

Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AGENDA

Date April 1, 2025

**Location** Hybrid In Person/Virtual Meeting

In Person: 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, CO 80203

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for access to the building

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#### Oral Examinations (In-Person or Virtual) - updated 3/20/25

8:00 am - Randy Conrad, Pompano Beach, FL, Special License to Construct Monitoring Wells that do and do not penetrate through a Confining Layer using Sonic Drilling Methods (In-Person)

8:30 am - Brant McCoy, Salida, CO, Air Rotary Well Construction (In-Person)

9:00 am - Tom Dea, Denver, CO, Pumps Both (In-Person)

#### **Regular Meeting** 9:30 am

Chairperson - Christopher Sanchez, PG

Vice Chairperson - Robert Hillegas, CDPHE

The Board may refer any item contained or discussed under an agenda item to Agenda Item 18 for discussion in Executive Session

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Establish a Quorum
- 3. Distribute Google Form to Attendees to sign-in and request public comment,
- 4. Review Agenda
- 5. Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - a. February 4, 2025
- 6. Report from the State Engineer's Office
- 7. Report from the Water Quality Control Division
- 8. Report from the CWWCA Liaison



#### 9. Staff Report -

- a. Update on Examination and Licensing Activities updated 3/14/25
  - i. current contractors 241, lapsed contractors 10
  - ii. Licensing Applicants (since last BOE meeting 2/4/25) 5 approved, 4 pending
- b. Continuing Education Update updated 3/14/2025
  - i. © 2025 CE Log of Courses total of 59 courses/meetings to date (38 online, 21 in person, 3 pending)
  - ii. Jason Fegel has replaced Josh Weaver on the BOE CE Committee
- c. Well Inspection Program
  - i. Well Permit Counts
  - ii. Well Inspection Report
  - iii. Variance Report
- 10. Proposed Well Construction Rule Changes
  - a. Introduce Latest Draft and Upcoming Process
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Request Board Direct Staff to File Draft Rules with the Secretary of State
- 11. Variance Requests (Request: Approval, Approval with Modifications to Request, Approval with Requirements for Correction/Repair, Request Additional Details and Reconsider at a Later Date, Denial, Denial with Requirements for Correction/Repair, or Denial with Requirements to Abandon Existing Well/Hole)
  - a. USDA Forest Service, Buckhorn Ranger Station Well; <u>Receipt 10034376</u>; GWS-31 Denial Appeal.
  - b. Tom Dea of Pumpman Colorado on Behalf of Owner; Receipt C620254, <u>Permit 254-WCB</u>; Appeal of Denial of Variance for Methods to Abandon a well with Stuck Equipment.
  - c. BBA Water Consultants, LLC on Behalf of Owner; Appeal of Variance Request Denial for Relief from Rule 14.2.2. and Request to Approve Monitoring Well Construction Information for Proposed Conversion to Production Well:
    - i. <u>Permit 121346</u>;
    - ii. <u>Permit 121351</u>;
    - iii. Permit 121356; and
    - iv. <u>Permit 121348</u>.
  - d. BBA Water Consultants, LLC on Behalf of Owner; Appeal of Denial of Monitoring Well Construction Information for the Purpose of Conversion to Production Well.
    - i. Permit 164780; and
    - ii. Permit 164914.

- e. Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, LLC and Owner Michael Howard, <u>Permit 336820</u>; Appeal of Denial of Variance to Rules 10.4.5.2.b and 10.4.5.2.c for Non-Standard Construction of Type I Aquifer Penetrating Multiple Confining Layers.
- f. BBA Water Consultants; Creekside Ranch; Permit 67267-F; Non-Continuous Supervision by Authorized Individual for Pond Well Reconstruction; Variance Request to Rules 5.2.3 and 9.1.
- 12. Review of Active Complaints and Settlement Recommendations
  - a. Requested Board Action
    - 24-BC-035 Josh Nothnagle; <u>Permit 88062-F</u>; Installation of a Pump as an Unlicensed Contractor; Request Board Direct Staff to have AG pursue this matter in DC.
    - ii. 25-BC-001 Daniel Weber; <u>Receipt 10011375</u>; Construction of a Well as an Unlicensed Contractor; Request Board Direct Staff to have AG pursue this matter in DC.
  - b. Status Updates
    - i. 24-BC-027 Howard Crandall Jr; Lic No 1229; <u>Permit 331925</u>; Stipulated Settlement to Replace well Misconstructed in a Type I single aquifer. Replacement well constructed; waiting on evidence of Abandonment of original well.
- 13. Report from the Attorney General's Office
  - a. John Newman Attorney General Report This is a background briefing on legal issues in the written report.
- 14. Old Business
  - a. DWR Legislative Updates
    - i. HB25-1014 Increase Efficiency In Division Of Water Resources Processes
    - ii. HB25-1165 Carbon Management & Geothermal Regulation in Colorado
  - b. Greg Kennedy, Contractor License Application Review for Pump Installation in Water Systems Less than or Equal to 100 gpm. Board Review for Experience gained while working as unlicensed contractor and when experience cannot be verified because of deceased Contractors.
- 15. New Business
  - a. Draft Policy 2025-1 Clarification of Grouting Requirements for Wells Constructed with Driven Casing; Request Board Comment and Approval
- 16. Public Comment (Click Here to Sign Up)
- 17. Future Meetings
  - Tuesday May 27 Wednesday May 28, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online Potential Well Construction Rulemaking Hearing
  - b. Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online

- c. Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online
- 18. Executive Session (if needed)
  - a. 19-BC-052, 20-BC-002, 23-BC-012, 23-BC-018, David J. Weber Hearing VS District Court
  - b. Douglas Hasser et. al.: 23-BC-032
  - c. Questions About Rulemaking Hearing Process.
- 19. Report from Executive Session
- 20. Adjournment

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# **AGENDA ITEM 5**

# Approval of previous meeting minutes

February 4, 2025

Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

### Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

Please find the link to the recording here:

Recording Link

#### MINUTES February 4, 2025

#### Oral Examinations February 4, 2025 -

The below individuals appeared before the Board of Examiners to take their respective oral examinations

- Jonathan Glover, Fort Lupton, CO, Mud Rotary Well Construction and Pumps Equal To or Less than 100 GPM (Virtual)(re-examination from December 3, 2024)
- Jeff Hacking, Elko, NV, Air, Mud and Reverse Rotary Well Construction (In-Person)
- Ciriaco Vaught, Brighton, CO, Pumps Equal to or Less than 100 GPM & Pumps Greater than 100 GPM (In-Person)

**Regular Meeting** 9:30 am

Chairperson - Christopher Sanchez, PG

Vice Chairperson - Robert Hillegas, CDPHE

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#### 1. Call to Order

<u>Attendees</u> - On February 4, 2025, the Board of Examiners held its first regular meeting for 2025. Chris Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Other Board members present were Todd Hunter (Online), Tim Kunau, Robert Hillegas, and John Hunyadi. Chris Jones, Shaylee Andreatta (Online), and Laura Kalafus attended as staff of the State Engineer. Jen Mele and John Newman attended from the Attorney General's Office. Also attending were Kevin Donegan, Andy Flor, Marques Hatfield, and Nolan Tanguma, staff with the DWR Hydrogeology Section. Licensed Contractor Josh Weaver represented the Colorado Water Well Contractors Association (CWWCA).

In-person: Alex Powell, Larry Finney, Cathy Finney, Joel Hellwege, Josh Weaver, Larry Hersh, Mario Gomez, Greg Kennedy



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Virtual: David Schiowitz, Derek Turner, Doug Stephenson, Jamie Krezelok, John Shuler, Juan Londono, Kendall Burgemeister, Lawrence Fullenkamp, Lisa Voorhis, Matt Hengel, Tony Rabbio, Travis Day

#### 2. Establish a Quorum

a. All members present

#### 3. Hearing, Robert Young; 23-BC-004

a. Staff requested to vacate the hearing

#### 4. Review Agenda

- a. No changes
- b. Robert Hillegas motioned to approve the agenda. John Hunyadi seconded. Motion carried.

#### 5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- a. December 3, 2024
  - i. Chris Sanchez motioned to approve the December 3, 2024 minutes. Robert Hillegas seconded. Motion carried.

#### 6. Report from the State Engineer's Office

- a. John Hunyadi provided the report
  - i. Nothing to report

#### 7. Report from the Water Quality Control Division

- a. Robert Hillegas provided the report
  - Nothing to report

#### 8. Report from the CWWCA Liaison

- a. Josh Weaver provided the report
  - Held annual conference from January 8th through the 10th, where new officers were elected

#### 9. Staff Report

- a. Licensing Packet
- b. Update on Examination and Licensing Activities updated 2/3/2025
  - i. current contractors processed 214 complete license renewals, 22 incomplete renewals, 7 missing renewals, 3 not renewing license
  - ii. Licensing Applicants (since last BOE meeting 12/3/24) 7 approved, 3 pending
- c. Continuing Education Update updated 1/24/2025
  - i. <u>2024 CE Log of Courses</u> total of 57 courses/meetings to date (25 online, 32 in person)
  - ii. © 2025 CE Log of Courses total of 36 courses/meetings to date (18 online, 18 in person)

#### d. Well Inspection Program

- Well Permit Counts
  - 1. Chris Jones provided the report
  - 2. Issue with the generated reports identified
  - 3. Numbers for past years may still change, but general trends appear to remain unchanged
  - 4. This year's counts may change, but slightly fewer construction reports generally submitted, while pump installations, repairs, and abandonments generally increased
- ii. Well Inspection Report
  - 1. Chris Jones provided the report
  - 2. Total number of inspections are comparable to previous years
- iii. Variance Report
  - 1. Marques Hatfield provided the report

#### 10. Proposed Well Construction Rule Changes

- a. Potential Timeline Update Final Draft Now Expected March 2025
  - i. Kevin Donegan provided an overview of the proposed timeline
  - ii. Chris Sanchez confirmed that Board should plan to review the near final draft of the Rules in March
  - iii. Jen Mele confirmed that the Basis and Purpose would also be completed and ready for review in March
  - iv. Discussion regarding the previous hearing timeline and what should be expected for this process

#### b. Public Comment

- i. Travis Day
  - Requested that Board be transparent if a special meeting is held before the hearing
  - 2. Stated that contractors have been much more involved in this process as opposed to the last rulemaking process
- ii. Josh Weaver
  - 1. Stated that he has the same concern as Travis about the virtual meeting being advertised so contractors have a chance to attend
- iii. Joel Hellwege
  - Provided demonstration and statement about the inefficacy of steel casing on Type I wells
  - 2. Proposed that the Rules allow for PVC casing in Type I wells

- Proposed that Division Water Commissioners go out to do a quick, basic inspection of wells with advance notice on a limited basis per month
- 4. Stated that, based on his current research, nine states allow driven steel casing with just a bentonite seal at the bottom
- 5. Stated that the drilling community could approach manufacturers to produce thicker, heat resistant PVC casing
- Tim Kunau and Joel Hellwege discuss construction practices and state preference that Rules reflect different requirements for different areas
- 11. <u>Variance Requests (Request: Approval, Approval with Modifications to Request, Approval with Requirements for Correction/Repair, Request Additional Details and Reconsider at a Later Date, Denial, Denial with Requirements for Correction/Repair, or Denial with Requirements to Abandon Existing Well/Hole)</u>
  - a. USDA Forest Service, Buckhorn Ranger Station Well; Receipt 10034376; GWS-31 Denial Appeal.
    - i. Chris Jones presented background information
    - ii. Lawrence Fullenkamp provided further information
      - 1. Provided history of the well
      - 2. Stated that well provides safe water
    - iii. Mr. Fullenkamp clarified that water supply will primarily serve the rental residences, and staffed visitor information center
    - iv. Chris Sanchez clarified with Chris Jones that the well was constructed by the owner without a valid permit, and the current request is essentially a late registration of a well
    - v. Discussion regarding water quality tests, resulting disinfection actions, and future plans for operation/treatment
    - vi. Josh Weaver stated that well owners are protecting the public, but not the groundwater resource
    - vii. Board expressed that they would like to hold off on action until further chemistry results are obtained

#### Break from 10:51 to 10:56

- b. Mr. Sanchez confirmed with Todd Hunter that he will be abstaining from voting on items 12.b, c, e, f, g, h, i, j, and k
- c. Dave Bomhoff/Tom Dea on behalf of Well Owner; <u>Permit 22066</u>; Abandonment Variance Perforated and Grouted Interval Different than that Required by Rule 16.2 and Policy 2018-2.
  - i. Chris Jones provided background information

- ii. Chris Jones clarified with Tom Dea that the broken PVC pipe was unable to be removed from the well
- iii. Discussion regarding present aquifers and possible abandonment procedures
- iv. Chris Sanchez motioned that the Board approves a variance to Rule 16.2 and Policy 2018-2 to allow for perforation of the casing above the Fox Hills estimated to be on the order of 550 to 600 feet as well as an additional set of perforations below the base of the Lower Arapahoe estimated to be on the order of 310 to 330 feet
  - Chris Jones clarified with Tom Dea that he would be pushing a tremie as deep as possible then pumping the well full of neat cement grout from the bottom to the surface
  - 2. Motion amended to include perforated interval as determined by Staff
  - 3. Motion amended to include allowance to not have to remove the pump stuck in the well
  - 4. John Hunyadi seconded
  - 5. Motion carried
- d. Dave Bomhoff/Tom Dea on behalf of Well Owner; <a href="Permit 34842">Permit 34842</a>; Abandonment Variance Perforated and Grouted Interval Different than that Required by Rule 16.2 and Policy 2018-2.
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information.
  - ii. Chris Sanchez motioned that Board approves a variance to Rule 16.2 and Policy 2018-2 to allow for the abandonment of the well such that the well is perforated near the base of the Laramie and at the top of the Laramie, as determined by Board staff, then filled from bottom to surface using tremie pipe and neat cement. Robert Hillegas seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Dennis Blair, Lic 1221, Continuing Education Variance for In-Person Hours
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information.
  - ii. Discussion regarding relevance of AllStar Training programs and Mr. Blair's circumstances
  - iii. John Hunyadi motioned to approve a variance to Rule 8.1b and BOE Policy 2023-2 to allow the requester to utilize 8 hours of online training to satisfy the requirements. Tim Kunau seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Jackson/Shaw Taylor River Ranches LLC, <u>Permit 310295</u>, Monitoring Well conversion to Production Well denial appeal inadequate annulus Rule 10.4.4.
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information
  - ii. Board expressed preference that, if the issues are similar, they be reviewed in a batch
  - iii. Kendall Burgemeister presented overview of area, showing generally sparse development immediately surrounding these wells

- iv. David Schiowitz noted the SWL of 275 feet, perforations starting at 320 feet, with no encountered water noted above the grouted zone.
- v. Doug Stephenson stated that he does not have the notes on this situation anymore, but that he would not have provided a blanket allowance for the smaller annulus on all wells
- vi. Frank Williams stated he was not part of the discussion between Frank Roper and Doug Stephenson, but that approval would have been verbal
- vii. Chris Sanchez clarified with Chris Jones that these wells are compliant with the monitoring well requirements, but not with production well requirements.
- g. Jackson/Shaw Taylor River Ranches LLC, <u>Permit 311521</u>, Monitoring Well conversion to Production Well Variance inadequate annulus Rule 10.4.4, no grout in interval required by Rule 10.4.2.1.a for driven casing.
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information
  - ii. David Schiowitz noted the SWL of 268 feet, perforations starting at 280 feet, with no encountered water noted above the grouted zone.
  - iii. Discussion regarding local geology, initial construction, and possible action
  - iv. David Schiowitz commented that the "soft ss" referred to on the geologic log could be one of the mapped dykes in the area
    - 1. Chris Sanchez agreed with this interpretation
- h. Jackson/Shaw Taylor River Ranches LLC, <u>Permit 334117</u>, Monitoring Well conversion to Production Well Variance no grout in interval required by Rule 10.4.2.1.a for driven casing.
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information
  - ii. David Schiowitz noted the SWL of 155 feet, perforations starting at 180 feet, with no encountered water noted above the grouted zone.
  - iii. Discussion regarding local geology, initial construction, and possible action
  - iv. Travis Day stated that, the previous understanding was that, if the surface seal is present with driven casing, drillers do not need to provide a grout overlap at the base of the driven casing
    - Further stated that, if they do need that overlap, it has major implications for construction methods
      - a. Chris Jones stated that he could agree with the interpretation, but that the wording of Rule 10.4.2.1.a requires the presence of that overlap.

- v. Chris Sanchez asked why the wells were not originally permitted as production wells
  - 1. David Schiowitz responded that a number of these wells were drilled as an exploratory effort
- vi. Chris Jones asked if Board is asking Staff to interpret Rule 10.4.2.1 as requiring either a surface seal or a basal overlap, but not both
  - Board stated support for Staff to draft a policy to remove the requirement of a basal grout seal on driven casing if a proper surface seal is in place
- vii. Discussion regarding construction methodology for these wells, specifically the method of grouting the driven casing at the surface
  - 1. Question over the applicability of the Rules to driven casing with a grout seal.
- viii. Chris Sanchez motioned to approve the variance to convert permit 334117 to a production well. John Hunyadi seconded. Motion carried
- Jackson/Shaw Taylor River Ranches LLC, <u>Permit 309571</u>, Monitoring Well conversion to Production Well Variance Multiple potential construction deficiencies related to Rules 10.1.c, 10.1.d, 10.4.2.1.a, 10.4.4, 10.4.5.1.c, 14.1.1, Policy 2017-2.
  - i. Chris Jones provided background information
  - ii. David Schiowitz noted the SWL of 49 feet, perforations starting at 200 feet, with no encountered water noted above the grouted zone.
  - iii. Chris Jones confirmed that the geologic log was created with the help of a hydrogeologist
  - iv. Discussion regarding local geology, initial construction, and possible action
  - v. Chris Sanchez motioned that the Board not approve the requested variance and that they order the contractor to repair or abandon the well in accordance with the rules within a 90 day period.
    - 1. Motion amended to specify a 120-day time period.
    - 2. Robert Hillegas seconded
    - 3. Motion carried
- j. Jackson/Shaw Taylor River Ranches LLC, <u>Permit 309409</u>, Monitoring Well conversion to Production Well Variance Inadequate annulus Rule 10.4.4.
  - i. Chris Jones provided background information.
  - ii. David Schiowitz noted the SWL of 30 feet, perforations starting at 60 feet, with no encountered water noted above the grouted zone.
  - iii. Discussion regarding summary of violations for each well still without action and what actions can or should be taken

- iv. John Hunyadi motioned that Board approve a variance to Rule 10.4.4 to allow a smaller annular space on permits 310295, 311521, 334117, 309409
  - 1. Motion amended to disinclude permit 334117
  - 2. Tim Kunau seconded
  - 3. Motion carried
- k. Larry Hersh, <u>Permit 417-R</u>, Unconventional Abandonment of Well, Rule 16.1 and 16.3.
  - i. Chris Jones presented background information
  - ii. Larry Hersch and Mario Gomez provided more information regarding construction plan
  - iii. Discussion regarding current state of the well, local geology, potential construction actions, and possibility of future action with the well should the proposed "abandonment" occur
  - iv. Chris Sanchez motioned that, for permit 417-R, the Board approve the unconventional abandonment of the well with the conditions that the PVC casing is centralized in the hole at the time of grouting, that the pumping assembly is not structurally supported by the PVC casing, and that if the well falls into disrepair or is not used as part of the irrigation system for more than 2 years, then it will be plugged with neat cement.
    - Robert Hillegas asked if a future condition can be put on an abandoned well
      - a. Jen Mele clarified that it is permissible as a requirement of the abandonment
    - 2. Tim Kunau seconded
    - 3. Motion carried
  - v. Chris Jones relayed a warning from the permitting group that the additional storage of the well may need to be accounted for
- Joel Hellweg on Behalf of GWD Rainbow MLV LLC (Valerie Groves), Receipt No. 10040393 - Window Casing Grouting with Base of Cement Grout <19' bgs - Rules 10.4.2, 10.4.3 and 10.4.7.
  - i. Joel Hellweg presented background information
  - ii. Chris Sanchez confirmed with Staff that the intent of the Board was to still hear these variances during Board meetings
  - Discussion regarding "window casing" construction practice and plans for this well
  - iv. Chris Sanchez motioned to approve the variance as requested. Tim Kunau seconded.
    - Todd Hunter asked if a new rule is being written for wells with window casing

- a. Staff and Board generally agreed that this construction type can still be granted by variance
- 2. Joel Hellweg asked if Board can provide Staff with the ability to grant these variances without them being heard by the Board
  - a. Board expressed preference that these types of variances still be heard by the Board
- 3. Motion carried

#### 12. Review of Active Complaints and Settlement Recommendations

- a. Requested Board Action
- b. Status Updates
  - i. James Logue, Lic No. 1372, Complaint 23-BC-014 Resolution
    - 1. Chris Jones confirmed with the Board that he will be informing the bonding company that this complaint has been resolved

#### 13. Report from the Attorney General's Office

- a. Derek Turner/John Newman Attorney General Report This is a background briefing on legal issues in the written report.
  - Derek Turner stated that the Peterson matter was resolved while he was covering for John Newman
  - ii. Mr. Turner stated that the rest of the matters can be covered in Executive Session

#### 14. Old Business

- a. Geothermal Regulatory Study
  - i. Kevin Donegan provided an update on the geothermal regulatory study
- b. DWR Legislative Updates
  - i. <u>HB25-1014 Increase Efficiency In Division Of Water Resources Processes</u>
    - 1. Kevin Donegan summarized the bill
  - ii. HB25-1165 Carbon Management & Geothermal Regulation in Colorado
    - 1. Kevin Donegan summarized the bill
- c. Greg Kennedy, Contractor License Application Review for Pump Installation in Water Systems Less than or Equal to 100 gpm. Board Review for Experience gained while working as unlicensed contractor and when experience cannot be verified because of deceased Contractors.
  - Chris Jones presented background information
    - 1. No additional information was obtained from the contractor
  - ii. Todd Hunter asked if more information regarding the number of illegal installations under Greg Kennedy was ever found
    - 1. Chris Jones stated that no more information on this topic was found.

#### 15. New Business

#### 16. Public Comment

- a. Travis Day
  - Stated that monitoring well rules and production well rules need to be the same
  - ii. Stated that, if Staff changes the interpretation on the requirement for a grout plug overlap at the bottom of driven surface casing, it will significantly impact contractor practices
    - 1. Discussion regarding potential action for the drafting of a policy or change in enforcement
      - Board expressed that they have directed Staff to prepare a policy, and that their intent is not to have Travis seek a variance for these existing wells

#### b. Josh Weaver

- i. Stated that intent is not for the new geothermal Board member to just be a part of the geothermal world, but to have geothermal drilling experience
- ii. Asked for Todd Hunter's reasoning for abstaining from the vote on several action items
  - Todd Hunter responded that he has been called out for his discussion on several items before, specifically discussions related to the items he abstained from during this meeting
    - a. Travis Day stated that, although there may be disagreements, Mr. Hunter's input is very useful.

#### 17. Future Meetings

- a. Tuesday, Apr 1, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online
  - i. Tim Kunau stated he will not be able to attend in-person
- b. Tuesday May 27 Wednesday May 28, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online Potential Well Construction Rulemaking Hearing
- c. Tuesday, Jun 3, 2025, 1313 Sherman St., Room 318 & Online

#### 18. Executive Session

- a. Chris Sanchez motioned to enter executive session. Robert Hillegas seconded.

  Motion carried. Entered executive session at 2:50
- b. Grover Excavating and Pete Grover, Case No. 21CV30073, Garfield County District Court
- c. Bugle Mountain Custom Wood Works and Bryan Pickering, 21CV30158, La Plata County District Court.
- d. James Sykes, formerly d/b/a Triton Services: 23CV30043 (21-BC-014)

- e. 19-BC-052, 20-BC-002, 23-BC-012, 23-BC-018, David J. Weber Hearing VS District Court
- f. Douglas Hasser et. al.: 23-BC-032
- g. Chris Sanchez motioned to exit executive session. Tim Kunau seconded. Motion carried.

#### 19. Report from Executive Session

a. Jen Mele provided the report

#### 20. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

# AGENDA ITEM 9.c.i

## **Well Permit Counts**

# AGENDA ITEM 9.c.ii

Well Inspection Report

# AGENDA ITEM 9.c.iii

Variance Report

Summary of Variances - 2025 to Date			
Total WCV Requests	30		
Number Approved	22		
Infiltration Galleries	5		
Casing and Grout	7		
Contamination Offset	2		
Well Vault	1		
Abandonment	4		
Sump/rathole	2		
Misc.	9		

# AGENDA ITEM 10.a

# Introduce Latest Draft and Upcoming Process

<u>Documents</u> (Under "Rulemaking" Tab)



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

### Rulemaking Webpage and Notification List

https://dwr.colorado.gov/services/well-construction-inspection#rulemaking

#### Water Well Construction Rulemaking

Rulemaking - Water Well Construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2)

The Board of Examiners (Board) will be opening the Rules and Regulations for Water Well Construction, Pump Installation, Cistern Installation, and Monitoring and Observation Well/Hole Construction (Construction Rules) 2 CCR 402-2 in 2023. Board Staff is developing proposed changes and would like to hear from the contractors, suppliers, scientists, and engineers in the industry.

- 1. Sign up for the Rulemaking email listsery to receive notifications on proposed changes and the Rulemaking process.
  - · Visit the Notification Lists Webpage.

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- 2. Submit comments to the Board and Board Staff using the following Google Form
  - o 2024 BOE Construction Rulemaking Comment Form
- 3. For additional information on Stakeholder Meetings, please visit the Board of Examiners Meetings Webpage.
- 4. For documents associated with this rulemaking, please use the subject search box below to filter by document titles.

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<u>Open</u>	Water Well Construction Rules (2CCR-402-2)	How to Participate in the Formal Rulemaking Process			2023	Rulemaking Timelines	

- 1. Sign up to receive notifications, <a href="https://dwr.colorado.gov/public-information/notification-lists">https://dwr.colorado.gov/public-information/notification-lists</a>
- 2. Submit comments using comment form, <a href="https://forms.gle/VaAJhNRxrqPmdP7s8">https://forms.gle/VaAJhNRxrqPmdP7s8</a>
- 3. BOE Meetings Webpage, <a href="https://dwr.colorado.gov/public-information/boards-commissions/board-of-examiners-meetings">https://dwr.colorado.gov/public-information/boards-commissions/board-of-examiners-meetings</a>
- 4. Download "How to Participate in the Formal Rulemaking Process" document, <a href="https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/dwr/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=4317961&dbid=0">https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/dwr/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=4317961&dbid=0</a>



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March 2025 Proposed Rules Clean Version

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### Estimated Timeline, Subject to Change

- April 1, 2025 (BOE Meeting)
  - Present Final Draft to Board
  - Board Direct Staff to File with SoS
- Between April 1-15, 2025
  - File Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with Sec of State and COPRRR
- April 25, 2025
  - Notice Published in CO Register

### **Estimated Timeline (Continued)**

- May 9, 2025
  - Deadline to file Notice of Intent to Participate in Hearing
  - Identify Which Rules and Length of Oral Testimony at Hearing
- May 16, 2025
  - Hearing Officer Prehearing Order
  - Order and Timing of Testimony at Hearing
- May 20, 2025
  - Deadline to file Written Testimony and Exhibits
- May 27 & 28, 2025
  - Proposed Rulemaking Hearing
  - Hold May 29, 2025 for overflow
- June 3, 2025 (BOE Meeting)
  - Board Adopts Rules
- January 1, 2026
  - Effective Date?

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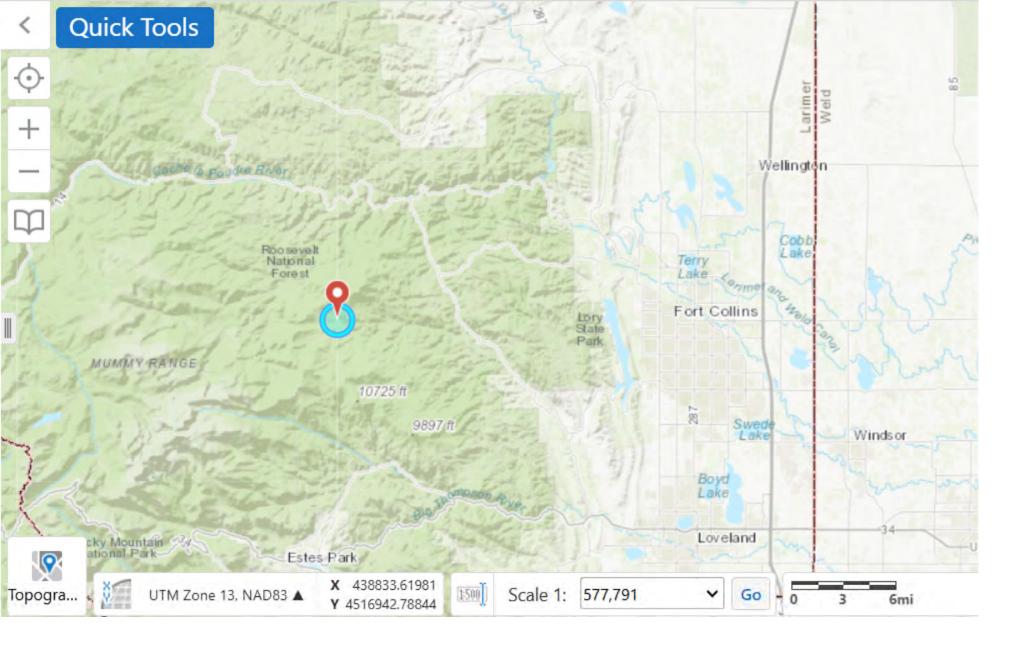
# USDA Forest Service - Buckhorn Ranger Station Well

Receipt 10034376

**GWS-31 Denial Appeal** 

### Summary

- Deficiencies Found by Staff Review
  - Annulus Rule 10.4.1 of the 1988 Rules
  - Casing Size 10.4.3 of the 1988 Rules
  - Sewerline Offset 10.2.2 of the 2016Rules
- At February 2025 BOE meeting Board requested Forest Service Provide additional water quality test results (nitrates and nitrites)
- Forest Service to provide the Board with updates and results of the water quality tests.





Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

April 26, 2024

United States of America, USDA - Forest Service % Brian Sugg 1617 Cole Boulevard, Bldg 17 Lakewood, CO 80401

RE: GWS-31 Denial, Buckhorn Ranger Station Well, 32317 West County Road 44H, Larimer County, CO, Receipt No. 10034376

An undated form GWS-31 was completed by Chris Ida on behalf of the United States of America USDA - Forest Service (owner) which documents the construction information for a water well reportedly completed on July 5, 1993. Additional documentation submitted by the Forest Service suggests Permit No. 79940 may have been issued for the property, but that permit had expired in 1977 and did not authorize the construction of a well in 1993. An email dated February 23, 2024, from Lawrence Fullenkamp of the Forest Service, indicates the well was constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation. At the time the well was reportedly constructed, the 1988 version of the well construction Rules was in effect.

Based on a review of the provided information, the well construction documented on the GWS-31 does not meet following minimum requirements of the well construction Rules:

- The construction report indicates cement grout was placed from 7 to 18.5 feet below ground surface presumably between the 8 inch diameter borehole and the 6 %" outside diameter steel casing (borehole is 1 % inches larger than casing). The borehole is less than 1.75 inches larger than the outside of the steel casing and does not meet the minimum annulus requirements presented in Rule 10.4.1 of the 1988 Rules.
- The construction report indicates the "OD" (outside diameter) of the PVC casing is 4 inches with a wall thickness of 0.265 inches. Rule 10.4.3 of the 1988 Rules requires the "nominal" diameter of the casing be no less than 4 inches. For pipes up to 12 inches in size, nominal pipe size is reported as the approximate inside diameter. The construction report appears to suggest the PVC casing has an inside (nominal) diameter of less than 4 inches.
- In an email dated April 13, 2024, Mr. Fullenkamp indicated the well is located about 41.5 feet from a sewer line. The 1988 Rule 10.2.2 requires the base of the grouted interval, be at least 100 feet from potential sources of contaminants. It is estimated the base of grout is about 45 feet from the nearest sewer line. The current well construction Rule 10.2.2 clarifies the minimum offset requirements between the well and sewer lines be at least 50 feet from the nearest sewer line. The well is located closer than the required minimum offset from the nearest sewer line.

A repair of the well does not seem feasible to correct these deficiencies. Modifications to increase annular space, change the grouted interval or change the casing size would be considered replacement of the well rather than repair.

Form GWS-31 is denied due to one or more of the deficiencies described above, and because repairs do not appear feasible to bring the well into compliance with the minimum standard of the Rules. Unless



Brian Sugg 4/26/2024 Page 2 of 2

you have other information that may clarify or correct our understanding of the well, we recommend that this well be abandoned in accordance with the requirements of the well construction Rules and that a well abandonment report (form GWS-09) be completed and submitted to the State. The Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors may be notified about the status of this unregistered well.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me (720)618-9982 or at chris.jones@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Christopher A Jones

Christopher A Jones, PE. PG. Chief Well Inspector Administrator to the Board of Examiners

Enclosures: GWS-31, photos, emails ec: lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov

BUCKHOON W.C. SENT TO G. NAGY 3-9-95

( A	WELL CONSTRUCTION AND TEST IS STATE OF COLORADO, OFFICE OF THE STATE		e only			
1.	WELL PERMIT NUMBER					
2	OWNER NAME(S)  Mailing Address  City, St. Zip  Lakewood, Colorado 80225  Phone (303) 275-5108		÷			
3.	WELL LOCATION AS DRILLED: NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec DISTANCES FROM SEC. LINES:  350 ft. from North Sec. line. and 2145  (north or south)  SUBDIVISION:  STREET ADDRESS AT WELL LOCATION:	ft. from West Sec. line. OF				
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	DATE COMPLETED 7/5/93 . TOTAL D	EPTH 250.2 ft. DEPTH COMPL	ETED 250.2 ft.			
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3. I have read the statements made herein and know the contents thereof, and that they are true to my knowledge. [Pursuant to Section 24-4-104 (13)(a) C.R.S., the making of false statements have EBB to ET ARES in Order AND						
(	ne/Title (Please type or print) Chris Ida Civil Engineer	M	Date			







Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

#### RE: GWS-31 Denial - Receipt No. 10034376 - Request for Appeal to BOE

2 messages

Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO < lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov>

Fri, Jan 24, 2025 at 4:31 PM

To: "Jones - DNR, Chris" <chris.jones@state.co.us>

<jamie.krezelok@usda.gov>, "Weddle, Tracy - FS, CO" <tracy.weddle@usda.gov>, "Cantrell, Erin - FS, CO"
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Dear Chris Jones and Board of Examiners of Well Drillers and Pump Installers:

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) desires to operate and maintain a safe and functioning water system at the Buckhorn Ranger Station. The Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the ARP worked to update water treatment systems for the Buckhorn Ranger Station with a Licensed Pump Installer (Lic# 1292 Wayne's Pump Service). Updated inspections of the well with licensed well drillers have not been possible without a permit. The ARP has contracted with an Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) for other water systems on the Forest for transient non-community water systems like the Buckhorn Ranger Station. The ARP's current ORC, Richard Hopp (Operator ID#2939), visited the Buckhorn Ranger Station in September of 2024. He provided guidance on maintaining the system to safe standards. Current water testing results from 2024 through the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (on behalf of Larimer County) do not show the presence of bacteria. Chlorination levels were tested weekly while the site was occupied in 2024. The Forest maintained chlorination levels at or above 0.4 mg/L. Drinking water was not served from the water system to employees or contractors in 2023 or 2024 until test results showed the absence of contaminants. The new treatment system was completed on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The facility is undergoing historic preservation efforts paid for in part by the State Historical Fund. The Forest Service wishes to obtain the proper permits for the well so that licensed professionals can provide the guidance and services to keep the water system safe.

The well is 122 feet from the nearest septic tank. This exceeds the minimum requirements of CCR 402-2 Rule 2 10.2.2. The well is more than 500 feet from the nearest leach field. This exceeds the minimum requirements of Rule 10.2.2. The base of the grout exceeds 50 feet from the nearest sewer line based on the calculations provided on page 20 of 2 CCR 402-2 (Figure 2). This meets the requirements of 10.2.2. The wells casing is estimated to be 1 3/8" thick. This is under 1.75" larger than the outside of the steel casing and does not meet the minimum annulus requirements presented in Rule 10.4.1 of the 1988 Rules. The outside diameter of the PVC casing was misstated in the well permit application. Without a permit the Forest Service has not been able to acquire the services of Licensed Well Drillers to inspect the well. The well has been in operation for over 30 years. Past and recent testing results are being provided with this appeal. Documentation of the installed treatment equipment upgraded in 2024 is being provided with this appeal.

The Forest Service would like to appeal the well permit application denial in hopes that we can obtain a valid well permit and can continue to work with the State and Licensed contractors and professionals to operate and maintain a safe water system. We sincerely appreciate the consideration of the appeal.



### Lawrence Fullenkamp Archaeologist

#### **Forest Service**

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#### 2 attachments



**Buckhorn Water Testing Results.pdf** 4510K



**Buckhorn Water Treatment Upgrades 2024 Drawings.pdf** 943K

#### Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

Fri, Jan 24, 2025 at 4:39 PM

To: "Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO" <lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov>

Cc: "Sugg, Brian - FS, CO" <bri> srian.a.sugg@usda.gov>, "Krezelok, Jamie - FS, CO"

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Received. I'll include the email and attachments to the Board information packet. We will email you the agenda and packet on Monday when it goes out.

Here is a link to the BOE meeting webpage where you can find information about the location of the meeting and a link for the virtual meeting: https://dwr.colorado.gov/public-information/boards-commissions/board-of-examiners-meetings

#### Thanks

Chris Jones
Chief Well Inspector
Hydrogeology Section



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**Environmental Health** 

Lab ID: ENS241009-045 Collected: 10/8/2024 2:55 PM Received: 10/9/2024 10:43 AM

Sample Site: Lawrence Fullenkamp 32317 Buckhorn Rd Purpose:

Sample Point: basement tap Sample Point ID: Facility ID:

**PWSID:** Collected By: Public, General Temp Upon Receipt, C: 4.8

**Sample Comment:** 

Result Name Free Chlorine	Result 0.40	<b>Unit</b> mg/L	Flag	<b>MDL</b> 0.02	<b>MQL</b> 0.2	MCL 4	Method: SM 4500-CI G	<b>Analyst</b> GP	<b>Date Analyzed</b> 10/8/2024 2:55 PM	Limit Comment
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Customer: LARIMER COUNTY HEALTH 1525 BLUE SPRUCE DR

FT COLLINS, CO 80524

NPDES:

Public Health

Facility:

**Analysis Report** 

Report Number: ENSG240814-008

Sample Group Comment:

Lab ID: ENS240814-021

Collected: 8/13/2024 1:25 PM

Received: 8/14/2024 9:46 AM

Sample Site: Lawrence Fullenkamp 32317 Buckhorn Rd

Purpose: Sample Point ID:

Facility ID:

Sample Point: Ranger Bath w/o screen PWSID:

Collected By: Public, General

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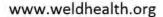






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**Analysis Report** 

Report Number: ENSG240807-004

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Sample Point: Basement tap 1 BRS PWSID:

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SM 9223B

8/8/2024 2:59 PM

Laboratory Manager:



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Report Key: MDL=Minimum Detection Limit MQL=Minimum Quantitation Limit MCL=Maximum Contamination Level



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Lab ID: ENS230524-012 Collected: 5/23/2023 12:50 PM Received: 5/24/2023 9:58 AM

Sample Site: Lawrence FullenKamp 32317 W CR 44H Purpose:

Sample Point: Exterior Pump Sample Point ID: Facility ID:

PWSID: Collected By: Public, General Temp Upon Receipt, C: 11.3-11.9

Sample Comment: WCDPHE: Upon arrival sample appears discolored.

If you have any questions about these results, please contact Larimer County Health Department, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive,

Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970)498-6775.

Coliform /E.coli test: In accordance with the microbiological standards of the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation and the Standard Methods for Drinking Water and Wastewater, the presence of any coliform bacteria renders the water potentially unsatisfactory and unsafe or non-potable. Information how to treat your well or shock chlorinate your well as well as other information can be found on the state website at: https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/drinking-water-private-wells. After well shock chlorination conformation testing is recommended to ensure the well has been disinfected.

Result Flag MDL MQL MCL Method: Result Name Unit Date Analyzed Limit Comment

CFU/100mL Coliform Present SM 9223B 5/25/2023 11:18 AM

E. Coli CFU/100mL SM 9223B Absent 5/25/2023 11:18 AM

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## 2023 Chain of Custody



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This Chain of Custody (COC) is a LEGAL DOCUMENT. All fields must be completed accurately for Larimer County Health Department Client **Drinking Water Compliance.** A completed COC indicating the tests requested must accompany all samples, up to seven (7) samples may **Address** 1525 Blue Spruce Dr be submitted on one COC. All containers should be tightly capped and properly identified. If you are a City Public Water System you must include your PWSID on the COC and indicate Sample Type, Sample Point ID, Fort Collins and Facility ID according to the system's Monitoring Schedule available at Compliance Samples No Yes State, Zip CO 80524 https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dwschedules. Failure to provide this information may prevent compliance data from being reported to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. County Larimer **PWSID** COO Field Data Requested Analysis Phone 970-498-6775 **NPDES** Lawrence, Fullen Kamp @USDA . GOU Email Quantitative Contact Information (Check if Same as Above) Chlorine Residual Other (Select on Back) Number of Containers Fullenkamo Laurence Name Coliform/E.coli P/A Coliform/E.coli Quar Gravel Pit Package Composite Sample **Nutrients Package** Suspended Solids 2150 Centre pH/Temperature **Address** Temperature °C Ammonia as N Grab Sample Fart collins State, Zip 60 Nitrate as N City Chlorinated Laurence, fullerkamp (aus Dt. 60) 970-295-6619 Phone Email BOD Collected Sample Sample Facility Raw Sample Site Address Sample Site Description Time Date Point ID ID Type DVDR 32317 W. CR441-42:40 1993 well 5/28/28 Pri Bathroom 3251 2 Exterior 60mo 3 Client: LARIMER COUNTY HEALTH 4 ENSG230524-001 Lawrence FullenKamp 32317 W CR 44H ENS230524-011 Bathroom 1993 Well 5 Total Coliform and E. coli 6 Collection Date: 5/23/2023 12:40:00 PM Comments ENSG230524-001 Client: LARIMER COUNTY HEALTH disclored. WCDPHE Line#2 your arrival sample Lawrence FullenKamp 32317 W CR 44H ENS230524-012 Exterior Pump Total Coliform and E. coli Collection Date: 5/23/2023 12:50:00 PM LEGAL DISCLOSURE By signing this Chain of Custody, I have reviewed and acknowledge that all the information is true and correct. Fullenkamo TESIN 3/23 Weld County Use Only Chain of Custody Procedural Signatures OP Time SAMPLE CONDITION Sample Volume Upon Arrival Low Excess Arrival Temperature In Relinquished By 2:49 11.9 **Holding Time** Out Analyte (Range °C) Yes suna Accepted By Received on Ice Yes No Appropriate Sample Bottles No Yes Ye No Preservatives No Type Relinquished By Sample Sealed/Intact 0959 Na2S2O3 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> HCI HNO<sub>3</sub> **Accepted By** Killan Yes No Paid





#### **Environmental Quality Laboratory**

154 General Services Building Environmental Health Services Fort Collins, CO 80523-6021 (970) 491-4837 or (970) 491-6503

To: USDA Forest Service
2150 Centre Ave Bldg. E
Fort Collins, Colorado 80526-



Date: Dec 26, 2022

#### LABORATORY RESULTS REPORT

#### **Project Overview:**

Sample(s) were submitted to Environmental Quality Laboratory for analyses on December-02-2022. We performed the following tests: Total Coliform Count SM: 9222-B, 21st Ed. (Num. of samples 1).

#### **Project Sample Results**

Project Number: 22-257P

EQL ID	Client ID	Site Name	Samp Type
22-605		Buckhorn Ranger Station	Well
		Test Performed	Results

#### **Project QA/QC Report**

EQL ID	Collected	Received	BY	Run	BY	Reported	BY	Samp. Cond.	Samp. Pres
22-605	12/2/2022	12/2/2022 11:32:00 AM	JN	12/2/2022	JN	12/3/2022	JN	Good	4C

#### **Project Conclusions:**

This sample was free of Coliform and E. Coli, but had a dirty background. This sample is potable and meets USEPA Standards.

Douglas A. Rice, Ph.D.
Laboratory Director

#### ANALYSIS FOR WATERBORNE PARTICULATES

Invoice 20040632

Filter Type: Polypropylene wound cartridge

CH Diagnostic and Consulting Service, Inc. 214 SE 19th Street, Loveland, CO 80537 Brec L. Clay, President/Treasurer; Gregory D. Sturbaum, President/Secretary

(970) 667-9789

Customer 20031455

Walsh Environmental 4888 Pearl E. Circle, Suite 108 Boulder, CO 80301

Laboratory Information

Hand Delivery; 7/26/2004; 0800 Hrs; 3°C; Wound

Results submitted by:

Sample Identification: Buckhorn Work Center, 072404

3796.355 L (1003 gal)

SOURCE: Drilled Well; 230' deep; 120' from surface water. Unchlorinated; pH 5.43 - pH 6.68; Sample Information:

10.1°C - 8.8°C; 24.68 NTU - 15.03 NTU

Sample Date & Time: 7/24/2004 02:17 PM -- » 7/25/2004 11:15 AM Sampler: Allison Haines

Filter Color: Brown

Date/Time Eluted: 7/26/2004 02:55 PM Centrifugate: 0.158 mL/100 L

RESULTS OF MICROSCOPIC PARTICULATE ANALYSIS

Amount:

Amount of sample assayed: 1.6 L

Amorphous Debris	silt (2-50 µm), clay (1-2 µm), inorganic precipitate	Timesin of Sample assayou 1.0 E
Algae	ND	
Diatoms	ND	
Plant debris	ND	
Rotifers	ND	
Nematodes	ND	
Pollen (pine)	ND	
Ameba	ND	
Ciliates	ND	
Coloriess Flagellates	ND	
Crustaceans	ND .	
Other Arthropods	ND .	
Other	ND	

Giardia and Coccidia are none detected (ND) by MPA unless reported under "Other".

Cryptosporidium Analysis was also performed, particulate extraction was modified.

Occupant and The Secretary (NEA) by INFA unless reported united. The Sample was analyzed for particulates following the Environmental Protection Apperts Company of Surface Water Using Microscopic Particulate Analysis (MPA). 1992. USEPA, Port Orchard, WA, EPA 910/3-92-029. All limitations stated in the methods apply. If HV capsule or foam filter was received, method was modified by filtering sample through a Pall Environchek. HV capsule or IDEXX Filta-Max. filter at the sample site. If Giardia and Cryptosporidium Analysis was also performed, particulate extraction was modified.

COMMENTS: Score: 0-Low Risk per EPA Consensus Method referenced above.

# Co' do Department of Health - Drinking \*\*\* ater Section REPORTING CORM FOR ORIGINAL, PHASE II, V IN. GANIC ANALYSES

SAMPLER: PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM - FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SOURCE/PLANT or COMPOSITE SET

YES [ ] or NO [ ] THESE RESULTS ARE TO BE USED TO FULFILL STATE SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

#### \*\*\*\* INSTRUCTIONS/DEFINITIONS ON BACK OF FORM \*\*\*\*

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SYSTEM ADDRES					
	Street address/PO		CITY		STATE ZIP
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COMMENTS:					
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BARIUM	< 0.5	2.0	208.1	0.2	,
BERYLLIUM	< 0.0005	0.004	210.2	0.0005	
CADMIUM	< 0.0005		213.2	0.0005	
CHROMIUM	< 0.04	0.1	218.2	0.04	
COPPER	< 0.11	1.3*	335.2	0.01	
CYANIDE	1.0	0.2 4.0	340-2	0.1	
FLUORIDE	0,029	0.015*	239-2	0.002	
LEAD MERCURY	< 0.0002	0.002	245.1	0.0002	
NICKEL	< 0.02	0.1	249.1	.0-02	
SELENIUM	< 0.005	0.05	270-2	0.01	
SODIUM	6.6	• •	273.1	0.5	
SULFATE	14.0	500.0**	375 - 4	1.0	
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Reviewed & Appr	oved by		Tit	le	Date

## STEWART ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.



Consulting Engineers and Scientists

Office & Laboratory: 214 North Howes Street P.O. Box 2285 Fort Collins, Colorado 80522 (303) 482-1348 FAX (303) 482-0531

September 19, 1994

Mr. Stephen Ellsperman U.S. Forest Service 1311 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 80524

Subject:

Laboratory Testing Results

SEC Job No.: 1162-002

Dear Mr. Ellsperman:

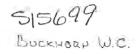
Please find enclosed the Colorado Department of Health form including the laboratory testing results for the sample received at our laboratory on August 2, 1994. We have filled in only the blanks with information available to us. Please complete the form before sending it to the Colorado Department of Health.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these analytical services and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions regarding this report, do not hesitate to contact us.

Richard G. Patterson, P.E.

Operations Manager

Enc.



## Colorado State University Soil, Water, & Plant Testing Laboratory Domestic Water Analysis Report

Date Received: 11-	03-93	Date Reporte	Date Reported: 12-15-93 Lab			
NAME	USDA F	orest Service/Chris Id	da			
ADDRESS	240 W. P	rospect				
	and the second s	ins, CO 80526				
LOCATION		County, Well (Sample	- #2 11/02/03\			
LOCATION	Laimer	Jounty, Well (Sample	5#2 - 11/02/93)			
Conductivity	195	5 μmhos/cm (E.C. x 1,0	00,000)		рН	7.0
		Recommended			Recommended	
	Result	Limits		Result	Limits	
	(mg/l)	(mg/l)		(mg/l)	(mg/l)	
Calcium	23.5		Carbonate	<0,1		
Magnesium	4.2		Bicarbonate	78.5	_	
Sodium	6.8	20	Chloride	14.4	250	
Potassium	0.7	_	Sulfate	8.1	250	
m			Nitrate	1.4	45	
Total			Nitrate as N	0.3	10	
Alkalinity as CaCO3	64	400				
as CaCO3	04	- 400	Total Dissolved Solids	120	500	
Hardness			201108	138	500	
as CaCO3	76	300				
Additional Tests:						
	(mg/l)		(mg/l)		(mg/l)	
Boron	0.01	Copper	< 0.01	Chromium	<0.01	
Phosphorus	<0.1	Zinc	2.07	Barium	0.02	
Aluminum	0,9	Nickel	< 0.01	Lead	< 0.05	
Iron	0.91	Molybdenum		Arsenic	< 0.001	
Manganese	0.23	Cadmium	<0.005	Fluoride	<0.I	
Mercury	< 0.001	Selenium	<0,001			

#### COMMENTS:

Aluminum exceeds the recommended limit of 0.2 mg/l for domestic use. Iron exceeds the recommended limit of 0.3 mg/l for domestic use. Manganese exceeds the recommended limit of 0.05 mg/l for domestic use.



Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

#### Fwd: Well Name Correction and Status of Application #10034376

1 message

Banks - DNR, Garrett <garrett.banks@state.co.us> To: Chris Jones - DNR <chris.jones@state.co.us>

Sun, Apr 14, 2024 at 11:45 AM

Hi Chris,

Please see below response from applicant regarding septic, sewer line, and other sources of contamination.

Regards.

Garrett

-- Forwarded message -

From: Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO < lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov>

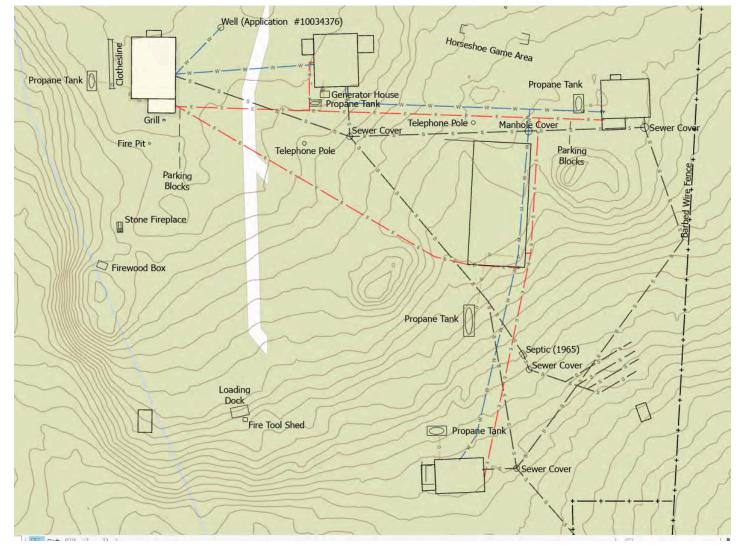
Date: Sat, Apr 13, 2024 at 9:22 AM

Subject: RE: Well Name Correction and Status of Application #10034376

To: Banks - DNR, Garrett <garrett.banks@state.co.us>

Hi Garrett,

The sewer line that feeds into the septic system is located 41.5 feet southwest from the well. The nearest Septic tank is located 105 feet to the southeast. The leech field currently used is located 425 feet southeast of the well. There is also a historic leech field from 1965 that is located 311 feet southeast of the well.



The 1965 leach field is abandoned and the currently used leach line runs to the southeast of the complex see highlighted section below:



We are not aware of any other sources of contaminants near the well. Let me know if you need any additional information or documentation. Thanks!

Larry



Lawrence Fullenkamp Archaeologist

#### **Forest Service**

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland

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From: Banks - DNR, Garrett <garrett.banks@state.co.us>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:58 PM

To: Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO <a href="mailto:subject: Re: Well Name Correction">awrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov>Subject: Re: Well Name Correction and Status of Application # 1</a>

Dear Mr. Fullenkamp,

I'm contacting you to request some additional information about the well. Could you please tell me the distance between the well and the nearest leach field, septic tank, and/or sewer line, or other source of contaminants?

Thank you,

Garrett

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 6:51 PM Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO < lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov > wrote:

Thank you Garrett!

Lawrence Fullenkamp he/him Archaeologist

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From: garrett.banks@state.co.us <garrett.banks@state.co.us>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:20:22 PM

To: Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO <a href="mailto:fullenkamp@usda.gov">fullenkamp@usda.gov</a>

Subject: Well Name Correction and Status of Application # 1

Dear Mr. Fullenkamp,

The application and well construction you submitted is being reviewed. I will contact you if additional information is needed. I've made the change on the well name in our records.

Regards, Garrett

ORIGINAL MESSAGE BELOW -----

Date: 4/4/2024

Name: Lawrence Fullenkamp

Request:

Hello, I wanted to provide a correction for the Buckhorn Ranger Station Well. The well is listed as BUCKHOM instead of BUCKHORN. I also wanted to check on the status of the application. Thank you! - Larry Fullenkamp

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#### 2 attachments



1986 Buckhorn Septic\_small.jpg 6960K



1965 Buckhorn\_Utility Plan\_smaller.jpg 708K



DWR - DNR, Permitsonline <dnr\_dwrpermitsonline@state.co.us>

#### GWS-44 Well Permit Application USDA Forest Service Buckhorn Ranger Station

Fullenkamp, Lawrence - FS, CO < lawrence.fullenkamp@usda.gov > To: "DWRPermitsOnline@state.co.us" < DWRPermitsOnline@state.co.us >

Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 8:28 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

The USDA Forest Service would like to submit the attached GWS-44 Well Permit Application for the Buckhorn Ranger Station. The Buckhorn Ranger Station well was drilled in 1993 by the Bureau of Reclamation. The Buckhorn Ranger Station is located in T. 7N, R. 72W Section 16 in Larimer County Colorado. If you need additional information to process the well permit application please let us know. Thank you!

Larry



Lawrence Fullenkamp Archaeologist

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Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

#### RE: GWS-31 Denial - Receipt No. 10034376 - Additional Information from Forest Service Unit

4 messages

Dear Christopher Jones:

Thank you for your letter dated April 26, 2024. The letter indicated that application 10034376 "is denied due to one or more of the deficiencies described above, and because repairs do not appear feasible to bring the well into compliance with the minimum standard of the Rules. <u>Unless you have other information that may clarify or correct our understanding of the well</u>". We do have additional information to provide that we hope will clarify some of the deficiencies identified.

- The distance from the well to the sewer line was measured on the ground. The distance on the ground is 47' 10" (we measured using both a
  tape measure and a laser range finder on a Trimble Geo7X). It is estimated that the base of the grout is 51.36 feet away from the nearest
  sewer line. Our previous calculations were based on GPS recordings of the well and georeferenced 1960s development and utility maps
  measured within a GIS system. Our previous measurements were not accurate. Here are photos of the measurements:
  <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/LogHRphkwqKPxLKM6">https://photos.app.goo.gl/LogHRphkwqKPxLKM6</a>
- The construction report indicated an "OD" of 4". This was an error or generalization. The PVC installed was standard Schedule 40 4" PVC that was an outside diameter of 4.5" and an inside diameter of 4.029. The Forest did not order any specialized schedule 40 PVC that does not meet the standard. The OD was misstated. It does appear that this was a common generalization at the time (examples nearby include 35182-MH, 268928-, 200569-). The Forest Service will make sure that any future statements by staff or contractors uses the correct and accurate measurements for "OD".
- Our Regional Office is providing guidance to the District office on how best to proceed with the deficiency by 1/8" of the annular space as specified by Rule 10.4.1 of the 1988 rules.

Our Regional Water Rights and Uses Program Manager has indicated that we have applied for variances throughout the state on other Forest units. Would the distance to the sewer line and PVC "OD" need to be addressed in a variance request? Or would the provided clarification and additional information that you requested be sufficient to resolve those deficiencies?

Thank you again for your letter. We share the goal of safeguarding public health and protecting the resources of the state of Colorado. We look forward to coordinating with you and value your role and assistance. Thank you.



Lawrence Fullenkamp Archaeologist

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Subject: GWS-31 Denial - Receipt No. 10034376

Garrett and Lawrence,

Kindly forward this to Mr. Brian Sugg who signed the application for late registration of the Buckhorn Ranger Station Well, receipt No 10034376. The documentation I have does not include his email address.

Attached is a denial letter for the well construction documented on form GWS-31 submitted for the Buckhorn Ranger Station Well. The letter explains the deficiencies in the well construction and why it doesn't meet the minimum standards of the well construction Rules.

Thanks

**Chris Jones** 

**Chief Well Inspector** 

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Lawrence,

Thank you for the additional information for the Buckhorn Ranger Station Well. Your explanation for the 4" PVC casing sounds reasonable; many contractors make similar mistakes in reporting the casing size on our reports. I do not have the authority to grant a post-construction variance for the offset between the well and sewerline or for the annular space in the grouted interval, thus I am unable to approve the well construction documented on the provided GWS-31 with the application under receipt 10034376. If you desire to keep this well, I recommend appealing the denial of the construction documented on the GWS-31 to the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors who have the authority to reconsider the well construction and should they choose, approve the GWS-31 for the late registration of the well.

