

Sec. 25-128-35. Scope of regulations

(a) **Well drilling contractors and registered drillers.** The regulations shall apply to any person who engages in the industry, procedures, or operation, full time or part-time, for compensation or otherwise, of obtaining water from a well or wells by drilling or other methods, or of drilling geothermal bore holes. A well drilling contractor is any person regularly offering to the general public such person's own services, or the services of any such person's employees, in the industry of obtaining water from a well for any purpose or use, or in the industry of drilling geothermal bore holes.

(b) **Abandoned wells or geothermal bore holes.** The regulations shall apply to any person who abandons and permanently discontinues the use of a well or geothermal bore hole, or to any person who is responsible by law for the abandonment of a well or geothermal bore hole except as provided by section 25-134 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(c) **Special exception for farmers.** The regulations shall not require a person who personally constructs a well on property owned or leased by such person, intended for use only for farming purposes on such person's farm, to obtain a certificate of registration or a permit, as provided by section 25-132 of the Connecticut General Statutes. A completion report shall be filed pursuant to section 25-128-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. A well that is constructed pursuant to this special exception shall not be converted to a public well unless such well was constructed by a registered well driller contractor, has a well drilling permit issued by the local director of health and a completion report, and such conversion is approved by the Department of Public Health.

(d) **Well development.** The regulations shall apply to any person who performs work on a well for the purpose of increasing the yield of a well or otherwise improving the quality or quantity of water that might be obtained from a well.

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