumps and pumping equipment in water wells, including all construction involved in making entrances to the well and establishing seals.

*"Repair" means work involved in deepening, reaming, sealing, installing, or changing casing depths, perforating, screening, or cleaning, acidizing, or redevelopment of a well excavation, or any other work which results in **breaking or opening a well seal.***

“Well seal” means an approved arrangement or device used to cap a well or to establish and maintain a junction between the casing of a well and the piping or equipment installed. Therein, the purpose or function of which is to prevent pollutants from entering the well at the upper terminal.

Please be advised that every person who intends to engage in the business of installing or repairing water well pumps for use in withdrawing or obtaining groundwater within the State of Tennessee must annually obtain an Installer’s License from the Division.

T.C.A. 69-10-110 Violations – Enforcement – Penalties

(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.

For your convenience, enclosed is an application form for a license and there is also a link below to the digital application form for a license. Please submit this application either via email or to the address above if you choose to apply for licensure. If you have any questions regarding the licensure process or 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.

TDEC Water Well Licensure Web Page:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/permit-permits/water-permits1/well-driller-or-installer-license.html>

Sincerely,



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