That appeal can be heard at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The next such meeting is May 23, 2024 and the following meeting is in August 2024. We are currently finalizing the agenda for the May 23, 2024 meeting. If you want to appeal the denial, I will need you to send me a written request (email if fine) to appeal the decision, any other information that may help the Board make their decision and any repairs you might propose (if any) by May 12 when I plan to send out the Board meeting packet. If you are successful in your appeal, I would write a letter on behalf of the Board documenting their approval of the construction to DWR so that DWR could proceed with their review of the application to late register the well.

Please let me know if that is a route you would like to consider. If you would like to wait until the August BOE meeting, that is not an issue.

Thanks

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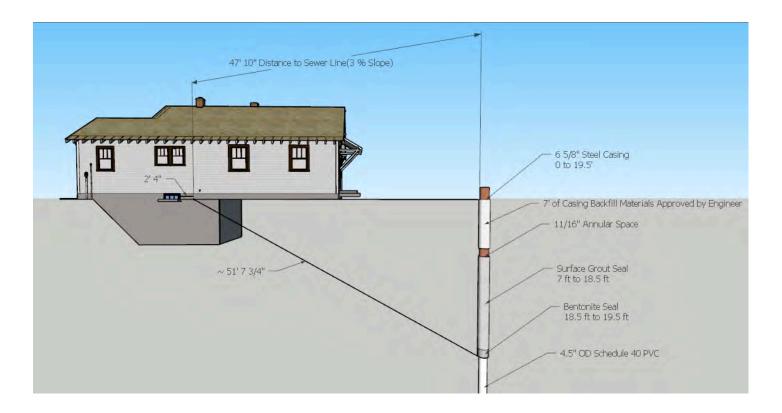
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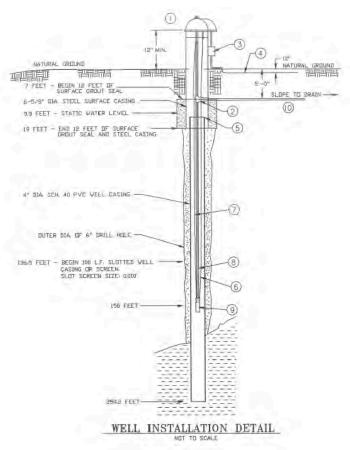
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Hi Chris,

Thank you for your phone call yesterday 5/10/2024. While the Forest Service is interested in appealing to the BOE Board meeting, it looks like we need more time to fully document and get professional guidance. We would like to delay presenting to the board until August. As I mentioned to you we have reached out to Ingram Drilling but have not heard back from them to determine if they have time available prior to the May 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting to assist us with a professional assessment of the Buckhorn Work Center Well. You provided the Forest Service with the list of approved and licensed contractors we could contact. We will continue compiling information so that we can present an organized and concise appeal. The current status of compliance with the 2 CCR 402-2 rules and the identified deficiency with rule 10.4.1 is summarized in the drawings below:





We will be compiling the water testing results as you recommended as well as other information to be fully prepared to present to the BOE. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Larry

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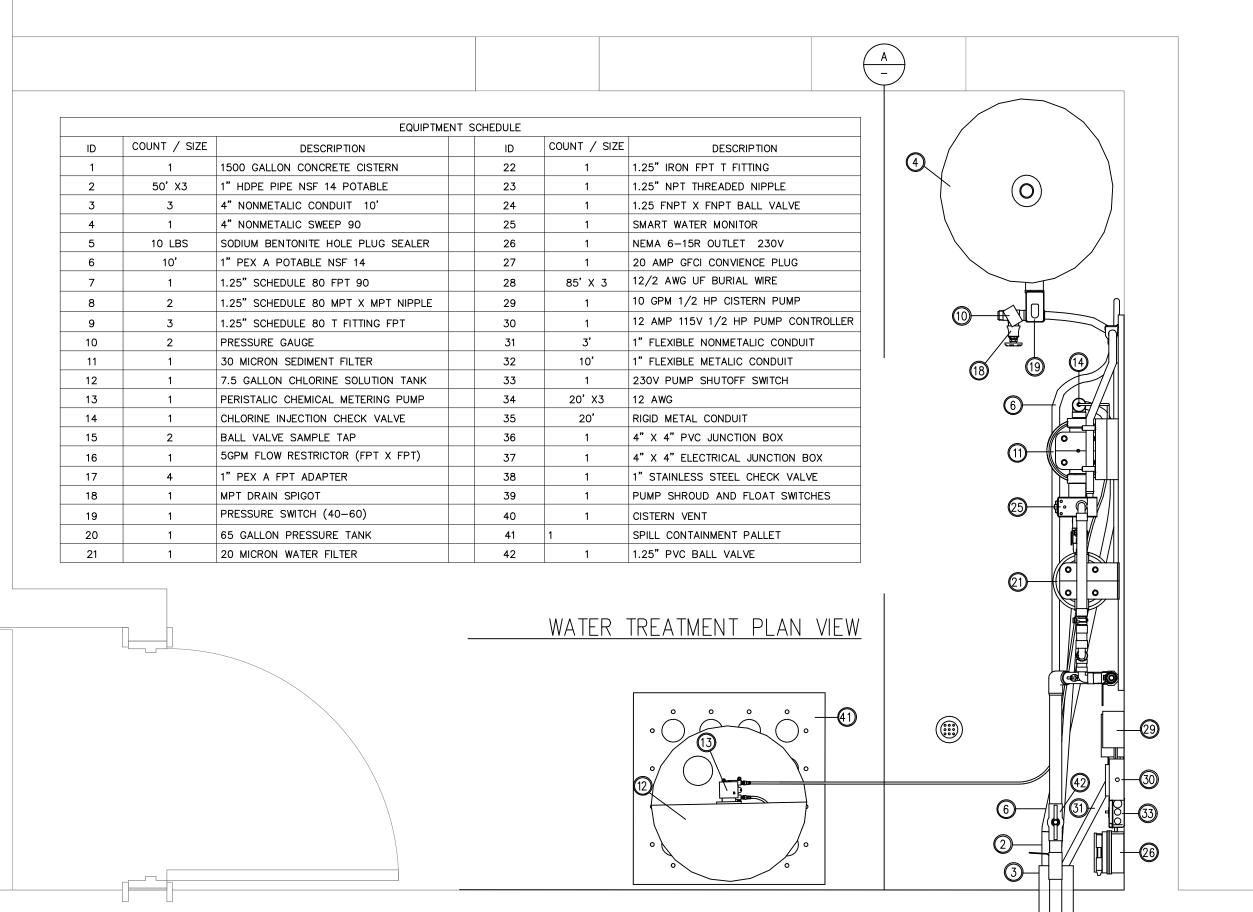
Thanks Larry. I'll make a note to put the Buckhorn well on the agenda for the August 13 meeting.

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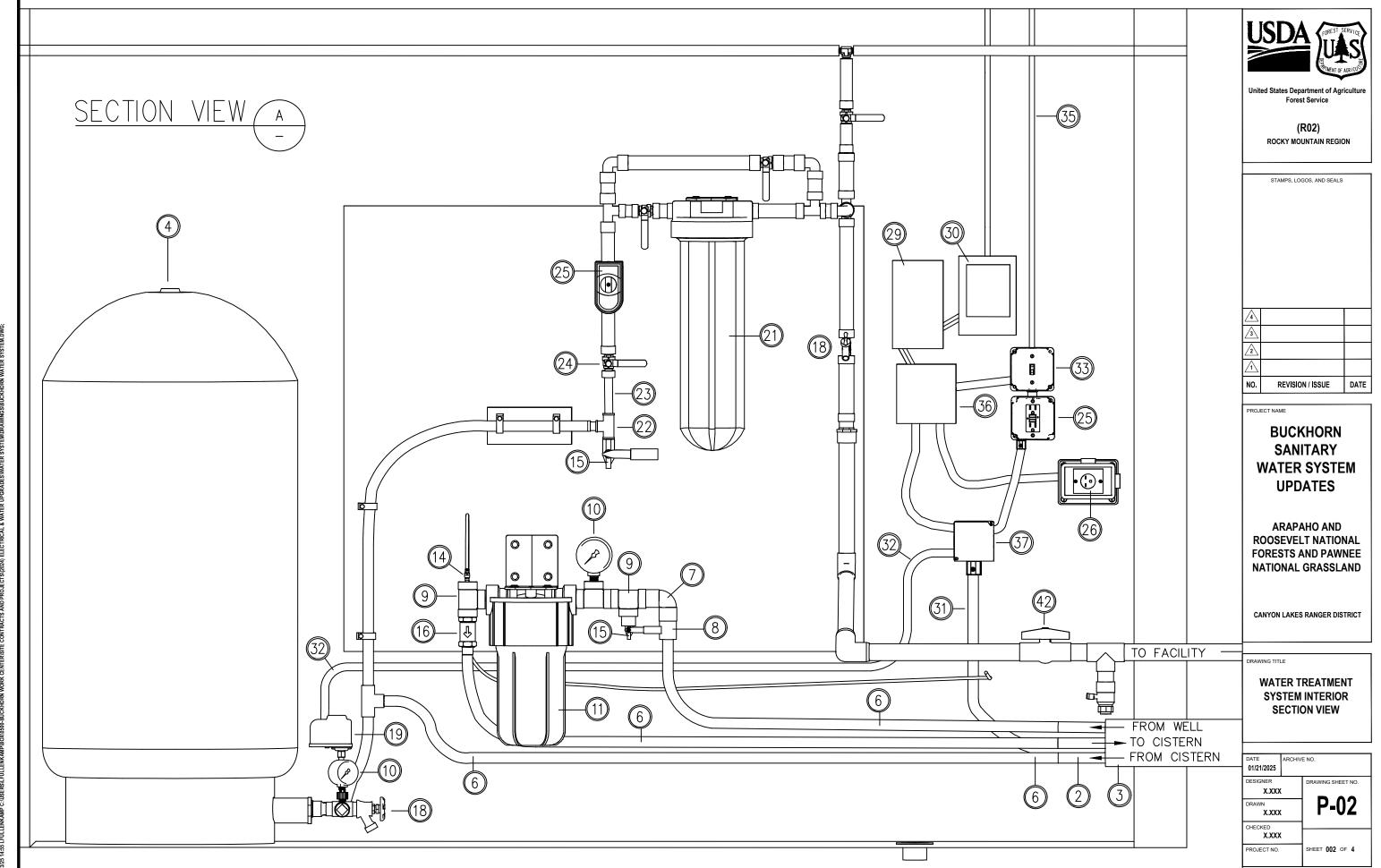
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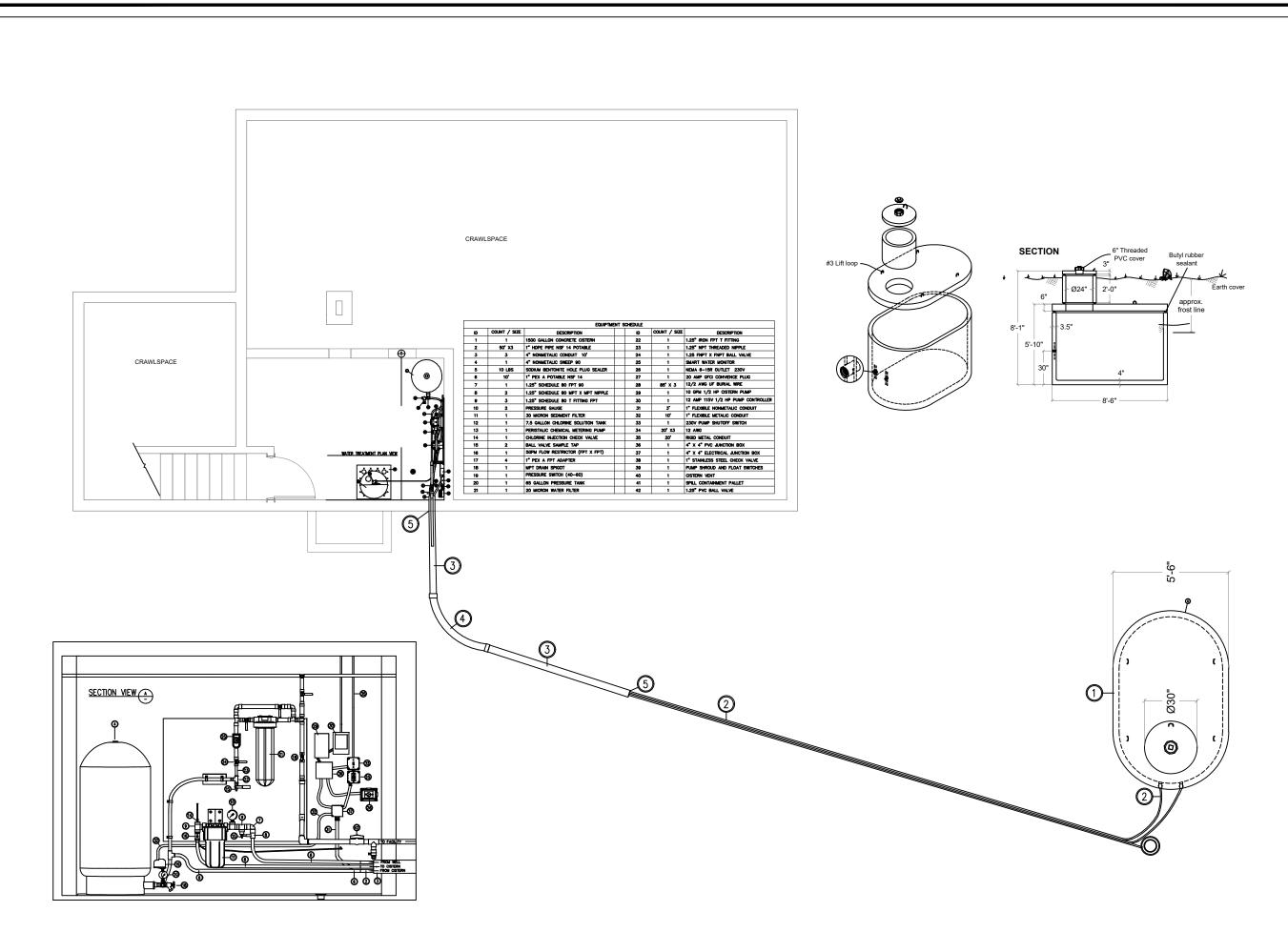
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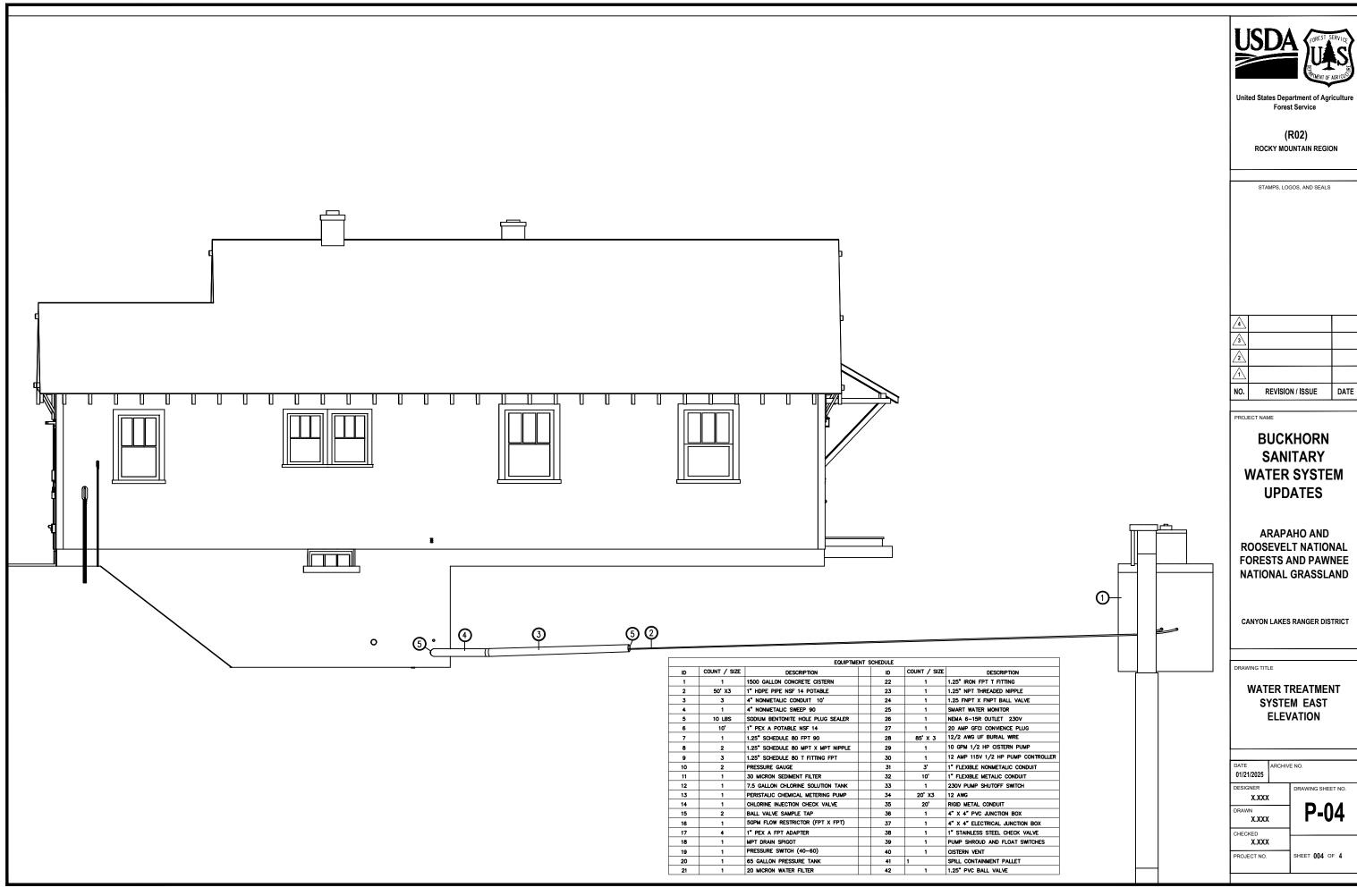
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#### MICROBIOLOGY WATER SAMPLING

- 1 Use only the sterile bottle provided, no others will be accepted.
- 2 Remove all attachments from faucet. Collect samples from cold water tap after allowing to run freely for 3-5 minutes.
- $3\,$  Do not rinse preservative from sterile bottle. Aseptically fill to the 100 mL line and cap. Do not overfill.
- 4 Microbiological sample holding time for drinking water is 30 hours from time of collection. Wastewater is 6 hours and raw water is 8 hours,
- 5 Samples should be kept cool on ice until receipt in the laboratory. Do not allow samples to freeze.

#### WATER QUALITY SAMPLING

- 1 Obtain appropriate sample bottles from the laboratory.
- 2 Collect samples for other water quality parameters after sampling for microbiological samples, or allow water to run freely for 3-5 minutes. \*For Lead and Copper sampling, see instructions on the certified metals-free sample bottle.
- 3 Return all water quality samples to the laboratory as soon as possible, not to exceed 48 hours.
- 4 For VOC screen, the lab will test for the compounds listed in the EPA testing procedure employed by the Weld County Laboratory (EPA Method 524.2). If additional compounds are detected during testing, the submitting party will be notified of the potential that additional compounds exist. However, it is the responsibility of the submitting party to seek follow-up tests to confirm the presence and quantity of any additional compounds.

# AGENDA ITEM 11.b

# Tom Dea of Pumpman Colorado on Behalf of Owner

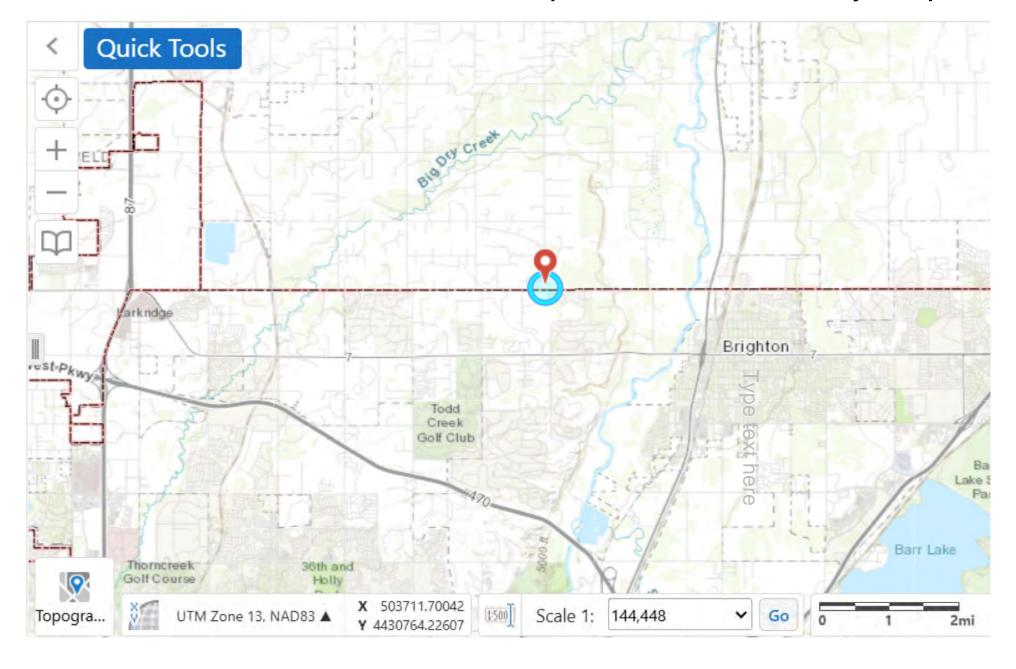
Permit 254-WCB

Appeal of Denial of Variance for Methods to Abandon a well with Stuck Equipment

## Summary

- Contractor requested that Staff provide guidance on abandonment of Permit 245-WCB.
   Staff provided intervals for ripping/perforating casing and grouting intervals based on hydrogeo review for Type 1 aquifer well (LFH) needing abandonment per Rule 16.2 and Policy 2018-2.
- Contractor claims windmill column pipe and shaft stuck in well about 42" bgs and requested variance to pour grout from the surface.
- Staff denied variance because the proposed placement methods would be unlikely to result in grout placement through the identified confining layer interval or below static.
- Staff and contractor now question if Permit 254-WCB is for the subject well; Contractor indicates he picked the closest one and suggests the well might be unregistered.
- Board to consider request to appeal the denied variance for Permit 254-WCB, or consider same requested abandonment procedures for a possible unregistered well at this location.

# Permit 254-WCB Receipt C620254 - Vicinity Map



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

February 13, 2025

Lloyd Perkins
% PumpMan Colorado
daveb@pumpmancolorado.com
tom@pumpmancolorado.com

RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-006A, Permit No. 254-WCB, Receipt C620254

On February 4, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request from PumpMan Colorado (PumpMan) to allow for the non-standard abandonment of a well constructed under permit number 254-WCB. Board Staff identified one interval requiring perforating/grouting of the casing through the confining layer between the Lower Arapahoe aquifer and the Laramie-Fox Hill aquifer from approximately 295-615 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) where the placement of grout at the time of construction was not documented. PumpMan requested the variance due to a stuck pump, pump column, and pump shaft.

The well was drilled to a depth of 760 feet, penetrating through the Lower Arapahoe (approximately surface to 295 feet), through the Laramie Formation (approximately 295-615 feet), and into the Laramie-Fox Hills (approximately 615-760 feet and extending below). The well has perforated well screen from 700-760 feet below ground surface (bgs), indicating production from the Laramie-Fox Hills. The outermost 6-\%-inch surface casing was set in heavy drilling mud, surrounding the annulus from surface to 105 feet bgs and no recorded grouted interval was indicated in the well permit file. Rule 16.2 requires the casing to be perforated or ripped opposite each confining layer (approximately 295-615 feet) if well construction records do not show that the casing opposite each confining layer was grouted when originally installed. The rule also requires the placement of a grout plug (at least 60 feet thick) at the confining layer above each aquifer (again, approximately 295-615 feet).

During an attempt to begin the well abandonment process, PumpMan began pulling up the pump, pump column, and pump shaft (windmill) with a pump rig when the pump column broke off near the ground surface and the pump column became stuck approximately 42 inches below the top of the casing. PumpMan then excavated around the wellhead with an excavator and cut off a portion of the well casing so they could get hold of the pump column. PumpMan was then able to pull up on the pump column with a crane using approximately 15,000 lbs of force when the pump column rose approximately 36 inches before becoming stuck again with PumpMan not able to lift it any further or cause it to move downward.

PumpMan proposed to abandon the well as it currently sits by cutting off the pump column and pump shaft flush with the present top of the casing. They would then flow neat cement slowly



Variance 2025-006D Permit No. 254-WCB Page 2 of 2

into the space between the well casing and the pump column. Once the neat cement reaches the top of the well casing, they propose to mushroom cap the well casing with neat cement. The variance requests a waiver from the requirement to perforate the interval from 295 through 615 feet due to a stuck pump, pump column, and pump shaft.

The stuck equipment prevents the placement of grout via positive displacement at the required intervals across from the confining layer because a tremie cannot be placed down the well casing. The proposal to pour grout from the surface introduces significant uncertainty in what interval will actually be plugged using the methods proposed even when the utmost care is taken. The static water level reported on the construction report suggest the water table could be well above the top and bottom of the confining layer interval; the presence of water in the casing could present a challenge for a grout poured from the surface to completely displace the water and maintain mix properties consistent with those expected of a cement grout meeting the requirements of Rule 10.5.1.

Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board, the request for a variance is denied for the following reason:

- The methods of abandonment are insufficient to properly place grout inside and outside of the well casing, as required by Rule 16.2, or otherwise meet the intent of the rule.
- The proposed plan does not adequately demonstrate that the method of abandonment described in the variance request will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination to Colorado's groundwater.

Please note that the individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Hydrogeology Section

ANDY FLOR, MS, PG

ec: Well Permit File, <a href="https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/C620254">https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/C620254</a>
Chris Jones, Chief Well Inspector, <a href="mailto:chris.jones@state.co.us">chris.jones@state.co.us</a>
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Flor - DNR, Andrew <andrew.flor@state.co.us>

#### Well Permit 254 WCB

Tom Dea <tom@pumpmancolorado.com> Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 7:49 AM To: "Donegan - DNR, Kevin" <kevin.donegan@state.co.us>, "Jones - DNR, Chris" <chris.jones@state.co.us> Cc: Chris Sanchez <csanchez@bbawater.com>, "Flor - DNR, Andrew" <andrew.flor@state.co.us>

All,

Attached are photos of the stuck pump in 254 WCB.

I was incorrect when I stated we had a 10,000 pound pull on the column pipe. We actually put a 15,000 pund pull on the pipe. Ir came up approximately 36" ad then would not come up any further or go down.

We propose to cut the column and shafting off flush with the current top of the casing and flow neat cement slowly into the space between the casing and column pipe. Once we reach top of casing we propose to mushroom cap with cement.

Is this acceptable?

Call my cell with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Dea

HELP PREVENT FRAUD NOTE: Colorado Water Well will never request a wire transfer via email or a change in payment instructions without confirmation by our finance department. Please contact our billing department if you have any questions on a payment. If any emails are suspicious, look carefully at the email address which may be similar to a known address but in fact not a match.





Tom Dea

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#### Well Permit 254 WCB

Flor - DNR, Andrew <andrew.flor@state.co.us>

Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 3:53 PM

To: Tom Dea <tom@pumpmancolorado.com>

Cc: Chris Jones - DNR <chris.jones@state.co.us>, Kevin Donegan - DNR <kevin.donegan@state.co.us>, Marques Hatfield - DNR <marques.hatfield@state.co.us>, Nolan Tanguma - DNR <nolan.tanguma@state.co.us>

Hi Tom,

Based on your verbal request at the Board meeting yesterday, and this email string, I understand you're looking for an abandonment variance for permit 254-WCB. You mentioned that as was started to pull the windmill pump out of the well the pump column broke off near the surface. You then used an excavator to expose and open more of the casing which allowed you to pull on the pump column once again. Despite pulling with 10,000 lbs of force on the pump column it did not move.

Based on the review from 22066 & 34842 we're finding:

- Upper Arapahoe likely not present at this location
- Lower Arapahoe from near surface to approximately 295 ft
- Laramie-Fox Hills aquifer beginning at approximately 615 ft
- Grout (heavy drilling mud?) from surface to 105 ft, no grout below 105 ft
- Perforations or ripped casing required from 295-615 ft

Can you clarify what your requested next steps would be to abandon this well, outlining the practical difficulties or unusual hardship that makes complying with Rule 16.2 not possible?

Let me know what you come up with and I'll work on the rest of your variance request. Thanks.

