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(a) Before commencing work on the construction, repair, development, hydrofracturing or abandonment of any well or geothermal system, a well contractor shall complete an application for a permit in a format acceptable to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, and such application shall be filed with the authority having jurisdiction for the issuance of a permit, as provided by section 25-130 of the Connecticut General Statutes. By filing such application, the applicant agrees that all work under the permit shall be done in strict compliance with the Connecticut Well Drilling Code, unless a special exemption from one or more of the applicable regulations has been granted by the Department of Consumer Protection.

(b) The contractor shall submit the completed, signed permit application for each well or geothermal system, with the proper fee, to the local director of health or the director's agent. The local director of health or the director's agent shall approve such permit if the proposed work to each new or existing water supply well or geothermal system conforms to sections 19-13-B51a to 19-13-B51m, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for wells, or section 25-128-41a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No well or geothermal system shall be installed, repaired or altered until such a permit has been approved and issued.

(c) Water supply well permits shall be evaluated according to their content with regard to proper separating distances as outlined in the Connecticut Well Drilling Code and section 19-13-B51d of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for water supply wells. The local director of health may approve a permit for repair to an existing private well or semipublic well that does not conform to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies when the repair allows for better protection of public health.

(d) The application for a permit by a well contractor shall include an appropriate map or plot plan, showing the location of each proposed well or geothermal bore hole on the premises in relation to roads, intersections, and other permanent land features. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or local director of health may request other information for inclusion on the map or plot plan as deemed necessary to protect public health and safety. All permit applications shall be signed by an appropriately registered well contractor.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the local director of health may grant an emergency request to construct, repair, or abandon a well or bore hole if the director determines that an emergency situation exists with respect to the necessity for the construction, repair, or abandonment of the well or bore hole and the application complies with the provisions of this subsection. A well contractor shall submit a written request, which may be electronic and sent by electronic mail, to the department and the local director of health for the municipality in which the well or bore hole that is the subject of the emergency request is located. The electronic request shall contain information regarding the precise location of the subject well or bore hole, the specific proposed work to be

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performed on the well or bore hole and the reason that is necessary to complete the work on an emergency basis. No work contemplated by the emergency request shall be started or completed until the well contractor has received approval from the local director of health or the director's agent. The local director of health shall send written approval to the well contractor. After work completion, the well contractor shall provide the department and the local director of health with written documentation attesting to and detailing the specific form and manner of the work that was completed in connection with the emergency request. Any work that is not completed in compliance with this subsection and the specific approval granted may be subject to an order of removal or other remedial action.

(f) Permit applications, permits, and completion reports may be filed or transmitted electronically as required by each recipient.

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