



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Griffin Mechanical, LLC
307 Lewis Hollow Rd.
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Re: **PLEASE BE ADVISED** (Case #130405)
Unlicensed Maintenance/Installation of Water Well Pump and Pumping Equipment

To Whom It May Concern:

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 and or water treatment systems in the State of Tennessee.

We have reviewed the Division's records and we are unable to find a license of any individuals under the company name of Griffin Mechanical, LLC. Griffin Mechanical, LLC and its employees must immediately cease installing and performing maintenance on water well pump systems and or water well treatment 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.

"Installer" means any person who installs or repairs well pumps or who installs filters or water treatment devices.

"Pumps and pumping equipment" means any equipment or materials utilized or intended for use in withdrawing or obtaining ground water, including well seals in a water well. Closed loops or droplines installed in closed loop geothermal boreholes are not considered pumping equipment.

*"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**.*

"Water Treatment Equipment" means any equipment, devices or filters utilized in altering the characteristics or quality of ground water for its intended use.

"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.

Division Rule 0400-45-09-.10(1)(a) states:

No person shall construct, reconstruct, or repair, or cause to be constructed or reconstructed or repaired any water well; nor shall any person install, repair, or cause to be installed or repaired any pump, pumping equipment, water filter or water treatment device to be used on a water well except in accordance with the provisions of the Wells Act (T.C.A. §§ 69-10-101 et seq.) and these rules.

Please be advised that every person who intends to engage in the business of installing or repairing water well pumps and or installing or repairing water well treatment systems 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 Ashby Barnes at Ashby.Barnes@tn.gov or (615) 532-0176 or Richard Rogers at Richard.Rogers@tn.gov or (615) 218-7781.

Sincerely,



Ashby Barnes, P.G.
TDEC, Division of Water Resources
Drinking Water Unit

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Nashville EFO – Scotty Sorrells