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 10:31 AM Tom Dea <tom@pumpmancolorado.com> wrote: [Quoted text hidden]

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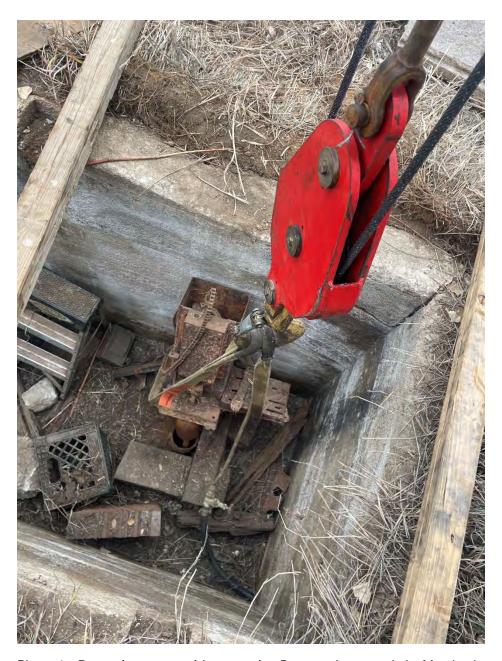


Photo 1 – Removign pump with pump rig - Pump column and shafting broke



Photo 2 – Pulling Head Off – Pump Broke



Photo 3 – Column Pipe and Windmill Shaft – Both Broken



Photo 4 – Column Pipe and Windmill shaft broken below head – see clean steel break



Photo 5 – Stuck at break – approximately 42" below top of casing



Photo 6 – Secured Casing prior to excavating to make another attempt with crane

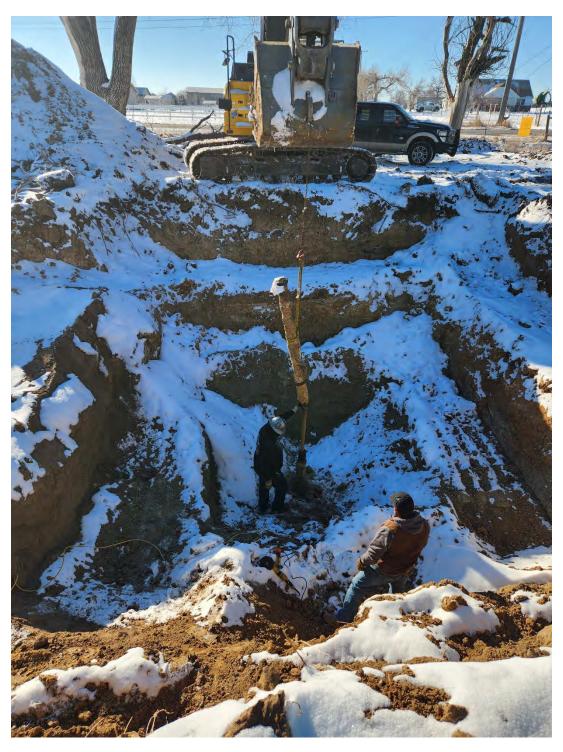
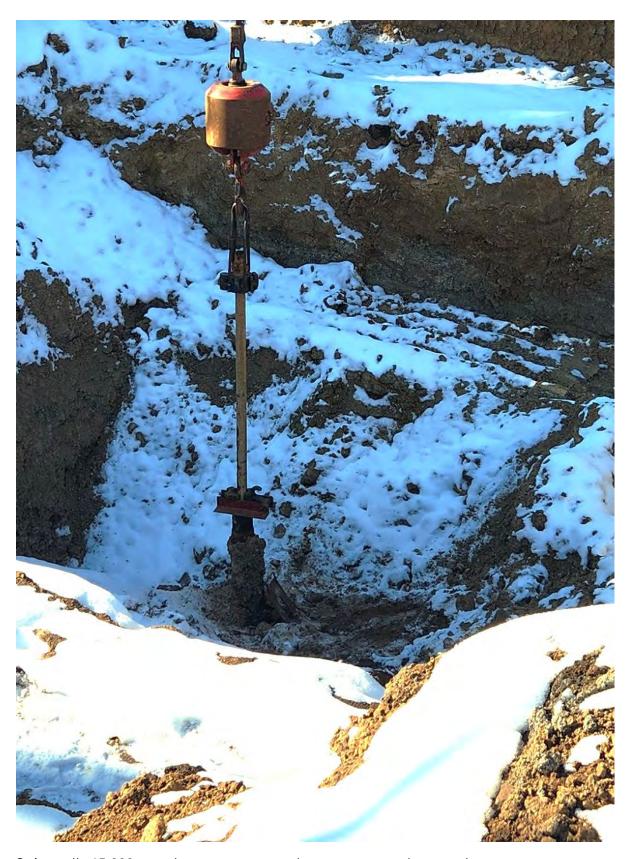


Photo 7 – Excavated and cut casing off so we couold get hold of stuck column pipe



Photo 8 – Crane pull – came up approximately 36" and stuck solid – would not go up or down



String pull - 15,000 pounds – no more upward movement – no downward movement

## COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD LOG AND HISTORY

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### LOG OF WELL

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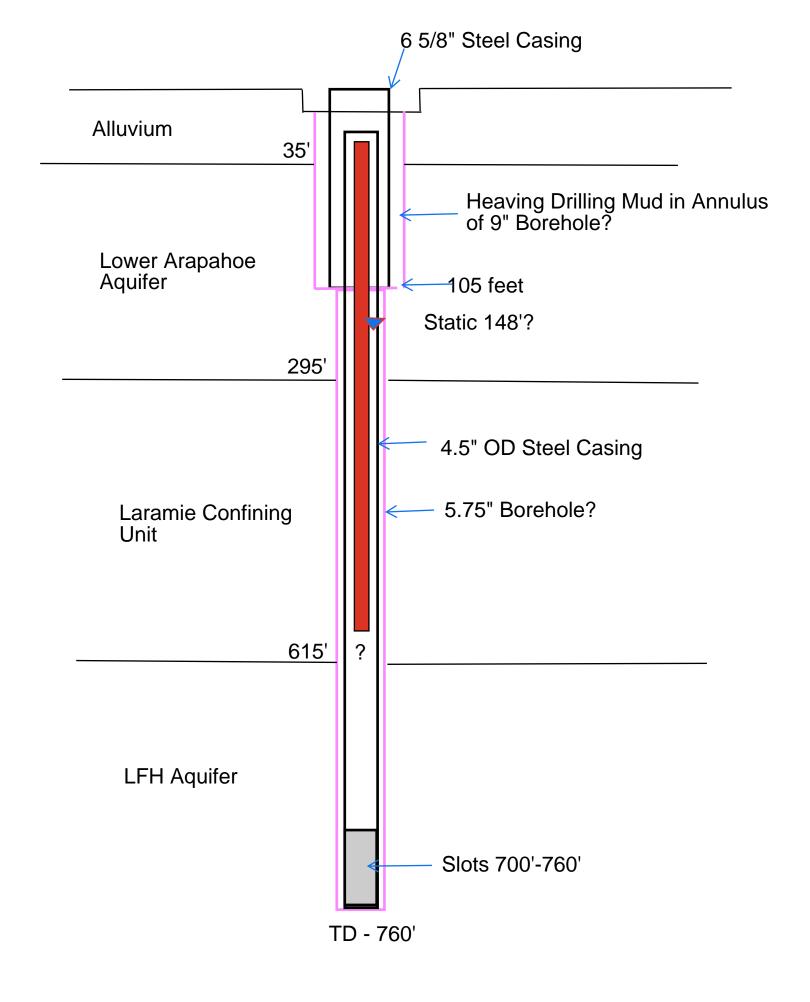
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### COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

# NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO DRILL ☑. REDRILL □, RECASE □, OR DEEPEN □ A WATER WELL.

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Name of Driller Holden & Holden	Phone No. Lunox 6-4431
Address Hudson, Colo.	
Well Driller's License No. 1	Date Start of Work Dec. 7, 1954
Land Owner's Name Lloyd Perkins	
Address Brighton, Colo.	
Estimated Depth of Well 760 Ft.	LOCATION OF WELL
Diameter of Well 5.3/4.In.	Section No. 35 County Adams
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# AGENDA ITEM 11.c

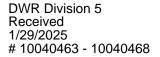
BBA Water Consultants, LLC on Behalf of Owner

Permit Nos. <u>121346</u>, <u>121351</u>, <u>121356</u>, and <u>121348</u>

Appeal of Variance Request Denial for Relief from Rule 14.2.2 and Request to Approve Monitoring Well Construction Information for Proposed Conversion to Production Well

### Summary

- 4 monitoring wells constructed with permits in 1982 were requested to be converted to production wells.
  - Staff denied variance request because it is the owners self-inflicted hardship to apparently hire an unlicensed contractor.
- 3 construction reports signed by Raun Samuelson a licensed pump installation contractor (not a licensed well construction contractor).
  - Raun claimed no knowledge of the well construction,
  - Raun claimed to have only added a ground wire for the pump.
- 1 construction report signed by Larry Crimm in 1984 after he was licensed in 1983.
- Staff did not object to the well construction apparent from the reports, but question truthfulness and accuracy of the information if Raun claims ignorance.





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January 27, 2025

Dwight Whitehead Well Commissioner Division 5 Water Resources PO Box 396 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

RE: Re-permitting of QB Energy monitoring wells with permit nos. 121346, 121348, 121351, and 121356

#### Dear Dwight:

The purpose of this letter is to request, on behalf of our client, QB Energy, the re-permitting of four existing permitted monitoring wells to production well permits and to request a variance for the construction of the wells which were not completed by a licensed well driller. If approved, these wells will be used for stock watering and wildlife. A GWS-44 form for each well is attached, along with the original files.

Three of these four wells (permit nos. 121346, 121351, and 121356) were drilled by an outfit out of Wyoming whose licensure was not in the State's list of licensed well drillers at the time. To remedy this, it is our understanding that Raun Samuelson, who is an experienced pump installer, was asked to install the pumps and sign off on the wells. Because of this, the Colorado Decision Support System database incorrectly states that Raun Samuelson was the well driller, since his name is the only one found on the forms on file.

The fourth well (permit no. 121348) was drilled by Larry Crimm who may not have had a license to construct wells at the time of drilling, although, per communication with the DWR, records on this matter are incomplete. The records that the DWR does have show that, in later years, Larry Crimm did have his well construction license. Without complete records, it is not possible to know the actual status of the licensure of these two drilling outfits at the time of drilling. Despite this, we believe these monitoring holes can be re-permitted in accordance with the rules and regulations.

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Rule 18 of the current Board of Examiners Rules and Regulations for Water Well Construction, Pump Installation, Cistern Installation, and Monitoring and Observation Hole/Well Construction (Well Construction Rules) states that variance requests are allowed so that the Board may "approve alternate methods of construction or abandonment of an excavation over which it has jurisdiction, in the event that the individual requesting such alternative to the minimum standards can adequately demonstrate that the variance will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination to Colorado's groundwater." All four of these wells have been properly permitted, were constructed in accordance with all construction regulations, and are not located close to sources of contamination. We believe they can be converted to production wells while protecting the health and safety of the public and preventing contamination of the State's groundwater resources.

#### Requirements for re-permitting of a monitoring well to a water well

The following three requirements, laid out in Rule 14.2.2.1 by the current Well Construction Rules, must be met in order to re-permit a monitoring well to a production well:

- 1. *Monitoring well permit*. Each monitoring well must have been constructed after the proper monitoring well permit from the state engineer was obtained.
- 2. *Approved contractor*. Each monitoring well must have been constructed by a licensed well construction contractor.
- 3. *Construction rules*. Each monitoring well must have been constructed in accordance with the well construction rules that applied at the time of well construction.

Based on communications with the DWR, it is our understanding that wells being evaluated for re-permitting will be evaluated by the standards in place at the time of construction. At the time these monitoring wells were constructed in 1982, the Well Construction Rules that would have applied to their construction were the 1972 Rules, first published on December 15, 1972 and republished February 17, 1987. We have attached a copy of these rules for your reference.

Per Rule 4 of the 1972 Well Construction Rules, the relevant construction regulations applicable for these monitoring wells are as follows:

- 1.) The well was constructed using every reasonable protection to promote sanitary conditions.
- 2.) The well was constructed in such a manner as to maintain existing natural protection against pollution of water bearing formations by ingress through the drill hole.
  - a. The well casing has a grout seal in accordance with the provisions of Table 1 of the 1972 Well Construction Rules.

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- b. The well casing terminates not less than one foot above ground surface and shall be sealed.
- 3.) The well casing is adequate in size to accept a pump capable of delivering the quantity of water requested and the inside diameter is not less than 4 inches.
- 4.) The well has watertight casing from the ground surface to the top of the production zone, unless otherwise authorized by table 1.
- 5.) The well will have centralizers on casing when hole diameter is in excess of 3 inches of the diameter of the casing.
- 6.) Confined waters have been separated from each other and from unconfined waters by grouting with approved materials.

To the best of our knowledge, the rules not listed here, which generally pertain to best practices for cleaning and site maintenance during and after the construction process, avoidance of contact with pollution or toxic materials, and deliverance of proper notice to the State Engineer, were followed in the construction process for the four wells in question.

While all four of the monitoring holes in question meet requirements 1 and 3, we believe none of the four wells definitively meet requirement 2 based on communication with the DWR regarding their current records. As such, we are applying for a variance to approve the re-permitting of these wells even though they may not have been drilled by a well construction contractor whose license was on file with the State at the time of construction.

#### **Permit No. 121346**

Well permit no. 121346 (original file including well completion and pump installation report attached) was contemplated in 1981 when a permit application to construct a well and install a pump was submitted to the DWR on 5/11/1981 and the well was completed and tested on 9/19/1982. The permit was approved for use as a monitoring well on 8/11/1981. At the time of permitting the well owner had intended to use a licensed well driller as evidenced by the permit application. It is our belief that the well owner had every intention of fulfilling this requirement and acted in good faith when they contracted with the well drilling company from Wyoming.

Well permit no. 121346 was constructed to a total depth of 615 ft. on 9/18/1982, before the expiration of the permit and in accordance with section 4 of the 1972 Well Construction Rules. Specifically, the well was constructed to promote sanitary conditions and protect against pollution of water bearing formations. This is evidenced by the installation of a grout seal extending from 0 to 570 feet below the top of the casing, which exceeded the minimum grouting requirements presented in Table 1. The well would probably be classified today as a Type 1 multi aquifer well, and the grout seal makes the well construction compliant with Type 1 construction. Our client has confirmed that the casing for this well extends above the ground surface by at least a foot and is

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properly sealed. The diameter of the well casing, 6.4 inches, is large enough to accept a pump and exceeds the minimum inside diameter required by the 1972 Well Construction Rules of 4 inches. The grout seal prevents any comingling between any multiple aquifers that may have been penetrated. Lastly, our client has confirmed that well permit no. 121346 is located more than 100 feet from any sources of contamination.

Per the attached well construction report and communication with the client, we believe well permit no. 121346 meets all construction standards and has a history of proper permitting. As such, re-permitting this well will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination of Colorado's groundwater resources. We are requesting a variance for this well so that it can be re-permitted to a production well for stock and wildlife uses even though it was originally drilled by a well drilling company whose licensure was not on file with the State at the time of drilling.

#### **Permit No. 121348**

Well permit no. 121348 (original file attached) was applied for at the same time as permit no. 121346 (5/11/1981) and the permit was approved on 8/11/1981 for use as a monitoring well. As evidenced by the permit application, the well owner's intent was to use a licensed driller to construct this well. This well was constructed on 9/18/1982 after the issuance of the monitoring well permit and before the well permit expired.

The well was constructed to promote sanitary conditions and protect against pollution of water bearing formations. A grout seal was installed from 0 to 550 feet below the top of the casing, exceeding the minimum grouting requirements presented in Table 1. Our client has confirmed that the casing for this well extends above the ground surface by at least a foot and is properly sealed. The diameter of the well casing, 4.33 inches, is large enough to accept a pump and exceeds the minimum inside diameter of 4 inches. Due to the existing grout seal, there will be no comingling between multiple aquifers that may have been penetrated by the well borehole. Our client has confirmed that well permit no. 121348 is located more than 100 feet away from any sources of contamination.

Per the attached well construction report and communication with the client, we believe well permit no. 121348 meets all construction standards and has a history of proper permitting. As such, re-permitting this well will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination of Colorado's groundwater resources. We are requesting a variance for this well so that it can be re-permitted to a production well for stock and wildlife uses despite the fact that it was originally drilled by a well drilling company whose licensure was not on file with the State at the time of drilling.

#### **Permit No. 121351**

Well permit no. 121351 (original file attached) was applied for and approved on the same dates as the other monitoring holes. Also like the others, the permit suggests our client had contemplated

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the use of a licensed well construction contractor. This well was constructed on 9/18/1982, to a total depth of 975 ft., before the well permit expired.

The well was constructed to promote sanitary conditions and protect against pollution of water bearing formations. A grout seal was installed from 0 to 936 feet below the top of the casing and exceeding the minimum grouting requirements presented in Table 1. Our client has confirmed that the casing for this well extends above the ground surface by at least a foot and is properly sealed. The diameter of the well casing, 6.4 inches, is large enough to accept a pump and exceeds the minimum inside diameter of 4 inches. Additionally, the casing of the well is entirely watertight, extending from the ground surface down to the production zone. The extensive grout seal prevents any comingling of multiple aquifers that may have been penetrated by the well borehole. Lastly, our client has confirmed that well permit no. 121351 is located more than 100 feet from any source of contamination.

Per the attached well construction report and communication with the client, we believe well permit no. 121351 meets all construction standards and has a history of proper permitting. As such, re-permitting this well will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination of Colorado's groundwater resources. We are requesting a variance for this well so that it can be re-permitted to a production well for stock and residential uses even though it was originally drilled by a well drilling company whose licensure was not on file with the state at the time of drilling.

#### **Permit No. 121356**

Well permit no. 121356 (original file attached) was applied for and approved on the same dates as the other monitoring holes. Also like the others, the permit suggests our client had contemplated use of a licensed well construction contractor. This well was constructed on 9/18/1982, to a total depth of 600 ft., before the well permit expired.

The well was constructed to promote sanitary conditions and protect against pollution of water bearing formations. A grout seal was installed from 0 to 540 feet below the top of the casing and exceeding the minimum grouting requirements presented in Table 1. Our client has confirmed that the casing for this well extends above the ground surface by at least a foot and is properly sealed. The diameter of the well casing, 4.33 inches, is large enough to accept a pump and exceeds the minimum inside diameter of 4 inches. Due to the extensive grout seal, there will be no comingling of multiple aquifers that may have been penetrated by the well borehole. Lastly, our client has confirmed that well permit no. 121356 is located more than 100 feet from any sources of contamination.

Per the attached well construction report and communication with the client, we believe well permit no. 121356 meets all construction standards and has a history of proper permitting. As such, re-permitting this well will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination of Colorado's groundwater resources. We are requesting a variance for this well so that it can be re-permitted as a production well for stock and residential uses despite the fact that it was originally drilled by a licensed pump installer rather than a licensed well construction contractor.

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We note that the four wells were constructed with fiberglass including the stickup portion of the wells. Well construction with fiberglass was allowed in accordance with the rules that were in place at the time of well construction.

To the extent that a parcel of 35 acres or greater needs to be specified on the well permit applications, please assign the quarter quarter sections on which the wells are located to the well permits. We have reviewed the DWR's Mapviewer tool and confirmed that there are no other production wells permitted within these quarter quarters.

If you have questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

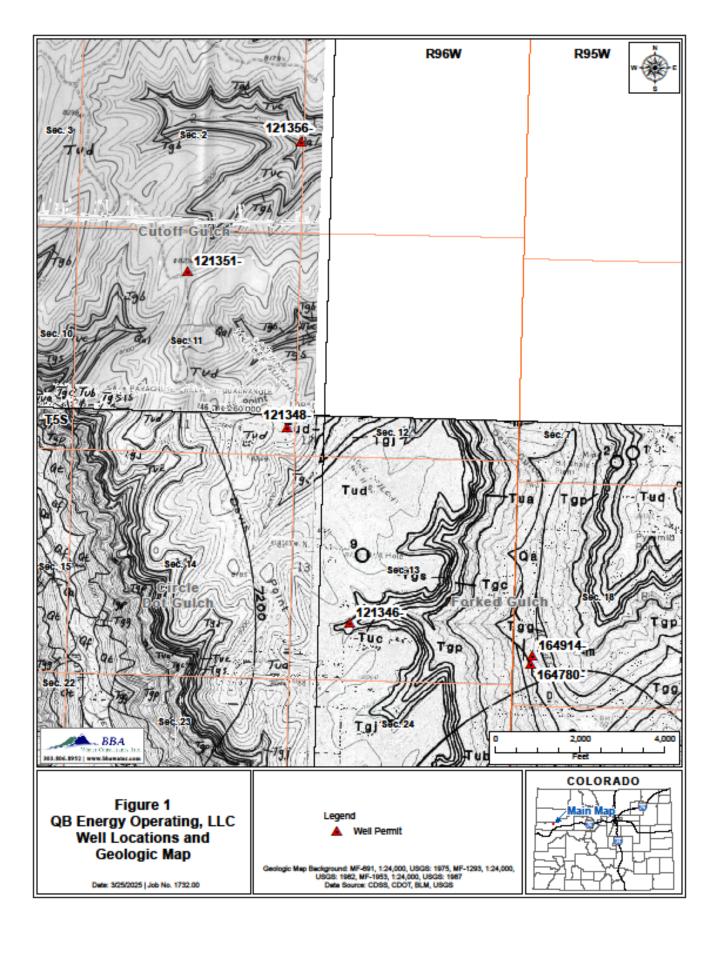
BBA Water Consultants, Inc.

Nicholas Hoch Hydrologist

NH/JSL/jeb Enclosure 1732.00 Jennifer S. Lindahl, P.E.

Project Manager – Water Resources Engineer

Jennifer S. Lindahl



## Permit Nos. 121346, 121348, 121351, and 121356

### Requesting a variance to Rule: 14.2.2.1

Rule 14.2.2.1 defines three requirements for the re-permitting of a monitoring hole to a production well.

- (1) The monitoring well must have been constructed after the proper well permit was obtained
- (2) The monitoring well must have been constructed by a licensed well construction contractor
- (3) The monitoring well must have been constructed in accordance with the well construction rules at the time of construction

Three of the four wells were signed by Raun Samuelson, a licensed pump installer and one was signed by Larry Crimm, who may not have had his drilling license at the time of well construction.

BBA investigations suggest all four of these wells were drilled by Larry Crimm in 1982, who operated out of Wyoming. State records are incomplete but suggest Larry Crimm was not licensed until 1983.

### Re-permitting argument:

Rule 18 of the current rules state that the Board of Examiners may approve variance requests if "the variance will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination to Colorado's groundwater."

All four of these wells have been properly permitted, were constructed in accordance with all construction regulations in place at the time (1972 rules) and are not located close to sources of contamination. The use of the water from these wells will be limited to stock watering.

It is our opinion that these wells can be converted to production wells while protecting the health and safety of the public and preventing contamination of the State's groundwater resources.

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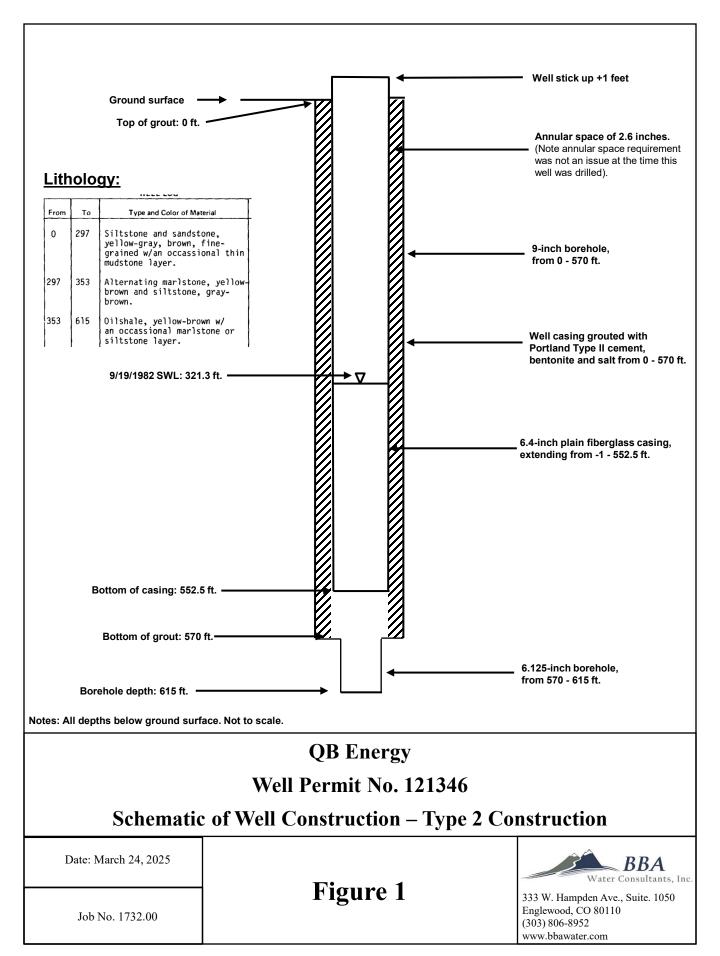
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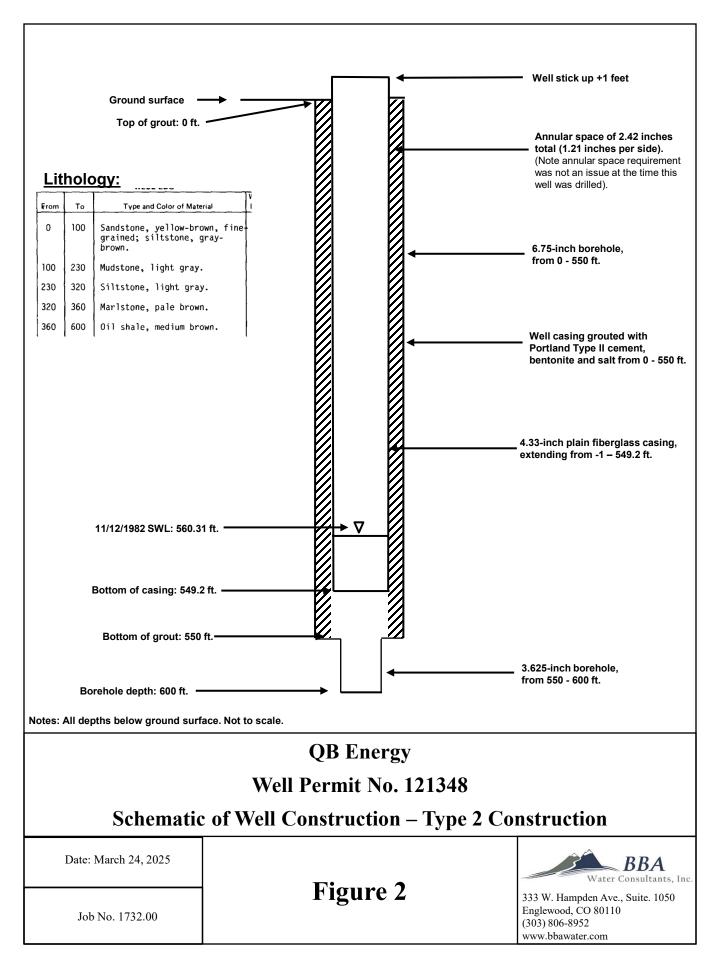
- 1. The well was constructed in such a manner as to maintain existing natural protection against pollution of water bearing formations by ingress through the drill hole.
  - a. **BBA comments in support of variance approval:** The well casing has a grout seal in accordance with the provisions of Table 1 of the 1972 Well Construction Rules.
  - b. **BBA comments in support of variance approval:** The well casing terminates not less than one foot above ground surface and shall be sealed.
- 2. The well casing is adequate in size to accept a pump capable of delivering the quantity of water requested and the inside diameter is not less than 4 inches.
- 3. The well has watertight casing from the ground surface to the top of the production zone, unless otherwise authorized by table 1.
- 4. Confined waters have been separated from each other and from unconfined waters by grouting with approved materials.

