



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
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January 10, 2024

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Paint Works
John Quantos
1700 Stallings Rd.
Humboldt, TN 38343

Re: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** (Case # 130067)
Improper Well Head Completion and Repair - Installer License Required

Re: Mr. Quantos:

The Division of Water Resources (Division) received notice that you are involved in the occupation of repairing water wells within Tennessee. Specifically, a residential well located at 630 Pleasant Hill St. in Humboldt, TN that resulted in a \$1,050.00 repair bill to bring the well back into compliance with state construction standards.

In reviewing our files, we do not find a licensed individual working under Paint Works or John Quantos. You and your company must immediately cease repair work on water wells within the state of Tennessee until you obtain the proper license.

T.C.A. 69-10-102 Well Driller and Installer License Required

- (a) *It is unlawful for any well to be drilled or closed except by licensed individuals.*
- (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-.10 WELL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

- (5) *Casing*
 - (e) *Water well casing shall extend a minimum of six inches above the finished land surface unless, site conditions dictate that the well head will be better protected below ground surface and the*

upper terminus is constructed in the following manner:

Rule 0400-45-09-.01 DEFINITIONS

*“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.

“Wellhead” means the upper terminal of the well including adapters, ports, valves, seals, and other attachments.

Please be advised that every person who intends to engage in the business of installing or repairing water wells for the use in withdrawing or obtaining groundwater on water wells 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, below is a link to the application form for a license. Please submit this application either via email or to the address listed on the application by February 9, 2024. If you choose not to submit an application, please provide written notice to us by February 9, 2024, indicating that you no longer intend to continue performing repair work on water wells within the state of Tennessee. If you have any questions regarding the licensure process or this correspondence, please contact Will Little at Will.N.Little@TN.gov or (731) 202-6948, Ashby Barnes at Ashby.Barnes@tn.gov or (615) 532-0176, or Richard Rogers at Richard.Rogers@tn.gov or (615) 218-7781

TDEC Water Well Licensure Web Page:
[Well Driller or Installer License \(tn.gov\)](http://www.tn.gov/water-well-licensure)

Sincerely,



Daniel Pillow, Environmental Manager 2
Division of Water Resources
Jackson Environmental Field Office

cc: DWR - Nashville