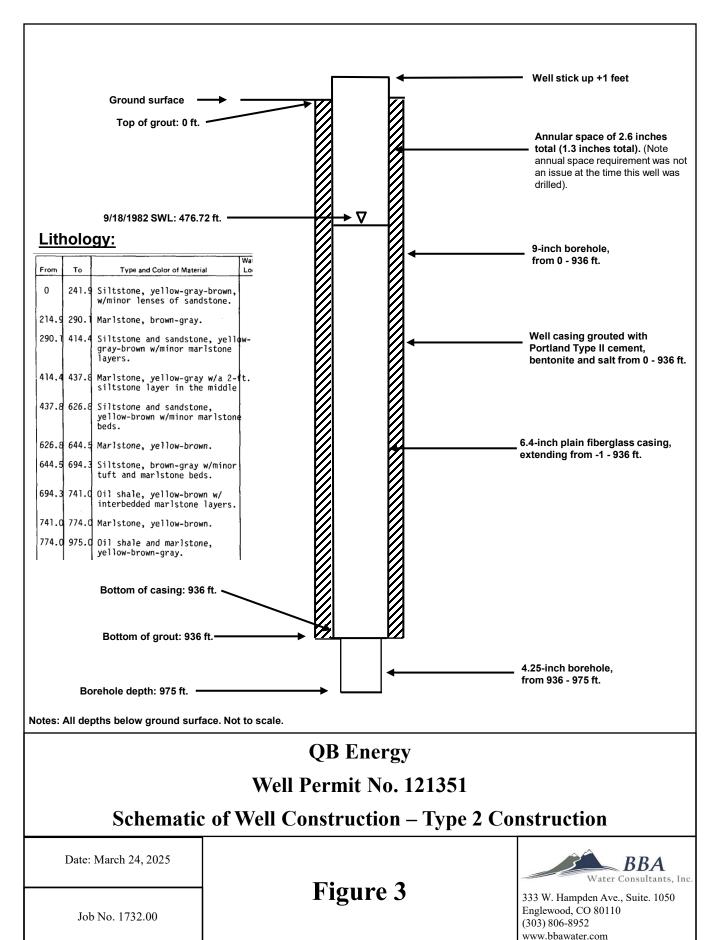
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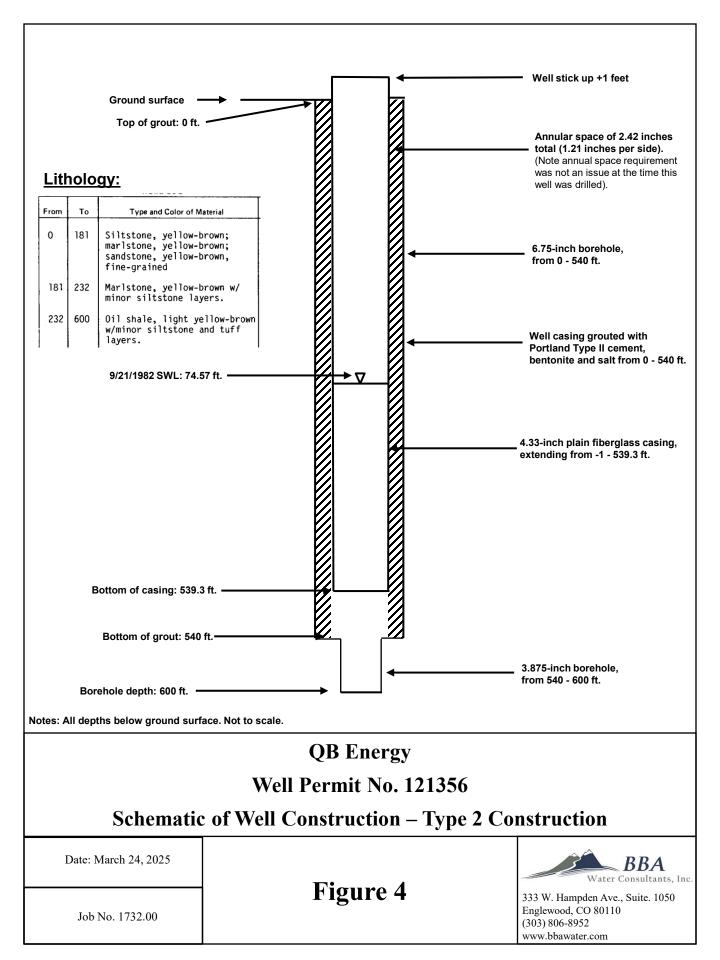
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Confined Aquifers (Dakota, Morrison Fox Hill, Dawson, Etc.)	Mixed Deposits of Clay, Shale, Sand, Gravel	10 Feet to Surface & Grouted 10 Feet Into an Impervious Formation (See Sub-Section 4(9))	Top of Production Zone
Creviced, Shat- tered or Fract- ured Hard Rock	Unconsolidated	10 Feet to Surface	Top of Production Zone
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All four of the monitoring holes list sandstone, siltstone, marlstone, and oil shale in their lithologic logs and are Type 2 construction. All four wells are properly grouted, all the way down to the production zone.

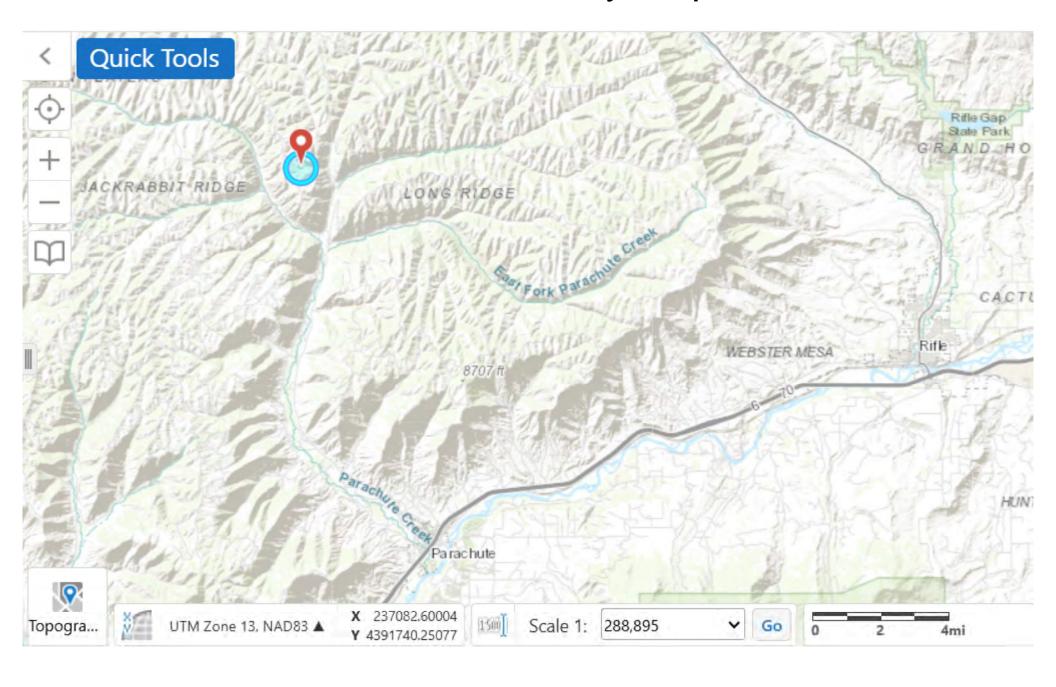








# Permit 121346 - Vicinity Map



Well Construction Variance Receipt No. 0215078C Permit No. 121346

Department of Natural Resources

Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

#### RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-027D, Permit No. 121346, Receipt 0215078C

On March 6, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request (attached) dated January 27, 2025 from BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC associated with an application to convert the monitoring well constructed under Permit 121346 to a production well under application receipt number 10040463. The request states BBA Water Consultants LLC is "applying for a variance to approve the re-permitting of these wells even though they may not have been drilled by a well construction contractor whose license was on file with the State at the time of construction". The Board cannot provide a variance to the permit application evaluation as the Board does not have the ability to permit water wells. We understand the intent of the variance request was to request a variance to the current well construction Rule 14.2.2.1 for a monitoring well where no evidence exists that it was completed by a licensed well construction contractor licensed by the Board, so that the well construction information can be approved for the purpose of providing input to the Division of Water Resources in their review of the permit applications.

The well completion and pump installation report for Permit 121346 was signed by Raun Samuelson, (Lic No. 1050), a licensed pump installation contractor, who has not held a license issued by the Board to construct water wells. We agree with your assessment that a well construction contractor licensed in Colorado by the Board did not submit the well construction information to the State Engineer. During a phone conversation with Raun Samuelson on March 18, 2025, Raun claimed he installed neither the well nor the pump and was only involved in installing ground wires for the pump. Mr. Samuelson claimed his involvement in the project occurred after the well and pump were installed and stated he has no knowledge of the well construction or pump installation details documented on the well construction or pump installation report in spite of his signature attesting to the "contractor statement" on the work report. Mr. Samuelson claimed he is uncertain why the construction report has his name on them.

Your variance request indicates that you believe a well driller from Wyoming constructed the well. We do not see the evidence for this statement, but would not contest your assertion that a record indicating the construction of the monitoring well was performed by a water well contractor licensed by the Board is absent.

Evidence is not available to prove that the monitoring well [test hole as defined in the Section



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2(22) of the 1972 Rules] was constructed by a licensed water well contractor as required in Section 3(2) of the 1972 Rules or a licensed well construction contractor per Rule 14.2.2.1 of the current Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the request for a variance is denied by Staff of the Board for the following reasons:

- The variance request opines on the owners intent based on the response "licensed" to question 4 of the permit application asking about the proposed "driller" as being in good faith. The intent of the owner to have the well constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board from his response to question 4 of the application is conjecture. The owner's apparent neglect to follow the requirements of the Rules allowing only a contractor licensed by the Board to construct water wells or test holes at the time this well was constructed is a self inflicted hardship and is not a valid practical difficulty or unusual hardship in the Board Staff's opinion.
- Raun Samuelson did not construct the well, and claims to have no knowledge of the well
  construction information on the form; therefore, the truthfulness and accuracy of the
  information on the work report is suspect.
- It is the opinion of the Board Staff that a variance from Rule 14.2.2.1 relieving the monitoring well of the requirement of having been constructed by a well construction contractor licensed by the Board could encourage other unlicensed contractors to perform work on wells, or owners to hire unlicensed contractors. Allowing the conversion of monitoring wells to production wells without evidence that it was constructed by a licensed well construction contractor or that the individual on the work report had knowledge of the construction does not represent a practice that will promote the enforcement of the protection of the health and safety of the public and prevention of contamination to Colorado's groundwater.

Because the variance was denied, Staff does not approve the construction information on the well construction and pump installation report for the purpose of the requested conversion of the monitoring well to a production well.

Please note that the owner or individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CHTZISTOPHETZ JONES

Chief Well Inspector

Administrator to the Board of Examiners

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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED

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**COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 

1313 Sherman Street - Room 818 Denver, Colorado 80203

# WELL COMPLETION AND PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT PERMIT NUMBER 121346

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FORM TO BE MADE OUT IN QUADRUPLICATE: WHITE FORM must be an original copy on both sides and signed.

WHITE AND GREEN copies must be filed with the State Engineer. PINK COPY is for the Owner and YELLOW COPY is for the Driller.

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# COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES | 818 Centennial Bidg., 1313 Sherman St., Denver, Colorado 80203

### PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Application must be complete where applicable. Type or print in <u>BLACK INK</u>. No overstrikes or erasures unless

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( ) A PERMIT TO USE GROUND WATER ( X) A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WELL FOR: ( X) A PERMIT TO INSTALL A PUMP

WATER COURT CASE NO ....

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### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.

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  TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES.
- 4) THIS WELL MUST BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED ACCORD ING TO THE REVISED AND AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER WELL AND PUMP INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS UPON COMPLETION OF THE MONITORING PROGRAM.

#### APPLICATION APPROVED

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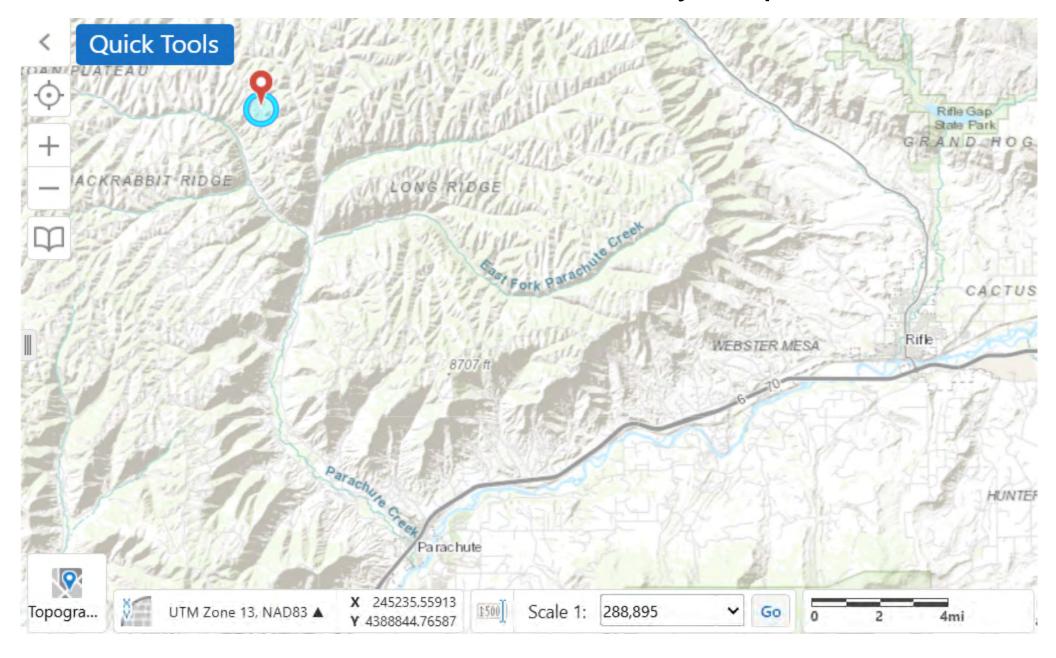
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, NORTH		(7) TRACT ON WHICH WELL WILL BE LOCATED Owner: Applicant
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The scale of the diagram is 2 inch		
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WATER EQUIVALENTS TA  An acre-foot covers 1 acre of land 1 foot deep		
1 cubic foot per second (cfs) 449 gallons per A family of 5 will require approximately 1 acre-	foot of water per year.	
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Owner(s): Exxon Co., USA as operator That property known a Legal description: 15, 16, 17, & 18, T5S	s the Dow Property	Oil Project, 8836 and located in Secs. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 11, 12, 13, & 14, TSS, R96W, 6th
	<del></del>	ld use and domestic wells must indicate type of disposal
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as required by Mined Land Recla		
(12) OTHER WATER RIGHTS used on the	is land, including wells. Giv	e Registration and Water Court Case Numbers.
Type or right Use	ed for (purpose)	Description of land on which used
(13) THE APPLICANT (S) STATE(S) THE	AT THE INFORMATION	ON SET FORTH HEREON IS
	WLEDGE. CMPANY, U.S.A.	
By: SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S) Ger	ald D. Ortloff	
	ulatory Affairs Man	ager

	Date:	3-12-2025	
Hydrogeology Section Consultation	- <del></del>		<del></del>
Evaluator:CAJ Receipt No: _0215078C	_ Permit: 12134	Replacement Applicated	ation? [ ] Applicant:
Location: ¼ ¼ Section, Too Easting: _231946.8 Northing: _43 6.2.3: []	wnship 89308.7	, Range Elevation: _7	, 6th PM ,764_ Rule
Aquifer(s) Requested: Please determine a for the existing monitoring well the owner.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	_	• •
Research:			
Mapped as Stewart Gulch Tongue of the Gre	en River Forma	ation.	
Stewart Gulch Tongue merges with the Para	ichute Creek M	ember west of Parach	ute Creek.
Parachute Creek Member is part of both the are separated by the Mahogany confining un	• •	er Piceance Basin Aqu	ifers, which
The Mahogany confining unit thickness is es	timated at app	roximately 160 feet.	
USGS mapping for the Forked Gulch Quadra of the Mahogany confining unit: approximat	_		g for the top
Estimated base of the Mahogany confining u	ınit: 7,010 feet	: <b>.</b>	
The total depth of the well is 615 feet (app	roximately 7,1	50 feet).	
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Recommended Permit Conditions and Notes  This is a Type 2 well completed into the Member of the Green River Formation.		ining unit of the Para	achute

Hydrogeologist Signature: Marques Hatfield Date: 3/19/2025

# Permit 121351 - Vicnity Map



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-028D, Permit No. 121351, Receipt 0215078H

On March 6, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request (attached) dated January 27, 2025 from BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC associated with an application to convert the monitoring well constructed under Permit 121351 to a production well under application receipt number 10040465. The request states BBA Water Consultants LLC is "applying for a variance to approve the re-permitting of these wells even though they may not have been drilled by a well construction contractor whose license was on file with the State at the time of construction". The Board cannot provide a variance to the permit application evaluation as the Board does not have the ability to permit water wells. We understand the intent of the variance request was to request a variance to the current well construction Rule 14.2.2.1 for a monitoring well where no evidence exists that it was completed by a licensed well construction contractor licensed by the Board, so that the well construction information can be approved for the purpose of providing input to the Division of Water Resources in their review of the permit applications.

The well completion and pump installation report for Permit 121351 was signed by Raun Samuelson, (Lic No. 1050), a licensed pump installation contractor, who has not held a license issued by the Board to construct water wells. We agree with your assessment that a well construction contractor licensed in Colorado by the Board did not submit the well construction information to the State Engineer. During a phone conversation with Raun Samuelson on March 18, 2025, Raun claimed he installed neither the well nor the pump and was only involved in installing ground wires for the pump. Mr. Samuelson claimed his involvement in the project occurred after the well and pump were installed and stated he has no knowledge of the well construction or pump installation details documented on the well construction or pump installation report in spite of his signature attesting to the "contractor statement" on the work report. Mr. Samuelson claimed he is uncertain why the construction report has his name on them.

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Evidence is not available to prove that the monitoring well [test hole as defined in the Section



Variance 2025-028D Permit No. 121351 Page 2 of 2

2(22) of the 1972 Rules] was constructed by a licensed water well contractor as required in Section 3(2) of the 1972 Rules or a licensed well construction contractor per Rule 14.2.2.1 of the current Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the request for a variance is denied by Staff of the Board for the following reasons:

- The variance request opines on the owners intent based on the response "licensed" to question 4 of the permit application asking about the proposed "driller" as being in good faith. The intent of the owner to have the well constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board from his response to question 4 of the application is conjecture. The owner's apparent neglect to follow the requirements of the Rules allowing only a contractor licensed by the Board to construct water wells or test holes at the time this well was constructed is a self inflicted hardship and is not a valid practical difficulty or unusual hardship in the Board Staff's opinion.
- Raun Samuelson did not construct the well, and claims to have no knowledge of the well
  construction information on the form; therefore, the truthfulness and accuracy of the
  information on the work report is suspect.
- It is the opinion of the Board Staff that a variance from Rule 14.2.2.1 relieving the monitoring well of the requirement of having been constructed by a well construction contractor licensed by the Board could encourage other unlicensed contractors to perform work on wells, or owners to hire unlicensed contractors. Allowing the conversion of monitoring wells to production wells without evidence that it was constructed by a licensed well construction contractor or that the individual on the work report had knowledge of the construction does not represent a practice that will promote the enforcement of the protection of the health and safety of the public and prevention of contamination to Colorado's groundwater.

Because the variance was denied, Staff does not approve the construction information on the well construction and pump installation report for the purpose of the requested conversion of the monitoring well to a production well.

Please note that the owner or individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CHTZISTOPHETZ JONES

Chief Well Inspector

Administrator to the Board of Examiners

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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THE WORK DESCRIBED HERE-

ON. TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK

### **COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

1313 Sherman Street - Room 818 Denver, Colorado 80203

# WELL COMPLETION AND PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT PERMIT NUMBER 121351

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ADDRES	s P.O	. Box 440342, Aurora, CO 8004	4	т5	S, R	96	<u>W</u> ,	6th	P.M.
DATE C	OMPLET	ED <u>September 18</u> WELL LOG	, 19 <u>82</u>	HOLE DIAM		_ to _ <u>936</u>	ft,		
From	То	Type and Color of Material	Water Loc.	4.25 in.	from <u>936</u>	to 975	ft.		
0	241.9	Siltstone, yellow-gray-brown, w/minor lenses of sandstone.		DRILLING M	METHOD RO	otary ai	<u>r</u>		~
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414.4	437.8	Marlstone, yellow-gray w/a 2- siltstone layer in the middle			ſ	Perforated C	Casing		
437.8	626.8	Siltstone and sandstone, yellow-brown w/minor marlstone beds.	•	Size	& kind	f	rom	to	ft.
626.8	644.5	Marlstone, yellow-brown.		Size	& kind	f	rom	to	ft.
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		TOTAL DEPTH 975 ft.		Sustained \					
[	Use a	dditional pages necessary to complete log.		Final Pump	oing Water	Level	<del></del>		

PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT			
Type SP2-46			
Powered by generator H	IP3_		
Pump Serial No. 8142T-7		1 1	WATER
Motor Serial No. 8142T-7			WATER TABLE
Date Installed 9-18-82			
Pump Intake Depth <u>803.4 ft. B.T.C.</u>			WATER
Remarks			
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WELL TEST DATA WITH PERMANENT PUMP		DEPTH TO INTAKE	
Date Tested 9-18-82  Static Water Level Prior to Test 476.72	<u>ft. B.T</u> .0	TAL	CONE O
Length of Test NO TEST	_ Hours		
Sustained yield (Metered)	GPM		
Pumping Water Level			
Remarks			
CONTRACTORS STATEMENT			
The undersigned, being duly sworn u pump installation described hereon; thereof, and that the same is true of the same is true	that he has	read the statement made he	
Signature	Sam	welsen	License No. 1050
State of Colorado, County of	Garfie	1d	SS

My Commission expires: 3/20 , 19 85 .

Box 520, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

FORM TO BE MADE OUT IN QUADRUPLICATE: WHITE FORM must be an original copy on both sides and signed. WHITE AND GREEN copies must be filed with the State Engineer, PINK COPY is for the Owner and YELLOW COPY is for the Driffer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November , 19 82 .

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### **COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 818 Centennial Bldg., 1313 Sherman St., Denver, Colorado 80203

### PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Application must be complete where applicable. Type or print in BLACK INK. No overstrikes or erasures unless initialed.

( ) A PERMIT TO USE GROUND WATER (X) A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WELL FOR: (X ) A PERMIT TO INSTALL A PUMP

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•	) REPLACEMENT FOR NO
•	WATER COURT CASE NO

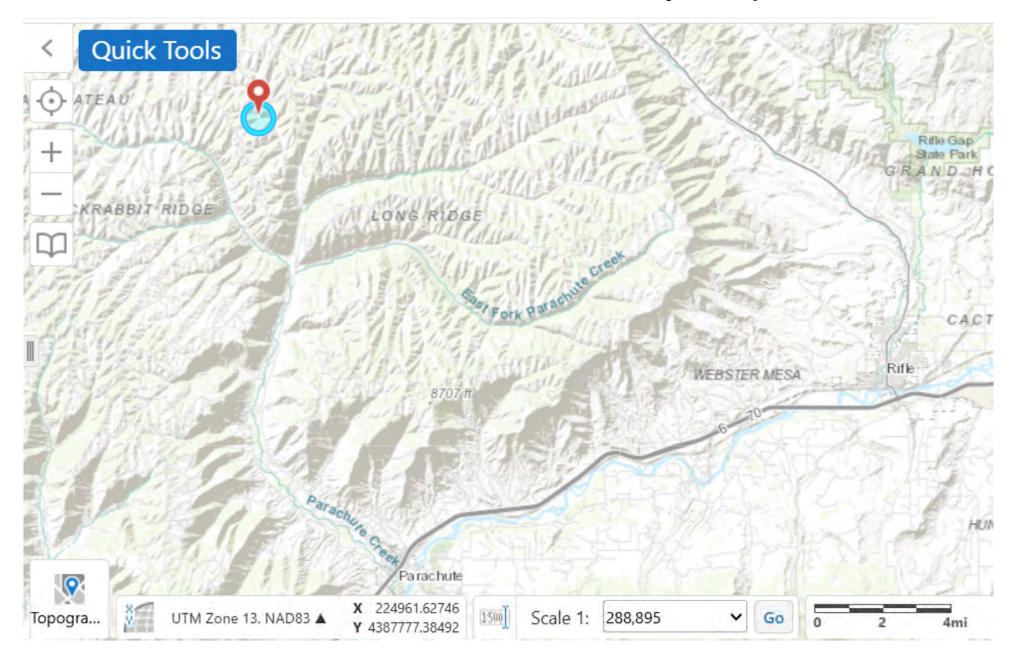
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(1) APPLICANT - mailing address	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN
Exxon Co., USA as operator of the COLONY SHALE OIL PROJECT	Receipt No. 15078 H
P. O. Box 14342	Basin Dist
CITY Aurora, CO 80014 Attn: Geraficien. Ortloff	CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
TELEPHONE NO(303) 695-2201	This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The
(2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL  County Garfield	issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
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Twp. $5$ $\frac{S}{(N,S)}$ , Rng. $96$ $\frac{W}{(E,W)}$ , $6th$ P.M.	FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING WATER LEVELS AND PERIODIC SAMPLING FOR WATER QUALITY.  2) THE GROUND WATER BEING TESTED SHALL BE OBTAIN
(3) WATER USE AND WELL DATA	FROM THE UPPER PARACHUTE MEMBER OF THE GREEN RIV
Proposed maximum pumping rate (gpm) < 10 gpm	3) A LITHOLOGIC LOG OF THIS WELL MUST BE SUBMITT TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES.
Average annual amount of ground water to be appropriated (acre-feet): Zero	4) THIS WELL MUST BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED ACCOR ING TO THE REVISED AND AMENDED RULES AND REGULA-
Number of acres to be irrigated: None	TIONS FOR WATER WELL AND PUMP INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS UPON COMPLETION OF THE MONITORING
Proposed total depth (feet): 1030	PROGRAM.
Aquifer ground water is to be obtained from:	
Upper Parachute Creek Member, Green River FM	
Owner's well designationW—8A	
GROUND WATER TO BE USED FOR:	
( ) HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY - no irrigation (0) ( ) DOMESTIC (1) ( ) INDUSTRIAL (5) ( ) LIVESTOCK (2) ( ) IRRIGATION (6) ( ) COMMERCIAL (4) ( ) MUNICIPAL (8)	
( X) OTHER (9) Monitoring Well	APPLICATION APPROVED
DETAIL THE USE ON BACK IN (11)	*21351
(4) DRILLER	PERMIT NUMBER AUG 11 1981
Name Licensed	EXPIRATION DATE AUG 111983
Street	Pull
City (State) (Zip)	Assistant/
Telephone No Lic. No	1.D. 5-39 COUNTY 23

(5) THE LOCATION O	F THE PROPOSED We used must be indicated of	/ELL and the area on	(6) THE WELL MUST BE LOCATED BELOW by distances from section lines.
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Owner(s): Exxon Co., US			e Oil Project, 2000 E836
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Legal description: 15, 16,			2, 11, 12, 13, & 14, T5S, R96W, 6th
system to be used Monitor	ing well for purp	oses of monitori	ing groundwater quality
	ired by Mined Land		
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(12) OTHER WATER B	LIGHTS used on this lan	d including wells Gir	ve Registration and Water Court Case Numbers.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		D. Ortloff	
.*	Regula	tory Affairs Mar	nager

Date:3-12-25
Hydrogeology Section Consultation
Evaluator:         CAJ         Replacement Application? [ ]           Receipt No:         0215078H         Permit:        121351         Applicant:
Location: ¼ ¼ Section, Township , Range, 6th PM Easting: _230792.7 Northing: _4391847.9 Elevation: _8,143 Rule 6.2.3: []
Aquifer(s) Requested: Please evaluate the aquifer Type and any confining layer interval within the constructed interval of the existing monitoring well.
Research:
Mapped as Unit D of the Uinta Formation.
The Uinta Formation overlies the Green River Formation and the lithology on the well construction log is consistent with the mapped description.
The Mahogany confining unit thickness is estimated at approximately 160 feet.
USGS mapping for the Cutoff Gulch Quadrange shows structure contour mapping for the top o the Mahogany confining unit: approximately 7,175 feet.
Estimated base of the Mahogany confining unit: 7,015 feet.
The total depth of the well is 975 feet (approximately 7,168 feet).
The lithology described on the well construction log is consistent with the oil-shale rich zone of the Mahogany confining unit from 694 feet to total depth (975 feet) below ground surface (bgs). While the Mahogany zone is the richest oil-shale interval, oil-shale is also present outside of this zone, interbedded with other lithologies.
Recommended Permit Conditions and Notes:
This is a Type 2 well completed into the Mahogany confining unit of the Parachute Member of the Green River Formation.

Hydrogeologist Signature: Marques Hatfield Date: 3/19/2025

# Permit 121356 - Vicinity Map



Well Construction Variance Receipt No. 0215078M Permit No. 121356

Department of Natural Resources

Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

#### RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-029D, Permit No. 121356, Receipt 0215078M

On March 6, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request (attached) dated January 27, 2025 from BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC associated with an application to convert the monitoring well constructed under Permit 121351 to a production well under application receipt number 10040466. The request states BBA Water Consultants LLC is "applying for a variance to approve the re-permitting of these wells even though they may not have been drilled by a well construction contractor whose license was on file with the State at the time of construction". The Board cannot provide a variance to the permit application evaluation as the Board does not have the ability to permit water wells. We understand the intent of the variance request was to request a variance to the current well construction Rule 14.2.2.1 for a monitoring well where no evidence exists that it was completed by a licensed well construction contractor licensed by the Board, so that the well construction information can be approved for the purpose of providing input to the Division of Water Resources in their review of the permit applications.

The well completion and pump installation report for Permit 121356 was signed by Raun Samuelson, (Lic No. 1050), a licensed pump installation contractor, who has not held a license issued by the Board to construct water wells. We agree with your assessment that a well construction contractor licensed in Colorado by the Board did not submit the well construction information to the State Engineer. During a phone conversation with Raun Samuelson on March 18, 2025, Raun claimed he installed neither the well nor the pump and was only involved in installing ground wires for the pump. Mr. Samuelson claimed his involvement in the project occurred after the well and pump were installed and stated he has no knowledge of the well construction or pump installation details documented on the well construction or pump installation report in spite of his signature attesting to the "contractor statement" on the work report. Mr. Samuelson claimed he is uncertain why the construction report has his name on them.

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Evidence is not available to prove that the monitoring well [test hole as defined in the Section



Variance 2025-029D Permit No. 121356 Page 2 of 2

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Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the request for a variance is denied by Staff of the Board for the following reasons:

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Because the variance was denied, Staff does not approve the construction information on the well construction and pump installation report for the purpose of the requested conversion of the monitoring well to a production well.

Please note that the owner or individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CHTZISTOPHETZ JONES

Chief Well Inspector

Administrator to the Board of Examiners

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# COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

1313 Sherman Street - Room 818 Denver, Colorado 80203

# WELL COMPLETION AND PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT PERMIT NUMBER 121356

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STATE - ENGINEER

WELLOWNER Exxon Company, U.S.A. NE % of the SE % of Sec. ADDRESS P.O. Box 440342, Aurora, CO 80044 T. 5 S R. 96 W 6th \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. DATE COMPLETED September 21 HOLE DIAMETER 6.75 in from 0 to 540 ft. WELL LOG Water 3.875 in from 540 to 600 ft. From To Type and Color of Material Loc. \_\_\_\_ in. from \_\_\_ \_ to \_\_\_ DRILLING METHOD\_Rotary air 0 181 Siltstone, yellow-brown; marlstone, yellow-brown; CASING RECORD: Plain Casing sandstone, yellow-brown, fine-grained Size 4.33 & kind fiberglas from 0 to 539.3 ft. 181 232 Marlstone, yellow-brown w/ Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. minor siltstone layers. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. 232 600 Oil shale, light yellow-brown w/minor siltstone and tuff Perforated Casing layers. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. **GROUTING RECORD** Material Portland-Type II, bentonite and salt Intervals 0-540 ft. B.T.C. Placement Method PUMPED DOWN CASING AND UP **ANNULUS** GRAVEL PACK: Size \_\_\_None Interval \_\_\_\_ **TEST DATA** Date Tested September 21 , 19 82 Static Water Level Prior to Test 74.57 B.T.C. ft. Type of Test Pump Length of Test not tested Sustained Yield (Metered) TOTAL DEPTH 600 ft.

Use additional pages necessary to complete log.

Final Pumping Water Level \_\_\_\_\_

PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT  Pump Make Grunfos  Type SP2-10		
Powered bygenerator HP _1/2  Pump Serial No T8142M-8  Motor Serial No 18142M-8  Date Installeo 9/21/82  Pump Intake Depth 526 ft. B.T.C.  Remarks	KE	<del>-</del>
WELL TEST DATA WITH PERMANENT PUMP  Date Tested9/21/82  Static Water Level Prior to Test74.57 ft. B.T.C.  Length of Testnottested Hours  Sustained yield (Metered) GPM  Pumping Water Level	TOTAL DEPTH  DEPTH TO INTAKE	CONE OF DEPRESSION
CONTRACTORS STATEMENT  The undersigned, being duly sworn upon oath, depoump installation described hereon; that he has rethereof, and that the same is true of his own known Signature	ead the statement made hereon; knows the con ledge.	tent

Signature for Samuelsen	License No. /150
State of Colorado, County ofGarfield	SS
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November ,	. 19 <u>82</u> .
My Commission expires: 3/20 , 19 85 .	

Box 520, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

FORM TO BE MADE OUT IN QUADRUPLICATE: WHITE FORM must be an original copy on both sides and signed.

WHITE AND GREEN copies must be filed with the State Engineer. PINK COPY is for the Owner and YELLOW COPY is for the Driller.

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### **COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 818 Centennial Bldg., 1313 Sherman St., Denver, Colorado 80203

### PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

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( ) A PERMIT TO USE GROUND WATER (X) A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WELL FOR: (X) A PERMIT TO INSTALL A PUMP

( ) REPLACEMENT FOR NO. \_\_\_

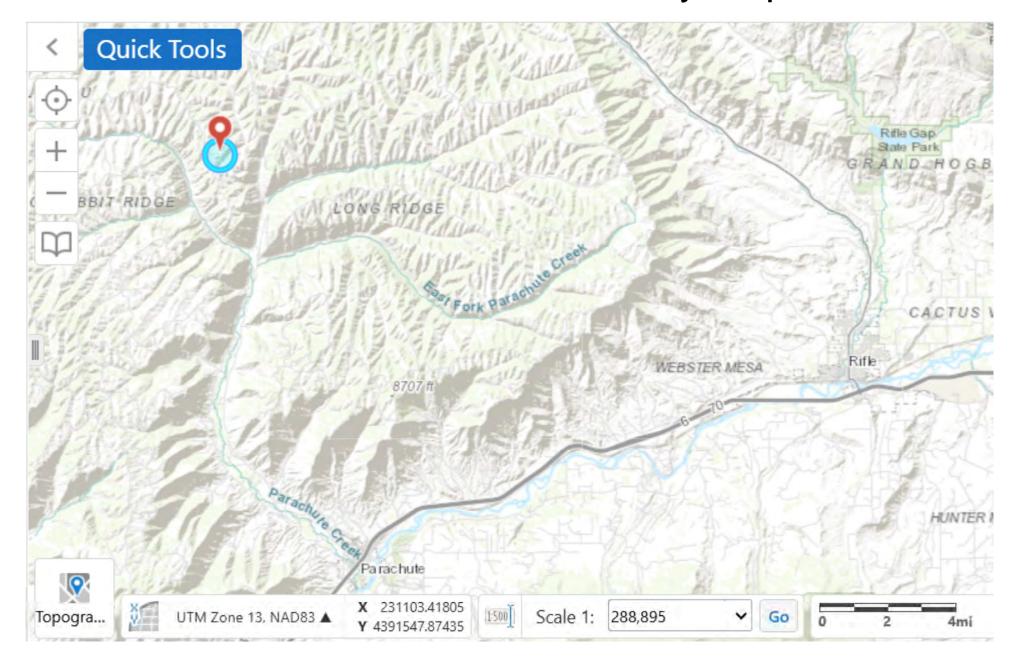
WATER COUP	TT CASE NO
(1) APPLICANT - mailing address	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN
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the COLONY SHALE OIL PROJEC	T Receipt No. <u>/5078 M</u> /
STREETP. O. Box 14342	Basin Dist
CITY Aurora, CO 80014	CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
Attn: Gerafd'eb. Ortlo'f'	
TELEPHONE NO. (303) 695-2201	This well shall be used in such a way as to cause
(2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL	no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant
(2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL	that no injury will occur to another vested water
CountyGarfield	right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
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Twp. $\frac{5}{N,S}$ , Rng. $\frac{96}{E,W}$ , $\frac{6th}{E}$ P	.M. PERIODIC SAMPLING FOR WATER QUALITY.
	-12) THE GROUND MATER DEING LESTED SHAFE DE ODIVINED
(3) WATER USE AND WELL DATA	FROM THE UPPER PARACHUTE MEMBER OF THE GREEN RIVER
Proposed maximum pumping rate (gpm) < 10 gpm	FORMATION ONLY.  3) A LITHOLOGIC LOG OF THIS WELL MUST BE SUBMITTED
Accesses and all amount of around water	TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES.  4) THIS WELL MUST BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED ACCORD-
Average annual amount of ground water zero to be appropriated (acre-feet):	— ING TO THE REVISED AND AMENDED RULES AND REGULA-
Number of acres to be irrigated:None	TIONS FOR WATER WELL AND PUMP INSTALLATION
	CONTRACTORS UPON COMPLETION OF THE MONITORING
Proposed total depth (feet): 640	_   PROGRAM.
Aquifer ground water is to be obtained from:	
Upper Parachute Creek Member, Green River FM	
Owner's well designationWW-4B	_
GROUND WATER TO BE USED FOR:	
( ) HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY - no irrigation (0)	
( ) DOMESTIC (1) ( ) INDUSTRIAL ( ) LIVESTOCK (2) ( ) IRRIGATION (	
( ) COMMERCIAL (4) ( ) MUNICIPAL (8	
(X)OTHER (9) Monitoring Well	_ APPLICATION APPROVED
DETAIL THE USE ON BACK IN (11)	121256
(4) DRILLER	PERMIT NUMBER
(1) 2	DATE ISSUED AUG 11 1981
NameLicensed	EXPIRATION DATE AUG 11 1983
Street	- Phillips
City	(STATE ENGINEER)
City(State) (Zip)	Assistant / / /

(5) THE LOCAT	ON OF THE PROPOSED	WELL and the area or	(6) THE WELL MUST BE LOCATED BELOW
which the water	will be used must be indicate R SECTION (1 section, 640 ac	ed on the diagram below	by distances from section lines.
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NORTH.			LOCATED Owner: Applicant
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NO I	2	ST SEC	the only well on this tract?NO
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	pped continuously for one day prod	···	<u></u>
	HICH GROUND WATER		0026
Owner(s): EXXON C	o., USA as operator of	the Colony Shal	e Oil Project of acres: 8836 and located in Secs. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8,
			2, 11, 12, 13, & 14, T5S, R96W, 6th
			nold use and domestic wells must indicate type of disposal
Tystem to be used MO	nitoring well for pur	poses of monitor	ing groundwater quality
as	required by Mined La	and Reclamation p	ermit.
(12) OTHER WAT	ER RIGHTS used on this	land, including wells. G	ve Registration and Water Court Case Numbers.
Type or ri	ight Used	for (purpose)	Description of land on which used
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SIGNATURE OF APPL	Regui	latory Affairs Ma	nager

Date: _3-12-2025				
Hydrogeology Section Consultation				
Evaluator:CAJ	Replacement Application 356			
Location: ¼ ¼ Section, Township Easting: _231615.6 Northing: _4392780 ]				
Aquifer(s) Requested: MW conversion to production waquifer Type the well was constructed into and any cocompleted depth.				
Research:				
Mapped as Unit D of the Uinta Formation.				
The Uinta Formation overlies the Green River Formation construction log is consistent with the mapped description	<u> </u>	ne well		
The Mahogany confining unit thickness is estimated at ap	oproximately 160 feet.			
USGS mapping for the Cutoff Gulch Quadrange shows structure contour mapping for the top of the Mahogany confining unit: approximately 7,150 feet.				
Estimated base of the Mahogany confining unit: 6,990 feet.				
The total depth of the well is 600 feet (approximately 7,087 feet).				
The lithology described on the well construction log is consistent with the oil-shale rich zone of the Mahogany confining unit from 232 feet to total depth (600 feet) below ground surface (bgs).				
Recommended Permit Conditions and Notes:				
This is a Type 2 well completed into the Mahogany con of the Green River Formation.	ifining unit of the Para	achute Member		

Hydrogeologist Signature: Marques Hatfield Date: 3/19/2025

# Permit 121348 - Vicinity Map



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

#### RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-030D, Permit No. 121348, Receipt 0215078E

On March 6, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request (attached) dated January 27, 2025 from BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC associated with an application to convert the monitoring well constructed under Permit 121351 to a production well under application receipt number 10040464. The request states BBA Water Consultants LLC is "applying for a variance to approve the re-permitting of these wells even though they may not have been drilled by a well construction contractor whose license was on file with the State at the time of construction". The Board cannot provide a variance to the permit application evaluation as the Board does not have the ability to permit water wells. We understand the intent of the variance request was to request a variance to the current well construction Rule 14.2.2.1 for a monitoring well where no evidence exists that it was completed by a licensed well construction contractor licensed by the Board, so that the well construction information can be approved for the purpose of providing input to the Division of Water Resources in their review of the permit applications.

The well completion and pump installation report for Permit 121348 was signed by Larry Crimm, (Lic No. 1128), a licensed well construction contractor. Available licensing information indicates Mr. Crimm's date of first license was October 31, 1983 and that his last renewal was February 22, 1984 suggesting his license lapsed January, 1985. The well construction and pump installation report signed by Mr. Crimm and notarized in 1984, indicates the well completion occurred on September 19, 1982, which is prior to the date the available records suggest Mr. Crimm first obtained his license from the Board.

Evidence is not available to prove that the monitoring well [test hole as defined in the Section 2(22) of the 1972 Rules] was constructed by a water well contractor licensed by the Board at the time of well construction as required in Section 3(2) of the 1972 Rules or a licensed well construction contractor per Rule 14.2.2.1 of the current Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the request for a variance is denied by Staff of the Board for the following reasons:

The variance request opines on the owners intent based on the response "licensed" to



Variance 2025-030D Permit No. 121348 Page 2 of 2

question 4 of the permit application asking about the proposed "driller" as being in good faith. The intent of the owner to have the well constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board from his response to question 4 of the application is conjecture. The owner's apparent neglect to follow the requirements of the Rules allowing only a contractor licensed by the Board to construct water wells or test holes at the time this well was constructed is a self inflicted hardship and is not a valid practical difficulty or unusual hardship in the Board Staff's opinion.

• It is the opinion of the Board Staff that a variance from Rule 14.2.2.1 relieving the monitoring well of the requirement of having been constructed by a well construction contractor licensed by the Board could encourage other unlicensed contractors to perform work on wells, or owners to hire unlicensed contractors. Allowing the conversion of monitoring wells to production wells without evidence that it was constructed by a licensed well construction contractor or that the individual on the work report had knowledge of the construction does not represent a practice that will promote the enforcement of the protection of the health and safety of the public and prevention of contamination to Colorado's groundwater.

Because the variance was denied, Staff does not approve the construction information on the well construction and pump installation report for the purpose of the requested conversion of the monitoring well to a production well.

Please note that the owner or individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CHTZISTOPHETZ JONES

Chief Well Inspector

Administrator to the Board of Examiners

(720) 618-9982

enclosure: Variance Request

ec: Well Permit File, <a href="https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/0215078E">https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/0215078E</a>

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# WELL COMPLETION AND PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT PERMIT NUMBER 121348

WELLOWNER EXXON Company, U.S.A. ADDRESS P.O. Box 440342, Aurora, CO 80044 T. 5 S R. 96 W 6th \_\_\_\_\_P.M. DATE COMPLETED September 19 , 1982 HOLE DIAMETER 6.75 in from 0 to 550 ft. **WELL LOG** Water 3.625 in. from 550 to 600 ft From Tο Type and Color of Material Loc. \_\_\_\_ in, from \_\_\_\_ \_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 0 100 Sandstone, yellow-brown, fine DRILLING METHOD Rotary air grained; siltstone, gray-CASING RECORD: Plain Casing brown. Size 4.33 & kind fiberglas from 0 to 549.2 ft. 100 230 Mudstone, light gray. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. 230 320 Siltstone, light gray. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. 320 360 Marlstone, pale brown. **Perforated Casing** 360 600 Oil shale, medium brown. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. Size \_\_\_\_\_ & kind \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ ft. **GROUTING RECORD** Material Portland-type II. bentonite and salt. Intervals 0-550 ft B.T.C. Placement Method pumped down casing and up annulus GRAVEL PACK: Size interval \_\_\_\_\_ **TEST DATA** Date Tested November 12 19 82 Static Water Level Prior to Test 560.31 B.T.C. ft. Type of Test Pump \_\_\_\_\_\_ Length of Test \_\_\_\_\_ Sustained Yield (Metered) TOTAL DEPTH \_ 600 ft. Final Pumping Water Level \_\_\_\_\_ Use additional pages necessary to complete log.

PUMP INSTALLATION REPORT	
Pump Make None	
Туре	
Powered by HP	
Pump Serial No.	
Motor Serial No.	WATER VIEW VIEW VIEW VIEW VIEW VIEW VIEW VIEW
Date Installeo	
Pump Intake Depth	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S
Remarks	PUMPING
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Pumping Water Level	
Remarks	
CONTRACTORS STATEMENT	
pump installation described hereon; that he has thereof, and that the same is true of his own known Signature	License No. // D.
State of Colorado, County of Alala	ma ss
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{11^{+1}}{2}$	A DONNA L. CRIMM - Notary Public (
My Commission expires: Feb. 24	1988 . County or State of Wyoming
Notary Publid roma O. Numm	My Commission Expires Feb. 29, 1968

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## **COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 818 Centennial Bldg., 1313 Sherman St., Denver, Colorado 80203

#### PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

( ) A PERMIT TO USE GROUND WATER ( X ) A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WELL FOR: (X) A PERMIT TO INSTALL A PUMP

( ) REPLACEMENT FOR NO. \_

( )OTHER.

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WATER RESOURCES STATE ENGINEER COLO.

WATER COURT	CASE NO
(1) APPLICANT - mailing address	FOR OFFI
Exxon Co., USA as operator of	}
NAME the COLONY SHALE OIL PROJECT	Receipt No
STREETP. O. Box 14342	Basin
CITYAurora, CO 80014	!
NAME OF CAMPIBILITY OF FIGURES	
TELEPHONE NO	This w
(2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL	issuand
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County Garfield	
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(3) WATER USE AND WELL DATA	FROM THE
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Proposed maximum pumping rate (gpm) <10 gpm	TO THE C
Average annual amount of ground water	4) THIS
to be appropriated (acre-reet).	ING TO T
Number of acres to be irrigated: None	
Proposed total depth (feet): 685	PROGRAM. 
Aquifer ground water is to be obtained from:	
Lower Uinta Formation	:
Owner's well designation <u>WW-5B</u>	
GROUND WATER TO BE USED FOR:	
( ) HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY - no irrigation (0) ( ) DOMESTIC (1) ( ) INDUSTRIAL (5) ( ) LIVESTOCK (2) ( ) IRRIGATION (6) ( ) COMMERCIAL (4) ( ) MUNICIPAL (8)	·
( X) OTHER (9) Monitoring Well	APPLICA
DETAIL THE USE ON BACK IN (11)	
(4) DRILLER	PERMITN
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Street	Col
City(State) (Zip)	Assis
Telephone No Lic. No	BY A
10.70	I.D

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN		
Receipt No. 15078 E		
Basin Dist		
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL		

This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.

- PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO DRILL THIS WEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING WATER LEVELS AND PERIODIC SAMPLING FOR WATER QUALITY.
- THE GROUND WATER BEING TESTED SHALL BE OBTAINE. FROM THE LOWER UINTA MEMBER OF THE GREEN RIVER FORMATION ONLY.
- 3) A LITHOLOGIC LOG OF THIS WELL MUST BE SUBMITTE TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES.
- 4) THIS WELL MUST BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED ACCORD ING TO THE REVISED AND AMENDED RULES AND REGULA-TIONS FOR WATER WELL AND PUMP INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS UPON COMPLETION OF THE MONITORING PROGRAM.

## **APPLICATION APPROVED**

	121348	
PERMIT NUMBER		
DATE ISSUED	AUG 11 1981	
EXPIRATION DATE	AUG 1 1 1983	
Robert G.	Longenbuyh	
Assistant BY	(STATE ENGINEER)	
I.D. 5	39COUNTY	

(5) THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WELL and the area on	(6) THE WELL MUST BE LOCATED BELOW
which the water will be used must be indicated on the diagram below. Use the CENTER SECTION (1 section, 640 acres) for the well location.	by distances from section lines.
+-+-++++	650 ft. from South sec. line
1 MILE, 5280 FEET	ft. fromsec. line
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NORTH SECTION LINE	SUBDIVISION
NORTH.	(7) TRACT ON WHICH WELL WILL BE LOCATED Owner: Applicant
+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	No. of acres 8836 Will this be
T SEC	the only well on this tract? NO
NOIL THE	(8) PROPOSED CASING PROGRAM
+	Plain Casing
<b>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</b>	6.4 in from 0 ft. to 635 ft.
+ - + SOUTH SECTION LINE	in. fromft. toft. Perforated casing
	in. from ft. to ft.
+ + + + + + + +	in, from ft, to ft,
	(9) FOR REPLACEMENT WELLS give distance and direction from old well and plans for plugging it:
The scale of the diagram is 2 inches = 1 mile  Each small square represents 40 acres.	N/A
WATER EQUIVALENTS TABLE (Rounded Figures)	N/A
An acre-foot covers 1 acre of land 1 foot deep 1 cubic foot per second (cfs) 449 gallons per minute (gpm)	
A family of 5 will require approximately 1 acre-foot of water per year. 1 acre-foot 43,560 cubic feet 325,900 gallons.	
1,000 gpm pumped continuously for one day produces 4.42 acre-feet.	
(10) LAND ON WHICH GROUND WATER WILL BE USED:	Oil Project 8836
Owner(s): Exxon Co.,USA as operator of the Colony Shale That property known as the Dow Property Legal description: 15, 16, 17, & 18, T5S, R95W, & Secs. 1,	and located in Secs. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 11, 12, 13, & 14, T5S, R96W, 6th
(11) <b>DETAILED DESCRIPTION</b> of the use of ground water: Househo	
system to be used Monitoring well for purposes of monitori	ng groundwater quality
as required by Mined Land Reclamation permit.	
(12) OTHER WATER RIGHTS used on this land, including wells. Give	re Registration and Water Court Case Numbers.
Type or right Used for (purpose)	Description of land on which used
(42) THE ARRIVANTAL CONTRACTOR THE INCOME.	ON SET FORTH HEREON IS
(13) THE APPLICANT(S) STATE(S) THAT THE INFORMATI TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE. EXXON COMPANY, U. S., A.	ON SET FORTH HEREON IS
By: Lenyd, Citleff	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S) Gerald D. Ortloff  Regulatory Affairs Mar	aager

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Hydrogeology Section Consultation	Date:3-12-2025
Evaluator:CAJ	Replacement Application? [ ] _121348 Applicant:
Location: ¼ ¼ Section, Towns Easting: _231503.3 Northing: _4390 6.2.3: []	ship, Range, 6th PM 717.7 Elevation: _8,200_ Rule
<b>Aquifer(s) Requested:</b> MW to production well aquifer type the well was constructed into and of the well.	
Research:	
Mapped as Unit D of the Uinta Formation.	
The Uinta Formation overlies the Green River construction log is consistent with the mapped approximately 320 feet below ground surface	d description of the Uinta down to
The Mahogany confining unit thickness is estim	nated at approximately 160 feet.
USGS mapping for the Cutoff Gulch Quadrange the Mahogany confining unit: approximately 7	e shows structure contour mapping for the top of ,180 feet.
Estimated base of the Mahogany confining unit	t: 7,020 feet.
The total depth of the well is 600 feet (approx	kimately 7,600 feet).
The lithology described on the well constructi consistent with the oil-shale described in the confining unit.	

Recommended Permit Conditions and Notes:

This is a Type 2 well completed into the Upper Parachute Member of the Green River Formation.

Hydrogeologist Signature: Marques Hatfield Date: 3/19/2025

Piceance Basin				
Geologic Period	Phase	Stratigraphic Unit		Hydrogeologic Unit
Quaternary	Modern- Glaciation	Alluvium associated with present rivers		Alluvial Aquifers
Neogene	Extension	Basalt flows		Volcanics
	Transition	No strata		
		Uinta Format	cion	Upper Piceance
		ation	Parachute Creek Member	Basin Aquifer
				Mahogany confining unit
Paleogene	Laramide	Green River Formation		Lower Piceance Basin Aquifer
		Green R	Anvil Points Member	Croon Bisson
			Garden Gulch Member	Green River confining unit
			Douglas Creek Member	
		Wasatch Fori	mation	Wasatch- Fort Union
		Fort Union Fo	ormation	Aquifer
		Mesaverde Group	Hunter Canyon/ Williams Form Formatation	Mesaverde Aquifer
			Mt. Garfield/lles Formation	
Cretaceous	Interior Seaway		Lower Mesaverde Group, undivided	
		Mancos Shale		Mancos confining unit
		Regional Cretaceous Seaway shale- dominated formations form multiple hydrogeologic units, most are confining units		
Jurassic	Mesozoic	Multiple sedimentary units deposited		
Triassic	Sandstones	in the stable continent interior may be present that may form aquifers		
Permian		Ancestral Rocky Mountains event		Colorado Plateaus
Pennsylvanian	Ancestral Rocky Mountains	marine and non-marine sedimentary formations form multiple hydrogeologic units in the Eagle Basin-Central Colorado Trough and may be present, depending on location		Regional and Eagle Basin-Central Colorado Trough hydrogeologic units
Mississippian		Lower Paleozoic sedimentary formations that are dominantly		
Devonian				
Silurian	Paleozoic Carbonates	limestone an aquifers pres		
Ordovician		Central Color	ral Colorado Trough may be	
Cambrian		present depending on location		
Precambrian	Precambrian	Crystalline rocks of igneous and metamorphic origin in mountainous region		Crystalline bedrock
Table 11b-02-05-01. Piceance Basin stratigraphic chart.				

Piceance Basin							
Geologic Period	Phase	Stratigraphic Unit		Unit Thickness (ft)	Physical Characteristics	Hydrogeologic Unit	Hydrologic Characteristics
Quaternary	Modern- Glaciation	Alluvium ass	ociated with present rivers	;		Alluvial Aquifers	
Neogene	Extension	Basalt flows				Volcanics	
Paleogene	Transition	No strata					
	Laramide	Uinta Formation		0-1,400	Silty sandstone, siltstone and marlstone	Upper Piceance	
			Parachute Creek Member	500-1,800	Kerogenous, dolomitic marlstone and shale, nahcolite and halite	Basin Aquifer  Mahogany	
		Green River Formation				confining unit	
						Lower Piceance Basin Aquifer	
			Anvil Points Member	0-1,870	Shale, fine-grained sandstone and marlstone		
			Garden Gulch Member	0-900	Claystone, siltstone, clay-rich oil shale and marlstone	Green River	
			Douglas Creek Member	0-900	Siltstone, shale and channel sandstone	confining unit	
		Wasatch Formation		About 5,000	Shale, lenticular sandstone, and conglomerate	Wasatch- Fort Union Aquifer	
		Fort Union Formation		Very thin	Coarse-grained sandstone		
Cretaceous	Interior Seaway	Mesaverde Group	Hunter Canyon/ Williams Form Formatation	up to 1,400	Interbedded sandstone, mudstone,carbonaceous claystone, shale and Cameo Coal	Mesaverde Aquifer	Target formations for coalbed methane
			Mt. Garfield/lles Formation	up to 400	Interbedded sandstone, siltstone, shale and Pallisade or Cameo-Fairfield Coal		
			Lower Mesaverde Group, undivided	up to 3,000	Sandstone interbedded shale and Anchor Coal		
		Mancos Shal	e	More than 7,000	Mainly shale but Frontier Sandstone may be local aquifer	Mancos confining unit	
		Regional Cretaceous Seaway shale-dominated formations form multiple hydrogeologic units, most are confining units					
Jurassic	Mesozoic	Multiple sedimentary units deposited in the stable continent interior may be present that may form aquifers				Colorado Plateaus Regional and Eagle Basin- Central Colorado	
Triassic	Sandstones						
Permian	Ancestral	Ancestral Rocky Mountains event marine and non-marine sedimentary formations form multiple hydrogeologic units in the Eagle Basin-Central Colorado Trough and may be present, depending on location					
Pennsylvanian	Rocky Mountains						
Mississippian							
Devonian	Dologasia	ower Paleozoic sedimentary formations that are dominantly limestone and dolomite form multiple aquifers preserved in the				hydrogeologic units	
Silurian			zoic sedimentary formation Central Colorado Trough m				
Ordovician							
Cambrian							
rrecumbrian		-	Crystalline rocks of igneous and metamorphic origin in mountainous region				
Table 11b-02-05-01. Piceance Basin stratigraphic chart, detailed. Colorado Geological Survey ON-010 Colorado Groundwater Atlas.							
Sources: Taylor and others (1986); Freethey and Cordy (1991); Glover and others (1998); Raynolds and Hagadorn (2017)							

# AGENDA ITEM 11.d

BBA Water Consultants, LLC on Behalf of Owner

Permit Nos. <u>164780</u> and <u>164914</u>

Appeal of Denial of Monitoring
Well Construction Information for
the Purpose of Conversion to
Production Well

# Summary

- 2 monitoring wells constructed by a licensed well construction contractor with permits in 1992 were requested to be converted to production wells.
- The well construction information was denied for conversion because it did not comply with the requirements for a water well at the time of construction (1988 Rules).
  - Grouted annulus smaller than that allowed by 1988 Rules 10.4.1 and 10.5.3.2
  - PVC wall thickness not reported and/or reported to be less than the minimum thickness required by 1988 Rule 10.3.5.1.b.
- Consultant asking for variance to the cited Rules and approval of the construction information for the purpose of converting the MW to production well.

# Permit Nos. 164780 and 164914

# We are seeking a variance to Rule 14.2.2.1

Rule 14.2.2.1 lays out three requirements for the re-permitting of a monitoring hole to a water well.

- (1) The monitoring well must have been constructed after the proper well permit was obtained
- (2) The monitoring well must have been constructed by a licensed well construction contractor
- (3) The monitoring well must have been constructed in accordance with the well construction rules at the time of construction

# Re-permitting argument:

Rule 18 of the current rules state that the Board of Examiners may approve variance requests if "the variance will protect the health and safety of the public and prevent contamination to Colorado's groundwater."

While both wells were properly permitted and constructed by a licensed well construction contractor in 1992, neither meets the construction standards laid out by the 1988 rules in regard to annular space (rules 10.4.1 and 10.5.3.2 of the 1988 rules, listed below).

Despite this, we believe these wells can be converted to production wells while protecting the health and safety of the public and preventing contamination of the State's groundwater resources as the wells are conservatively grouted and not located near potential sources of contamination. The intended use is limited to stock watering.

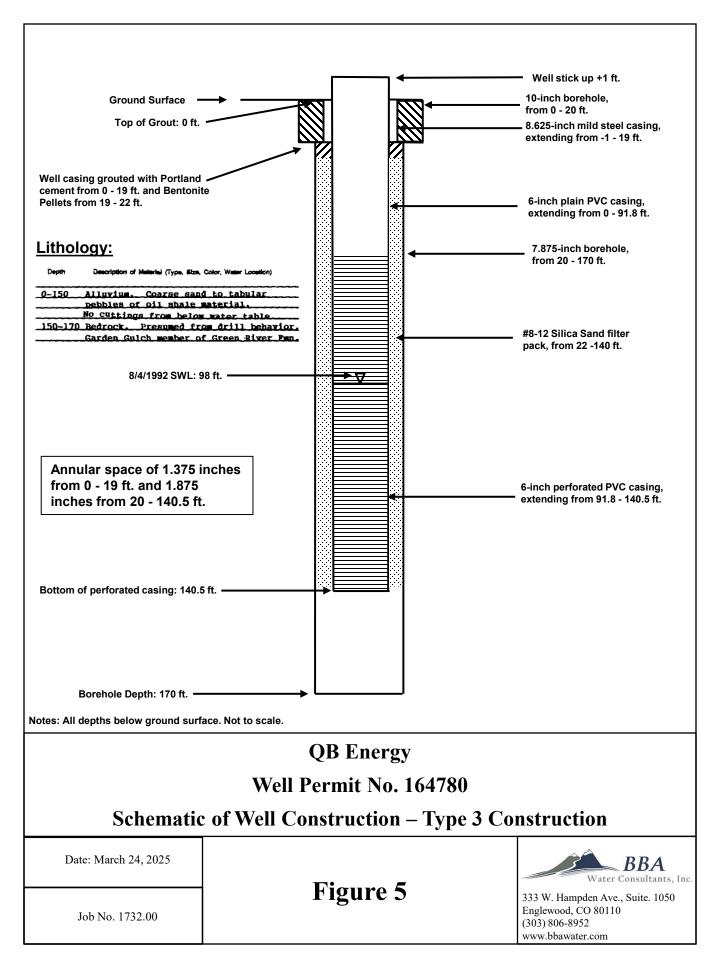
### Rules for which Well Permit Nos. 164780 and 164914 need a variance:

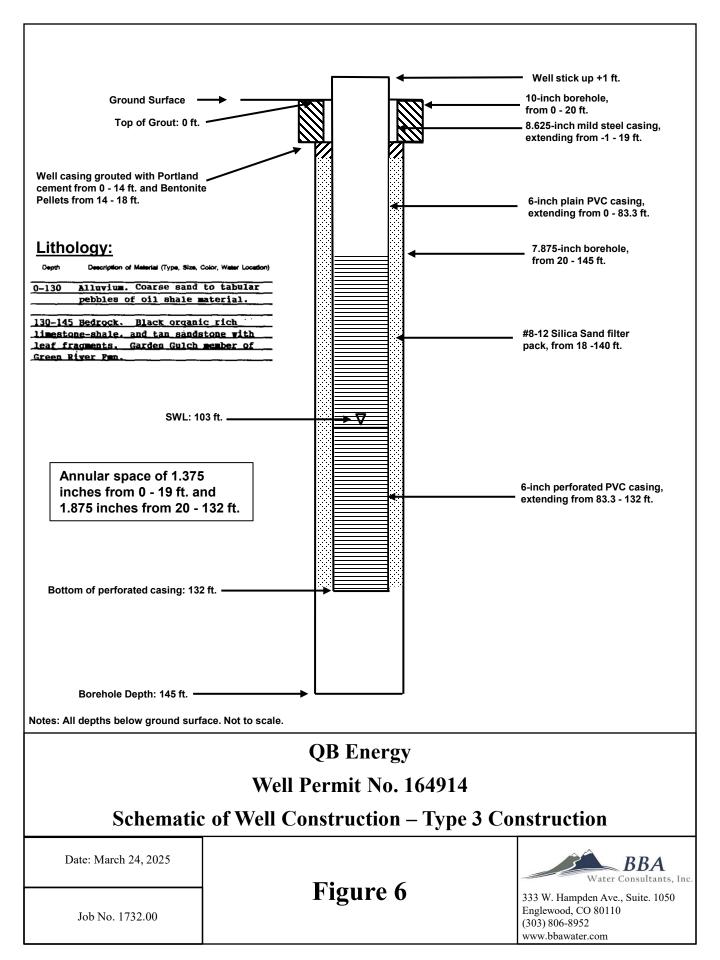
#### 10.4.1:

The borehole shall be at least-one-and-three-quarters (1.75) inches in diameter larger than the nominal diameter of the casing when grout is required in the annulus.

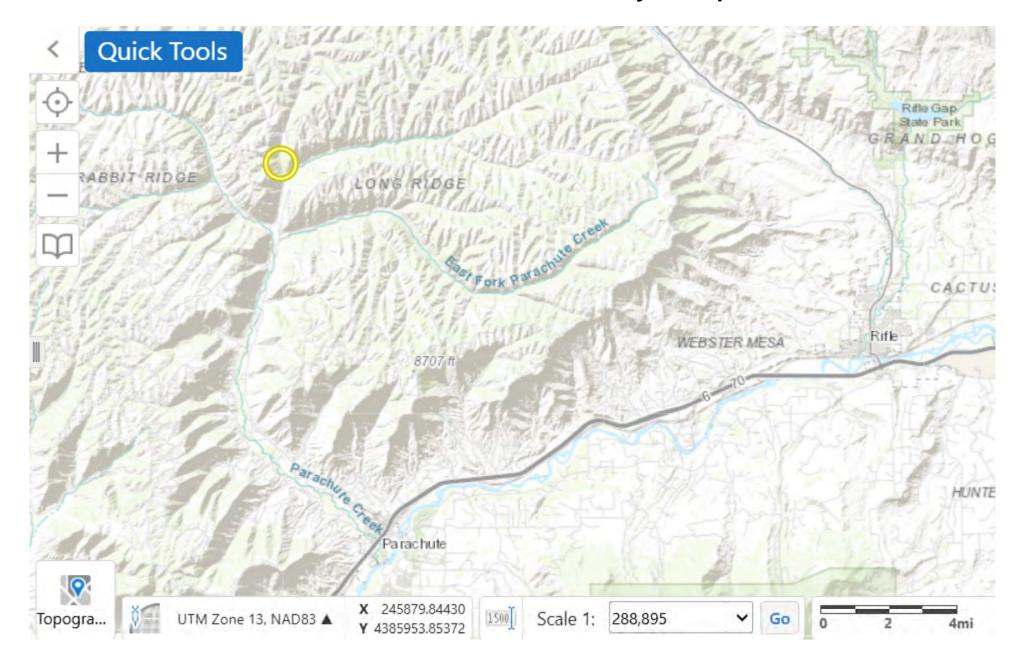
#### 10.5.3.2

Only neat cement or cement-bentonite grouts can be poured and then only into a dry annulus where the borehole diameter is at least two (2) inches larger than the outside diameter of the casing and the placement depth does not exceed thirty (30) feet. The borehole diameter need only be one and three quarters (1.75) inches larger than the nominal casing size when the cement is placed into the annulus and the casing is vibrated using a down hole air hammer.





# Permit 164780 - Vicinity Map





Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

RE: GWS-31 Construction Information Review for Conversion of a Monitoring and Observation Well Constructed Under Permit 164780 to a Production Well Under Receipt No. 10040467 - Denial

BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC has applied to convert the monitoring and observation well completed on July 31, 1992 under Permit 164780 to a production well (water well) under application receipt number 10040467. At the time the monitoring and observation well was reportedly constructed, the 1988 version of the well construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2) was in effect. Based on a review of the well construction and test report (Form GWS-31), the well construction documented on the GWS-31 did not meet the following minimum standards for water well construction required by the 1988 version of the Rules in place at the time of construction:

- 10.4.1 The borehole shall be at least one-and-three-quarters (1.75) inches in diameter larger than the nominal diameter of the casing when grout is required in the annulus.
  - We interpret the information in Boxes 6, 7 and 10 of the GWS-31 to indicate that the 8 % inch outside diameter (OD) steel casing was placed in the 10 inch diameter borehole and grouted from 19 feet below ground surface up to the ground surface.
  - The 10 inch borehole is only 1 3/8" larger than the 8 5/8" outside diameter (OD) steel casing which is less than the 1.75 inch required by Rule 10.4.1.
- 10.5.3.2 Only neat cement or cement~bentonite grouts can be poured and then only into a dry annulus where the borehole diameter is at least two (2) inches larger than the outside diameter of the casing and the placement depth does not exceed thirty (30) feet. The borehole diameter need only be one and three quarters (1.75) inches larger than the nominal casing size when the cement is placed into the annulus and the cas.ing is vibrated using a down hole air hammer.
  - The grouting record in Box 10 is interpreted to indicate Portland cement grout was "dropped" into the annulus between the 8 % inch OD steel casing and the



QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC 3/19/2025 Page 2 of 2

10 inch borehole. No evidence exists that the casing was vibrated with an air hammer

- The 10 inch borehole is only 1 3/8" larger than the 8 5/8" outside diameter (OD) steel casing which is less than the 2 inches required by Rule 10.5.3.2 for a casing that was not vibrated.
- 10.3.5.1 Except for monitoring and observation wells the following minimum wall thicknesses shall be applicable to well casings: b. Thermoplastic well casing: 0.200 inches
  - Solid PVC wall thickness was not reported. Though not required for the wells' current permitted use as a monitoring and observation well, the minimum standards for wall thickness existed for a water well. The required well construction information requested by the State Engineer on form GWS-31 was not provided.
  - Perforated PVC wall thickness was reported as 0.02 inches which is less than 0.200 inches required by 10.3.5.1.b for a water well. Though this might be a typo, the information presented on the form does not show compliance with the well construction Rules in place at the time of construction.

The construction information on Form GWS-31 is not approved for the proposed conversion to a production well due to the above described aspects of the construction not meeting the standards for a water well at the time of construction, and because repairs do not appear feasible to bring the well into compliance with the minimum water well construction standards of the Rules in place at the time of construction. If you have other information that may clarify or correct our understanding of the well please send it to this office.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me (720)618-9982 or at chris.jones@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

ec:

Christopher A Jones

Christopher A Jones, PE. PG. Chief Well Inspector Administrator to the Board of Examiners

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Form No. ..

# OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

818 Centennial Bidg., 1313 Sherman St., Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 866-3581

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WELL PERMIT NUMBER	164780
DIV. 5 CNTY. 23	WD 39 DES. BASIN MD

Lot: Block: Filing: Subdiv:

APPROVED WELL LOCATION

COUNTY GARFIELD

SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 18

Twp 5 S , Range 95 W 6th P.M.

DISTANCES FROM SECTION LINES

970 Ft. from South Section Line
465 Ft. from West Section Line

EXXON COAL & MINERALS CO P O BOX 1314

(713) 978-5525

HOUSTON, TX 77251

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT MONITORING WELL MW-13

### ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1) This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- 2) The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 17.
- 3) Approved pursuant to CRS 37-92-602(3)(b)(1) for uses as described in CRS 37-92-602(1)(f). Use of this well is limited to monitoring water levels and/or water quality sampling.
- 4) This well must be equipped with a locking cap or seal to prevent well contamination or possible hazards as an open well. The well must be kept locked at all times except during sampling or measuring.
- 5) Records of water level measurements and water quality analyses shall be maintained by the well owner and submitted to the Division of Water Resources upon request.
- 6) Upon conclusion of the monitoring program the well owner shall plug and abandon this well in accordance with the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules.
- 7) The owner shall mark the well in a conspicuous place with well permit number and name of aquifer as appropriate. He shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 8) This well must be constructed by or under the supervision of a licensed well driller or other authorized individual according to the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules.
- 9) A well completion report including lithologic log must be submitted by the individual authorized to construct the well. For non-standard construction the report must include an as built drawing showing details; such as depth, casing, perforated zones, and a description of the grouting type and interval.
- This well shall be constructed not more than 200 feet from the location specified on this permit.

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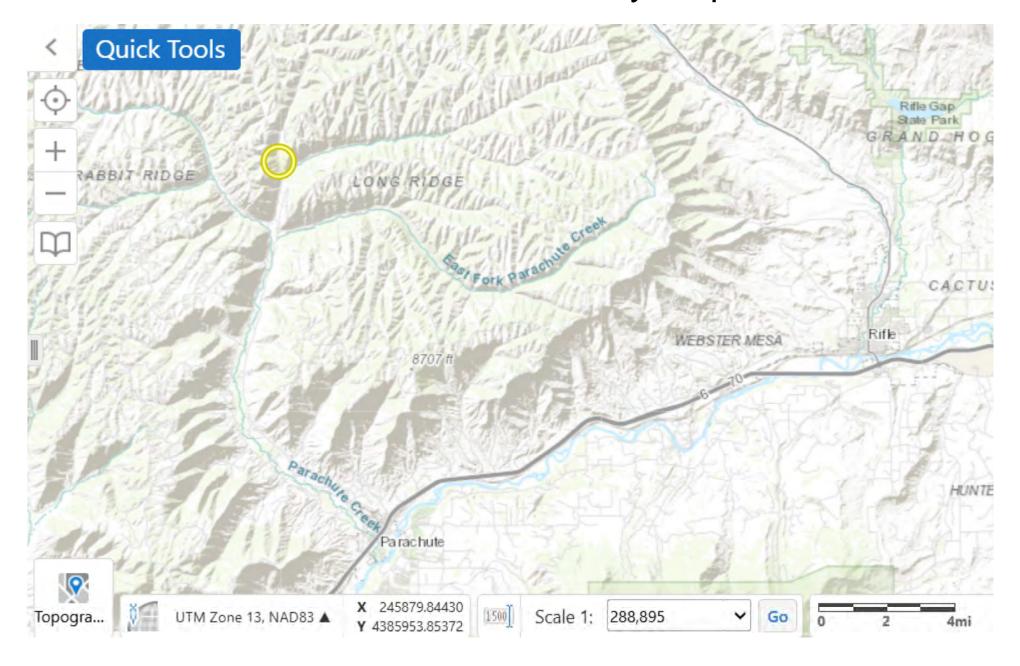
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DATE ISSUED JUN 1 8 1997

EXPIRATION DATE JUN 18 1994

Receipt No.

# Permit 164914 - Vicinity Map





Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 19, 2025

QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC nhoch@bbawater.com

RE: GWS-31 Construction Information Review for Conversion of a Monitoring and Observation Well Constructed Under Permit 164914 to a Production Well Under Receipt No. 10040468 - Denial

BBA Water Consultants, LLC on behalf of QB Energy Operating LLC has applied to convert the monitoring and observation well completed on August 4, 1992 under Permit 164914 to a production well (water well) under application receipt number 10040468. At the time the monitoring and observation well was reportedly constructed, the 1988 version of the well construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2) was in effect. Based on a review of the well construction and test report (Form GWS-31), the well construction documented on the GWS-31 did not meet the following minimum standards for water well construction required by the 1988 version of the Rules in place at the time of construction:

- 10.4.1 The borehole shall be at least one-and-three-quarters (1.75) inches in diameter larger than the nominal diameter of the casing when grout is required in the annulus.
  - We interpret the information in Boxes 6, 7 and 10 of the GWS-31 to indicate that the 8 % inch outside diameter (OD) steel casing was placed in the 10 inch diameter borehole and grouted from 19 feet below ground surface up to the ground surface.
  - The 10 inch borehole is only 1 3/8" larger than the 8 5/8" outside diameter (OD) steel casing which is less than the 1.75 inch required by Rule 10.4.1.
- 10.5.3.2 Only neat cement or cement~bentonite grouts can be poured and then only into a dry annulus where the borehole diameter is at least two (2) inches larger than the outside diameter of the casing and the placement depth does not exceed thirty (30) feet. The borehole diameter need only be one and three quarters (1.75) inches larger than the nominal casing size when the cement is placed into the annulus and the cas.ing is vibrated using a down hole air hammer.
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QB Energy Operating LLC % BBA Water Consultants LLC 3/19/2025 Page 2 of 2

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The construction information on Form GWS-31 is not approved for the proposed conversion to a production well due to the above described aspects of the construction not meeting the standards for a water well at the time of construction, and because repairs do not appear feasible to bring the well into compliance with the minimum water well construction standards of the Rules in place at the time of construction. If you have other information that may clarify or correct our understanding of the well please send it to this office.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me (720)618-9982 or at chris.jones@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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WELL CONSTRUCTION AND TEST F  GH9-31  STATE OF COLORADO, OFFICE OF THE STATE	REPORT For Office Use only RECEIVED
1. WELL PERMIT NUMBER	(HW-12)
2 OWNER NAME(S)	SEP 1 4 '92'  WATER RESOLUTION STATE ENOUGH
3. WELL LOCATION AS DRILLED: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec DISTANCES FROM SEC. LINES:	ft. from West Sec. line. OR  (east or west)  LOT BLOCK FILING(UNIT)  ILLING METHOD Botary with foam
5. GEOLOGIC LOG:	6. HOLE DIAM. (in.) From (ft) To (ft)
Depth Description of Material (Type, Size, Color, Water Location)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
0-130 Alluvium. Coarse sand to tabular	
pebbles of oil shale material.  130-145 Bedrock. Black organic rich limestone-shale, and tan sandstone with leaf fragments. Garden Gulch member of Green River Pan.  REMARKS: Coordinates and elevations are estimated. Well survey is scheduled in '92.	7. PLAIN CASING OD (in) Kind Wall Size From(ft) To(ft) 8 5/8 Mild Steel 3/16" -1 19
11 DISINFECTION: Type Rypochlorite Pellets  12 WELL TEST DATA: Check box if Test Data is subr	Amt. Used ~50gs.  mitted on Supplemental Form.
TESTING METHOD Air Lifting Static Level 103 ft. Date/Time measured	, Production Rate 15 gpm. i
Pumping level 130 ft. Date/Time measured Remarks Monitor well only. Pumping level ref.	, Test length (hrs.) 1  lects screen efficiency, not specific capacity.
13. I have reed the statements made herein and know the contents thereof, and that the of false statements herein constitutes perjury in the second degree and is punished CONTRACTOR <u>B.F. Kissner Drilling Co.</u>	y are true to my knowledge. [Pursuant to Section 24-4-104 (13)(a) C.R.S., the making
Name/Title (Please type or print) Signature	Date
B.F. Kissner/Owner	Zussnig 9-3-92

Form No. GWS-25

# OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER COLORADO DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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APPL	<b>ICANT</b>	

WELL PERMIT NUMBER	164914
DIV. 5 CNTY. 23 WD	39 DES. BASIN MD

Lot: Block: Filing: Subdiv:

APPROVED WELL LOCATION

COUNTY GARFIELD

SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 18

Twp 5 S . Range 95 W 6th P.M.

DISTANCES FROM SECTION LINES

1150 Ft. from South Section Line
500 Ft. from West Section Line

EXXON COAL & MINERALS CO P O BOX 1314 HOUSTON, TX 77251

(713) 978-5525

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT MONITORING WELL, MW-12

#### ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1) This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of the permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- 2) The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 17.
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- 6) Upon conclusion of the monitoring program the well owner shall plug and abandon this well in accordance with the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules.
- 7) The owner shall mark the well in a conspicuous place with well permit number and name of aquifer as appropriate. He shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 8) This well must be constructed by or under the supervision of a licensed well driller or other authorized individual according to the Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Rules.
- 9) A well completion report including lithologic log must be submitted by the individual authorized to construct the well. For non-standard construction the report must include an as built drawing showing details; such as depth, casing, perforated zones, and a description of the grouting type and interval.
- 10) This well shall be constructed not more than 200 feet from the location specified on this permit,

APPROVED:

O339460B (Acting)

DATE ISSUED JUN 3 0 1992

EXPIRATION DATE JUN 3 0 1994

Receipt No.

# AGENDA ITEM 11.e

Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, LLC and Owner Michael Howard,

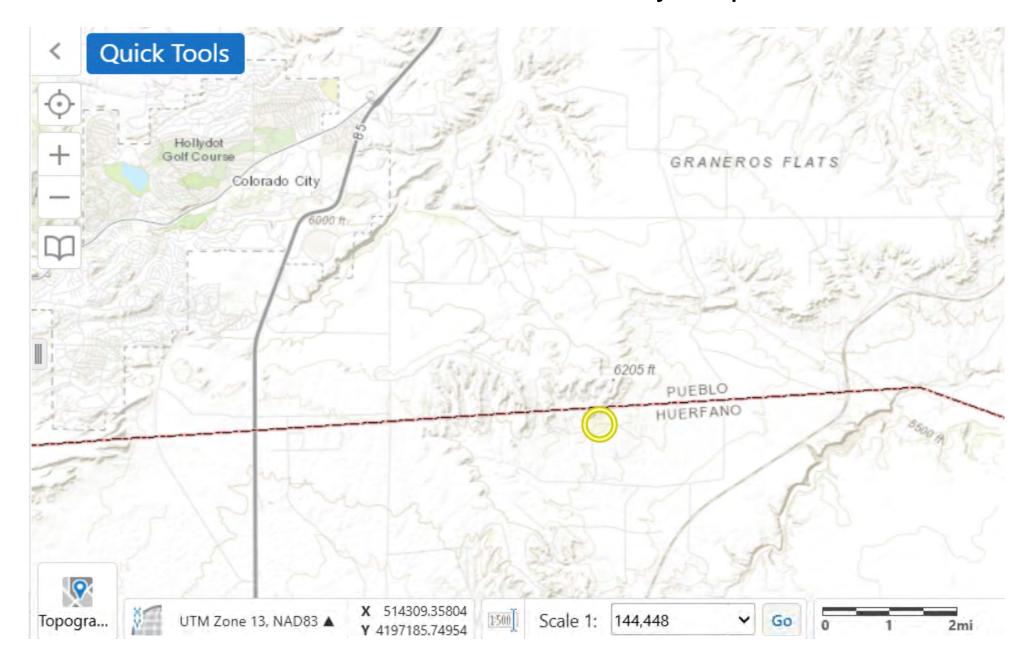
Permit 336820

Appeal of Denial of Variance to Rules 10.4.5.2.b and 10.4.5.2.c for Non-Standard Construction of Type I Aquifer Penetrating Multiple Confining layers

# Summary

- Ojo Springs Drilling constructed a dry hole into the Dakota Formation, then requested a variance from the Type I aquifer penetrating more than one confining layer Rules to construct a well into the Morrison Formation using:
  - PVC casing where Steel casing is required, and
  - a 60' grout plug at top of the Morison
     Formation and a 60' grout plug at confining layer beginning at the top of Dakota
     Formation rather than continuous grout from base of the confining above production zone in Morrison to 60' above the base of the confining layer above the Dakota.
- 7" surface casing and the 6.5" borehole chosen for the dry hole allows only 4.5" OD production casing while maintaining 1 inch annulus.

# Permit 336820 - Vicinity Map



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 17, 2025

Michael Howard % Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, Inc. ojowater@outlook.com dblouinrn@hotmail.com

RE: BOE Variance Denial 2025-026D, Permit No. 336820, Receipt 10039690

On March 13, 2025 the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board) received a variance request (attached) from Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, Inc. (Ojo Springs Drilling) from Rules 10.4.5.2.b and 10.4.5.2.c of the Rules and Regulations for Water Well Construction, Pump Installation, Cistern Installation, and Monitoring and Observation Well/Hole Construction (Construction Rules) 2 CCR 402-2, to allow for the non-standard construction of a well into the Morrison Formation. The fourth note listed on Permit 336820 describes that the Morrison Formation could be a confining unit or aquifer, and a well constructed into the Morrison Formation should be constructed per the requirements of Rule 10.4.5.2 for a Type 1 aquifer overlain by multiple confining units. The hydrogeologic review on page 6 of the original permit file further clarifies that a well producing from the Morrison Formation must comply with Rule 10.1 to prevent the intermingling of groundwater from different sources and limit production to one aquifer.

This variance request followed the construction of an alleged dry hole by Ojo Springs Drilling on March 12, 2025. We understand that the dry hole consists of a drilled 10 inch surface hole and grouted 7 inch surface casing from 0 to 39 feet, then a 6.5 inch borehole drilled to a depth of about 445 feet.

The proposed construction of the well requested by the variance would include using 4.5 inch outside diameter PVC casing instead of steel casing inside the 6.5 inch borehole, and two 60-foot zones of grout; one at the top of the Morrison Formation and another at the top of the Dakota Formation (Dakota Group Aquifer) instead of a continuous grout seal extending from the confining layer above the production zone in the Morrison Formation up to a point at least 60 feet above the base of the confining layer above the Dakota Group Aquifer. Grouting was proposed to be accomplished by placing a grout basket at the base of each 60-foot grout plug and attaching using two 0.75 inch tremies attached to the 4.5 inch outside diameter PVC well casing with pump installation tape then attempting to pull each tremie after the completion of grouting each respective plug.

It is inherently difficult to grout multiple confining layers separately in a single annulus. The BOE Construction Basis and Purpose clarifies the reasoning for construction Rule 10.4.5.2 as follows



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(underline added for emphasis): "Because these wells require the sealing of more than one overlying aquifer, the only way to ensure a proper grout seal across all confining layers is to grout the entire annular space from the production zone to a level above the uppermost (shallowest) confining layer. Due to the heat from hydration and weight of grout, steel casing is required for wells completed in these aquifers."

Pursuant to Rule 18 and the authority granted by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the request for a variance is denied by Staff of the Board for the following reasons:

- The borehole was drilled in a manner to attempt to construct a well in the Dakota Group aquifer in accordance with Rule 10.4.5.1 for a well completed in Type I aquifer penetrating one confining layer. Variance requests may be granted when the strict application of any provision of the construction Rules presents practical difficulties or unusual hardship. The presence or absence of water or lack of sufficient water for beneficial use produced by the well desired by the owner is a difficulty faced by many owners, and is not an unusual hardship for wells constructed in this region.
- The well permit notes and hydrogeologic review provide anticipated aquifer intervals and aquifer types based on available data. The hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation information or the issuance of a well permit do not guarantee the presence or usable quantity of water. Aquifer information listed in the well permit notes or hydrogeologic review do not constitute a practical difficulty or unusual hardship.
- The proposed grouting method associated with the two separate zones in the same annulus outside the PVC production casing directly conflicts with the reasoning for the grouted interval required for Type I aquifers penetrating more than one confining layer described in the basis and purpose. The proposed grout method specifically prevents the contractor from physically evaluating if the grout plug proposed at the top of the Morrison, the lower grout zone, was successfully placed through the proposed 60' interval. The proposed grout placement method presents a higher risk than a single continuously-placed grout plug through the interval required by Rule 10.4.5.2.c (against casing that can support the continuous grout) or through staged grouting that did not use additional baskets above the lower-most grout stage/zone.
  - This higher risk results from an inability to repair the lower grout plug if the initial placement fails to fill the requested 60 foot interval and a separate higher grout plug and/or grout basket obstructs the annulus.
  - The difficulty for the contractor to confirm grout was actually placed through the lower interval requested in the variance also increases the risk of the proposed variance request.

This decrease in ability to assess the actual grouted interval and lack of ability to repair the lower proposed grout plug following removal of the deeper tremie does not represent a plan as protective of the groundwater resources as a single continuous grouted interval where repairs could be performed through an open annulus above the plug, as otherwise required by Rule 10.4.5.2.

Variance 2025-026D Permit No. 336820 Page 3 of 2

Please note that the owner or individual who requested the variance may request the Board's reconsideration of Board Staff's written decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CHTZISTOPHETZ JONES

Chief Well Inspector

Administrator to the Board of Examiners

(720) 618-9982

enclosures: variance request

ec: Well Permit File, <a href="https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/10039690">https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/WellPermits/10039690</a>

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Michael Howard, owner, <u>michael@ineversurrender.com</u>



# **Notification of AskDWR Request: Well Construction Variance Request**

5 messages

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 12:43 PM dnr askDWR@state.co.us <dnr askDWR@state.co.us> To: ANDREW.FLOR@state.co.us, CHRIS.JONES@state.co.us, KEVIN.DONEGAN@state.co.us, MARQUES.HATFIELD@state.co.us, NOLAN.TANGUMA@state.co.us

#### **Contact Information**

Time

03/13/2025 12:43 PM Received:

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Octave Blouin

Name:

**Information Request** 

**Subject:** Well Construction Variance Request Topic: Well Construction Variance Request

Office: Main Office

> Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, Inc. License #1416 Permit #336820 Variance request to construct well as type I multiple with 4.5" OD PVC well casing in a 6.5" borehole. Installing a 60' grout plug at the top of the Morrison formation, and a 60' grout plug at the top of the Dakota

Request: formation, assuming water is encountered in the Morrison. 0-5 Clay Brown 5-6 Limestone

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on: https://dwr.colorado.gov/services/well-construction-inspection

This request has been routed to you; please open HBDMC and go to the "My HBDMC" tab to respond.

Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us> To: ojowater@outlook.com

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 1:48 PM

OG,

Please send the following:

- a statement of hardship why you are asking for the variance.
- specific Rules you are requesting a variance from (steel casing rule, grout from base of lowermost confining to 60' above top of uppermost)
- a description of how you will accomplish the grouting of the two plugs (describe packer types, if tremie will be used, size of tremie how you plan to get the tremie down the hole and back out, staging of grout plugs, if any tremie is planned to be abandoned in the well, etc).

Boarding plane now might not respond until late tonight.

**Chris Jones Chief Well Inspector Hydrogeology Section**  O 303.866.3581 x8270
P 720.618.9982 (mobile)
1313 Sherman St., Room 821, Denver, CO 80203 chris.jones@state.co.us | dwr.colorado.gov
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Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>
To: debby blouin <dblouinrn@hotmail.com>

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 4:29 PM

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**debby blouin** <dblouinrn@hotmail.com>
To: "Jones - DNR, Chris" <chris.jones@state.co.us>

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 8:02 PM

Attached is an addition to variance request for permit 336820. Was having trouble with scanner. Hope this is sufficient ....please let me know if you need anything additional.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone [Quoted text hidden]



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**debby blouin** <dblouinrn@hotmail.com>
To: "Jones - DNR, Chris" <chris.jones@state.co.us>

Fri, Mar 14, 2025 at 11:40 AM

Good morning Chris,

Here is a better copy of additional variance request info. Sent the one last night just to get it to you, but had no scanner.

Let me know if you need anything else.

From: Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 4:29 PM **To:** debby blouin <dblouinrn@hotmail.com>

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Ojo Springs Drilling and Well Service, Inc.

### PERMIT # 336820

HARDSHIP: Customer was given aquifer determination. He budgeted for a type I single well, based on determination and was prepared to go to the bottom of the Dakota. Ojo Springs Drilling drilled 10" surface hole with grouted 7" surface casing from 0 to 39', then a 6.5" hole through the determined 2 "aquifers" with no water encountered. Based on determination, Greenhorn aquifer was dry and isolated with surface casing and grout. With this variance, customer can drill deeper in hopes of finding enough water for beneficial use and still protect the ground water, without starting over.

VARIANCE REQUEST: Rule 10.4.5.2.b,c to use PVC well casing and two 60' grout plugs if water is encountered.

METHOD: Using cement baskets at top of Morrison and another at top of Dakota, with two 3/4" tremmies attached to 4.5" OD PVC well casing with pump installation tape, one to first basket and one to second basket. Grout plug will be pumped to first basket, then tremmine pulled with winch line and removed, then grout plug will be pumped to second basket and tremmie removed. While grouting, casing will be held in tension. Centralizers will be placed below each cement basket and 50' above each basket.

WELL PERMIT NUMBER 336820-RECEIPT NUMBER 10039690

#### ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICANT(S)

MICHAEL HOWARD

### APPROVED WELL LOCATION

Water Division: 2 Water District: 79

Designated Basin: N/A
Management District: N/A

County: HUERFANO

Parcel Name: GHOST RIVER RANCH

Lot: 146 Block: Filing: 3

Physical Address: N/A

NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 12 Township 25.0 S Range 66.0 W Sixth P.M.

Well to be constructed on specified tract of land

#### PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW WELL

# ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of this permit does not ensure that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 18.
- Approved pursuant to CRS 37-92-602(3)(b)(II)(A) as the only well on a tract of land of 35.14 acres described as Lot 146, Filing 3, Ghost River Ranch division of land, Huerfano County.
- 4) The use of groundwater from this well is limited to fire protection, ordinary household purposes inside not more than three (3) single-family dwellings, the watering of poultry, domestic animals and livestock on a farm or ranch and the irrigation of not more than one (1) acre of home gardens and lawns.
- 5) The pumping rate of this well shall not exceed 15 GPM.
- 6) The return flow from the use of this well must be through an individual wastewater disposal system of the non-evaporative type where the water is returned to the same stream system in which the well is located.
- 7) Pursuant to Rule 6.2.3 of the Water Well Construction Rules, the well construction contractor shall submit the as-built well location on work reports required by Rule 17.1 within 60 days of completion of the well. The provided as-built well location must be accurate to within 50 feet of the actual well location.
- 8) ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED Pursuant to Construction Rule 6.2.2.1 (2 CCR 402-2), licensed or private drillers and pump installers must provide advance notification (by 11:59 pm the day before) to the State Engineer prior to each of the following for this well: the start of well construction, the initial installation of the first permanent pump, and the initial installation of a cistern connected to the water well supply system. Any change in the date of construction/installation must be re-noticed prior to the activity (by 11:59 pm the day before). Information regarding the notification process and a link to the electronic notification form can be found on the Division of Water Resources website at dwr.colorado.gov

NOTE: A hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation has been completed for this permit and the details of the evaluation can be viewed in the hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation imaged document located in the well permit file.

NOTE: At the location on the hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation, Greenhorn Limestone aquifer is located at or near the ground surface and extends to a depth of approximately 10 feet. Wells completed in the Greenhorn Limestone must be constructed in accordance with Well Construction Rule 10.4.6 (2 CCR 402-2) for a Type II aquifer.

NOTE: At the location on the hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation, the top of the Dakota Group aquifer is located approximately 215 feet below the ground surface and extends to approximately 425 below the ground surface. Should this well be completed in the Dakota Group aquifer at this location, this well will be completed in a Type I aquifer penetrating only one confining layer and must be constructed in accordance with Well Construction Rule 10.4.5.1 (2 CCR 402-2).

# RECEIPT NUMBER 10039690

NOTE: At the location on the hydrogeologic aquifer evaluation, the Morrison Formation is located approximately 425 feet below ground surface and extends to a depth of approximately 725 feet and may act as either a confining unit or an aquifer, depending on lithology. Wells producing from the Morrison Formation at this location must be constructed with solid steel casing and grouted in accordance with Well Construction Rule 10.4.5.2 (2 CCR 402-2) for a Type 1 aquifer overlain by multiple confining layers.

NOTE: This permit will expire on the expiration date unless the well is constructed by that date. A Well Construction and Yield Estimate Report (GWS-31) must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources (DWR) to verify the well has been constructed. An extension of the expiration date may be available. Contact the DWR for additional information or refer to the extension request form (GWS-64) available at: dwr.colorado.gov

NOTICE: This permit has been approved subject to the following changes: The quarter/quarter and quarter section were determined from mapping software used by this office. You are hereby notified that you have the right to appeal the issuance of this permit, by filing a written request with this office within sixty (60) days of the date of issuance, pursuant to the State Administrative Procedures Act. (See Section 24-4-104 through 106, C.R.S.)

NOTE: This parcel is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 66 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian. The well may be constructed anywhere on the parcel.

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Issued By

GEOFFREY DAVIS

Date Issued: 12/17/2024

Expiration Date: 12/17/2026

# MARVED AS CARLILL, GREENHOUN, GRANCES (Kegg)

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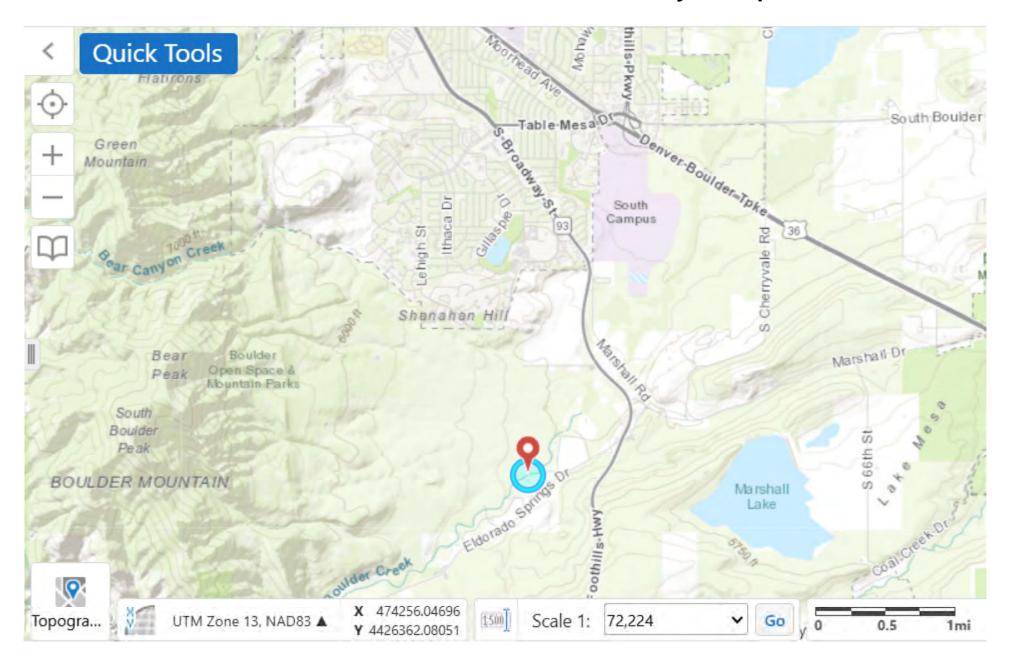
# BBA Water Consultants; Creekside Ranch

Permit 67267-F

Non-Continuous Supervision by Authorized Individual for Pond Well Reconstruction

Variance Request to Rules 5.2.3 and 9.1

# Permit 67267-F - Vicinity Map





# Variance Request for Creekside Ranch Pond well

**Lauren Tiedemann Loob** <a href="mailto:"Chris.Jones@state.co.us">Chris.Jones@state.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:Chris.Jones@state.co.us">Chris.Jones@state.co.us</a>

Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 5:15 PM

Cc: Kristina Wynne <kwynne@bbawater.com>

Chris,

Attached please find a variance request letter for the Creekside Ranch Pond well. I understand the next Board of Examiners meeting is on April 1<sup>st</sup> and I would appreciate it if you could make sure this is included on the agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Lauren

Lauren Tiedemann Loob, P.E.

Senior Water Resources Engineer

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March 17, 2025

Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors Colorado Division of Water Resources 1313 Sherman St., Suite 821 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Request of Variance to Water Well Construction Rules 5.2.3 and 9.1 for Creekside Ranch Pond Well Permit No. 67267-F

#### Dear Board of Examiners:

This letter requests a variance for the re-construction of the Creekside Ranch Pond, a permitted well and decreed underground water right covered under the augmentation plan in Case No. 07CW232, Division 1. This variance requests seeks a variance from the Colorado Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR. 402-2 ("Rules"): supervision by an authorized individual as contemplated by Rules 5.2.3 and 9.1.

#### Introduction

This variance is requested on behalf of our client, Jon Jiles, who owns Creekside Ranch, a property adjacent to South Boulder Creek in Boulder, CO. In Case No. 07CW232, Division 1 (Attachment A), several absolute water rights and an augmentation plan were decreed for Creekside Ranch. These water rights include, but are not limited to, the change of use and change of location for ½ share of Howard Ditch water ("Howard ¼ Share"), an underground water right for Creekside Ranch Pond, and a surface water diversion for the Creekside Ranch Pond ("Creekside Ranch Pond Diversion").

The Creekside Ranch Pond (WDID 0606112) water right is for an excavated pond which intercepts groundwater and is administered as a groundwater well under Well Permit No. 67267-F (Attachment B). The decree in Case No. 07CW232 limits Creekside Ranch Pond to a maximum surface area of 1,400 square feet (0.032 acres) and a maximum depth of less than 10 feet. The Creekside Ranch Pond Diversion water right allows for freshening flows of up to 1 cfs from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> and up to 0.2 cfs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The augmentation plan uses the Howard ½ Share to augment out-of-priority evaporative depletions from Creekside Ranch Pond.

Diversions to the Creekside Ranch Pond were initiated in the 1950s and the pond was operated consistent with various approved Substitute Water Supply Plans and consistent with Case No.

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07CW232 augmentation plan<sup>1</sup> until it filled in with sediment during the September 2013 floods in Boulder County. The well permit has remained active and Mr. Jiles is now seeking to reconstruct Creekside Ranch Pond.

### **Well Re-Construction**

Mr. Jiles has lined up a team of professional contractors to re-construct Creekside Ranch Pond and install a fire protection system for his property that will be plumbed to the pond. The construction project will consist of the following:

- Re-construction of Creekside Ranch Pond consistent with the decree in Case No. 07CW232. The decree specifies that the surface area of the pond be limited to a maximum of 0.032 acres and the distance between the Creekside Ranch Pond Diversion and the pond outlet not exceed 300 feet along South Boulder Creek. Additionally, as in the original pond, groundwater will be exposed and the pond will not exceed a maximum depth of 10 feet as limited by the decree.
- Installation of pond intake piping and headgate. A 6" pipe with a control valve will control the pond inlet and will be outfitted with a backflow prevention device, a two-way cleanout, and a flow meter.
- Installation of sump vault and pump. A concrete sump vault will be constructed to house the fire protection system pump and pond outlet. Two 6" pipes will serve as the pond outlet and will be outfitted with backflow prevention devices, two-way cleanouts, and a flow meter.
- Connection of existing cisterns to fire protection system. Creekside Ranch's two cisterns will be plumbed into the fire protection system and backflow prevention devices will be installed.
- Fire protection system water level monitoring. Transducers or other water level monitoring equipment will be installed in the pond and the cisterns to meet fire protection system requirements.
- Installation of submersible pump in cistern. The submersible pump will be added to one of the cisterns to ensure sufficient water supply to meet the fire protection system requirements.

## Variance Request

While the contractors Mr. Jiles has lined up for the above work are licensed in their respective professions, they are not licensed well drillers. It is our understanding from discussions with the Division of Water Resources ("DWR") and review of the Rules, that in addition to a licensed well driller there are three options for who can construct a well of this type<sup>2</sup>. Per Rule 9.1, construction of the well can be done by the well owner with personally owned equipment, by a contractor holding a special license, or by anyone as overseen by an authorized individual. We understand that an authorized individual is defined as a professional engineer registered in Colorado, a professional geologist as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While the Creekside Ranch Pond filled in with sediment prior to the decree in Case No. 07CW232 being signed in April 2014, the pond was operated from 2008-2013 under various approved Substitute Water Supply Plans ("SWSP") pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-308(4). These SWSPs were consistent with the operations ultimately approved in the augmentation plan in Case No. 07CW232.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I.e. excavations that do not penetrate through a confining layer between aquifers

defined in section 23-41-208(b), C.R.S., or a person directly employed by or under the supervision of a registered professional engineer or professional geologist. The owner intends for the construction to occur by a skilled excavation contractor overseen by an engineer or geologist employed by BBA Water Consultants, Inc, functioning as an authorized individual. We are seeking variance from the provision that an authorized individual must supervise the entirety of construction by someone that is not a licensed well driller for the following reasons:

- 1. The pond well is covered by an existing and functional augmentation plan.
- 2. The pond well is covered by an active well permit.
- 3. We are proposing to re-construct the pond well how it existed previously.
- 4. As a licensed P.E. in the State of Colorado, I will verify that the final exposed surface area and depth do not exceed the decreed limits.
- 5. The re-establishment of Creekside Ranch Pond is a simple construction project for an excavator that does not need the round-the-clock oversight that construction of a more standard well would entail. The expense associated with having an authorized individual on-site for the entirety of construction is overly burdensome for this scale of project.

We propose that an authorized individual from our firm will be on-site at least twice during the pond construction process and will verify that the pond well is constructed in accordance with Well Permit No. 67267-F and the decree in Case No. 07CW232. BBA Water Consultants will prepare the well completion report, including a cross-sectional diagram of the pond well, and submit it to the DWR once the pond well has been constructed.

Very truly yours,

BBA Water Consultants, Inc.

Lauren Tiedemann Loob, P.E.

Senior Water Resources Engineer

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LTL/KLW/jeb Enclosures

Case No. 07CW232 decree Well Permit No. 67267-F

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Kristina Wynne, P.H. Principal - Hydrologist

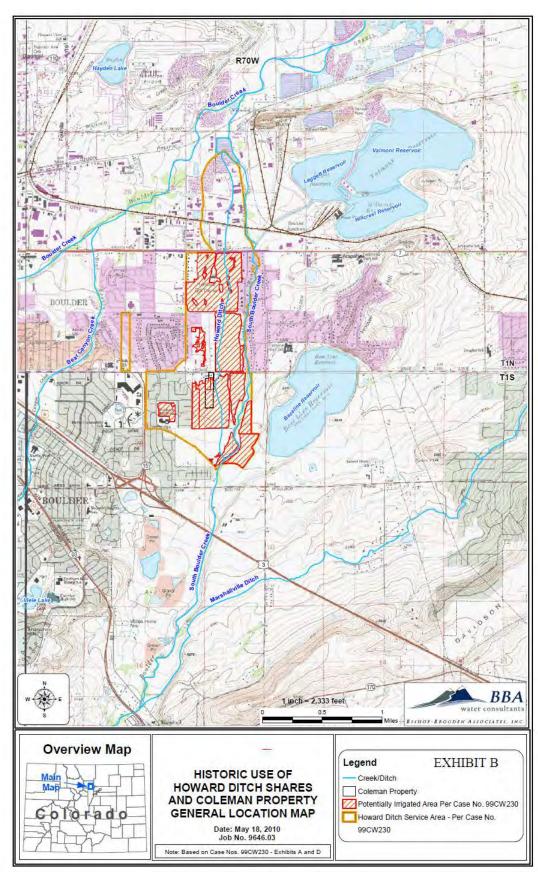
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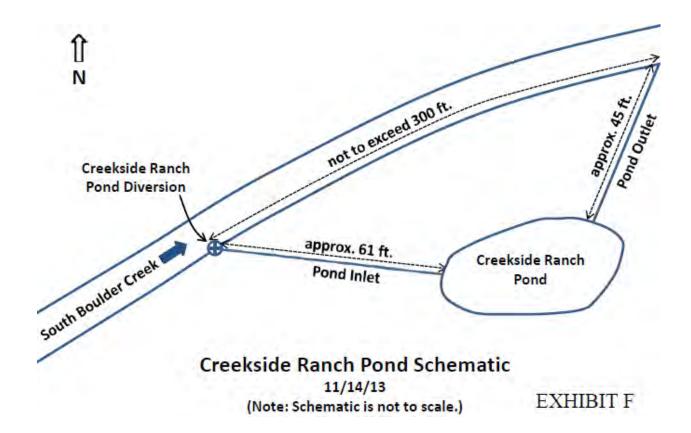
# **ATTACHMENT A**



Cynthia E. Johnson, et al. 07CW232



Cynthia E. Johnson, et al. 07CW232





# ATTACHMENT B

WELL PERMIT NUMBER 67267-F RECEIPT NUMBER 3627554

### ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICANT(S)

MONTGOMERY F. MORAN

### APPROVED WELL LOCATION

Water Division: 1 Water District: 6

Designated Basin: N/A
Management District: N/A

County: BOULDER

Parcel Name: N/A

Physical Address: 4651 ELDORADO SPRINGS DRIVE

BOULDER, CO 80303

NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 20 Township 1.0 S Range 70.0 W Sixth P.M.

UTM COORDINATES (Meters, Zone:13, NAD83)

Easting: 479046.9 Northing: 4422108.6

# ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of this permit does not assure the applicant that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 18.
- Approved pursuant to CRS 37-90-137(2) on the condition that this well (Creekside Ranch Pond) is operated in accordance with the Cynthia E. and Richard A. Johnson substitute water supply plan approved by the State Engineer on June 17, 2008. This well shall not be operated unless it is included in a substitute water supply plan approved by the State Engineer or a plan for augmentation approved by the water court. The subject water supply plan is currently valid through April 30, 2009, and if not extended or if a court approved plan for augmentation is not in operation, diversion of ground water from this well must cease immediately.
- 4) This well is subject to administration by the Division Engineer in accordance with applicable decrees, statutes, rules, and regulations.
- 5) The average annual amount of ground water to be appropriated by this well shall not exceed 0.11 acre-feet with the total surface area of the ground water pond limited to 0.032 acres.
- 6) The use of ground water, in addition to evaporation, is limited to non-consumptive use of recreation, fish and wildlife, and piscatorial. No other use of water is allowed unless a permit therefor is approved.
- 7) The owner shall mark the well (pond) in a conspicuous place with well permit number(s) and court case number(s) as appropriate. The owner shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 8) Pursuant to Policy 2000-4 (as amended October 1, 2002) of the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Board), the minimum construction standards in Rule 10 of the Water Well Construction Rules shall be waived for pond wells except Rule 10.1 and its subsections 10.1.2, 10.1.4., 10.1.6 and Rule 10.2 and its subsection 10.2.1. The owner of the pond shall take necessary means and precautions to prevent contaminants from entering the pond well.
- Pursuant to Policy 2000-4 (as amended October 1, 2002) of the Board, the disinfection standards of Rule 15 of the Water Well Construction Rules shall be waived and the well construction report requirement of Rule 17 shall be waived, except compliance with Rules 17.1.4, 17.3, and 17.4 is required.
- 10) The boundaries of the pond shall be located not more than 200 feet from the location specified on this permit and not less than 600 feet from any existing well, completed in the same aquifer, that is not owned by the applicant, excluding well permit nos. 246221, 63268-A, 147495, and two unregistered wells (spacing waivers submitted by the well owners).
- Pursuant to Policy 2000-4(as amended October 1, 2002) of the Board, no pumping equipment shall be installed in the gravel pit pond well to withdraw water for any beneficial use, unless a separate written request for a variance has been approved by the Board.

# WELL PERMIT NUMBER 67267-F

# RECEIPT NUMBER 3627554

See Original Permit Date Issued: 6/24/2008

Issued By Expiration Date: 6/24/2009

PERMIT HISTORY

10-26-2023 CHANGE IN OWNER NAME/MAILING ADDRESS. CHANGED TO JK HOLDCO JJ LLC

12-09-2015 CHANGE IN OWNER NAME/MAILING ADDRESS



March 28th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Since its inception, Triple L Contracting and Excavating has specialized in pond construction, with Chad Lipari leading the charge on every project.

With over 20 years of extensive experience in the design, construction, and rehabilitation of ponds, stock tanks, and water storage systems, Chad has successfully managed a diverse range of projects. His expertise encompasses the creation and renovation of ponds of various sizes, from expansive six-acre reservoirs to smaller landscape ponds, as well as settlement basins and irrigation ponds. His proficiency in site assessment, soil composition analysis, and drainage techniques ensures the delivery of efficient and durable water retention solutions.

## **Core Skills and Expertise:**

- **Pond Design and Construction:** Tailored designs based on topography, soil conditions, and water table levels to ensure optimal placement and retention.
- Excavation and Grading: Establishing stable embankments, slopes, and spillways to effectively manage water levels and reduce erosion.
- **Keyway Construction:** Creating keyways in pond dams to prevent seepage and enhance overall dam stability.
- **Installation of Drainage Systems:** Implementing overflow structures, culverts, and drainage systems to maintain functionality and safeguard against structural failures.
- Stock Tank Development: Designing agricultural water storage solutions with compacted clay liners to minimize seepage and maximize water retention.
- **Settlement Basins and Retention Ponds:** Constructing systems that support irrigation, sediment control, and stormwater management.
- **Pond Rehabilitation:** Performing dredging, deepening, and reshaping activities to restore capacity and enhance water quality.
- Erosion Control: Utilizing riprap, vegetation barriers, and other stabilization techniques to prevent soil erosion.



- **Heavy Equipment Operation:** Skilled in the use of excavators, bulldozers, backhoes, and graders for precision excavation work.
- Laser Technology Use: Employing lasers to achieve accurate depth, slope, and grading specifications.

**Project Coordination:** Overseeing material sourcing, hauling logistics, and efficient site management to ensure project success.

Chad's strong background in excavation and water storage solutions allows him to focus on functionality, durability, and site-specific requirements, ensuring high-quality results for every project. His problem-solving skills, attention to detail, and ability to adapt designs to unique site conditions enable him to create effective water retention systems that endure over time.

He takes pride in delivering well-constructed ponds and stock tanks that enhance agricultural operations, improve land management, and promote water conservation. Committed to quality workmanship and customer satisfaction, Chad strives to provide practical and sustainable solutions for long-term success.

# AGENDA ITEM 12.a

Requested Board Action

24-BC-035

25-BC-001

### AGENDA ITEM 12.a.i

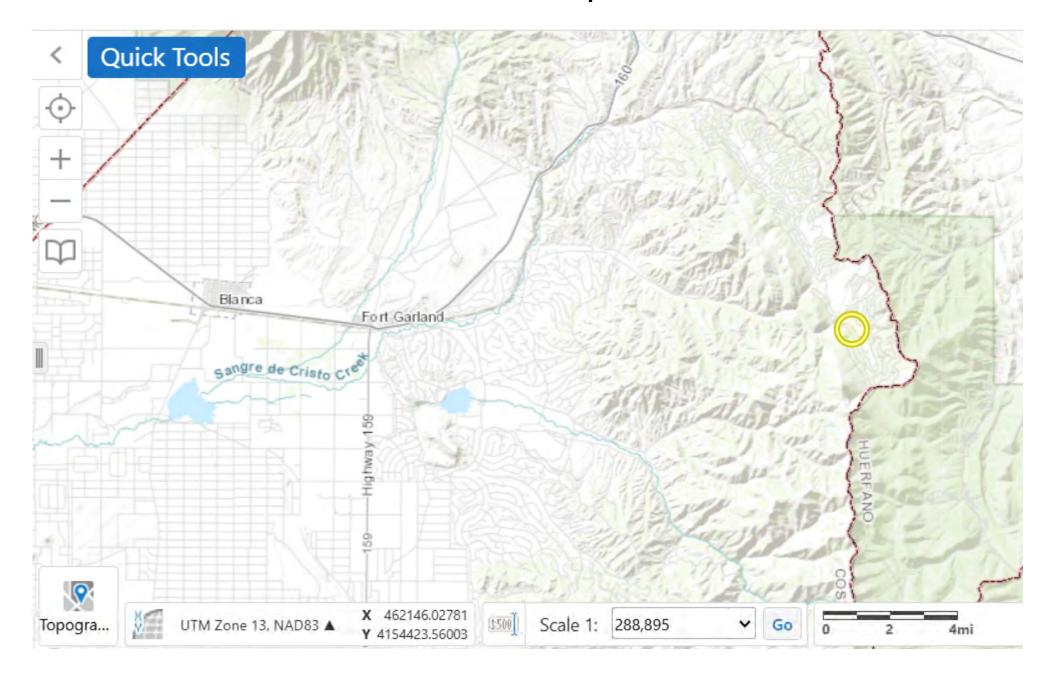
24-BC-035 - Josh Nothnagle

Permit 88062-F

Installation of a Pump as an Unlicensed Contractor

Request Board Direct Staff to have AG pursue this matter in DC

### Permit 88062-F - Complaint 25-BC-001





January 8, 2025

Joshua Nothnagle Nothnagle Construction Services 22402 LUVIE RD Fort Garland CO, 81133

File No.: 24-BC-035

### **CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear Mr. Nothnagle:

Based on a review of a form GWS-32 (pump installation and production equipment test report), it has come to the attention of Staff for the Colorado State Engineer's Office ("Staff") that you installed pumping equipment for a water well and are not licensed by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors ("Board") as a Pump Installation Contractor in Colorado. Though you indicate that you are a licensed plumber (lic. no. 4007), a separate license from the Board is required to be a licensed pump installation contractor in order to lawfully perform the work you reported on form GWS-32.

Specifically, it is hereby alleged that you installed pumping equipment in the well associated with Permit No. 88062-F, located at 2900 Henderson Drive, Fort Garland, Colorado on July 1, 2024 for the well owner Jeremi Keyser.

Section 37-91-105(1), C.R.S., states:

"Every person, before engaging in the business of contracting either for the construction of wells or for the installation of pumping equipment, shall obtain a license for one or more methods of well construction or pump installation from the board and shall secure a registration from the board for each well-drilling or pump-installing rig to be operated or leased by him or his employee."

"Contracting" is defined in the Board's Rules and Regulations for Administration of Licensing, Financial Responsibility, Continuing Education and Remedial Action for Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Admin Rules) 2 CCR 402-14, Rule 4.2.8 as:

"Contracting" means undertaking, or offering, bartering, or bargaining to construct a well, install pumping equipment, or install a cistern connected to a water well supply system by any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other organization, for another.

Section 37-91-111(1)(d), C.R.S., states:



Joshua Nothnagle 1/8/2025 Page 2 of 2

- (1) It is unlawful:
- (d) For any person not licensed or whose license is suspended to install pumping equipment unless he is a private pump installer or directly employed by or under the supervision of a licensed pump installation contractor, except as excluded pursuant to section 37-91-106 (4); or

Furthermore, Rule 6.1 of the Admin Rules states:

"Every individual, before engaging in the business of contracting for and performing either the construction and/or the repair of wells, the installation and/or repair of pumping equipment, or the installation and/or repair of cisterns shall obtain a license for one or more methods of well construction or pump installation from the Board. Individuals who use special equipment or perform limited procedures in well construction or pump installation shall obtain a special license from the Board prior to engaging in such specialized services."

It is also hereby alleged that you did not disinfect the well after the installation of pumping equipment based on the absence of information presented in the provided form GWS-32 as required by the Rules and Regulations for Water Well Construction, Pump Installation, Cistern Installation, and Monitoring and Observation Well/Hole Construction (Construction Rules) 2 CCR 402-2, Rules 11.11, 15.3 and 15.4.2:

- 11.11 Disinfection After installing a pump or cistern, and prior to placing the well in service, the person authorized to install pumping equipment must disinfect the well, all pumping equipment, and the water supply system up to the pressure tank according to the provisions of Rule 15.
- 15.3 Placement All wells and cisterns must be disinfected after completion of well construction, cistern installation, and after installation of production equipment. After completion of construction of the well, agitation of the solution is best accomplished through use of a pump and recirculation. If no pump is available, a bailer or plunger must be used. After installation of the pumping equipment, the disinfectant solution must be thoroughly circulated through the entire well and installed water well supply system.
- 15.4.2 Following the installation of a new pump in an existing well or cistern, the well, cistern, pump, and the distribution system must be disinfected. After placement, mixing, and circulation, the disinfectant solution must remain undisturbed in the well and distribution system for as long as possible, but not less than three (3) hours, after which time, the residual chlorine concentration must be at least twenty five (25) milligrams per liter.

Finally, you report that the pump was installed on 7/1/2024 and the report was received by the State on 10/8/2024, 99 days after the pump was installed. It is therefore also hereby alleged that you did not submit the pump installation and production equipment test report in a timely manner after the installation of the pump as required by Construction Rule 17.3:

**Timely Submittal** Work reports must be submitted to the State Engineer within sixty (60) days after completion of the well construction, pump installation, or other work required to be reported or within seven (7) days after the expiration of the permit or other authorization, whichever is sooner.

### Order

You are hereby ordered to immediately cease installing pumping equipment in water wells, or conducting any other work in violation of article 91 of title 37, until you are properly licensed as a Pump Installation Contractor in the State of Colorado.

Your <u>written response</u> regarding the alleged installation of pumping equipment in a water well is required <u>within 20 days</u> of receipt of this letter.

You may also, in addition to your <u>written</u> response, contact Christopher Jones of this office within 20 days of receipt of this letter if you believe that you are licensed, don't believe that you have been engaging in such activities, or if you have any other questions. This matter may be referred to the Colorado Attorney General's Office for appropriate legal action, including proceedings pursuant to sections 37-91-111 and 37-91-112, C.R.S.

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John Hunyadi, PE

Secretary, Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

ec: Christopher Jones, Chief Well Inspector John Newman, Assistant Attorney General

Attachment: GWS-32

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### AGENDA ITEM 12.a.ii

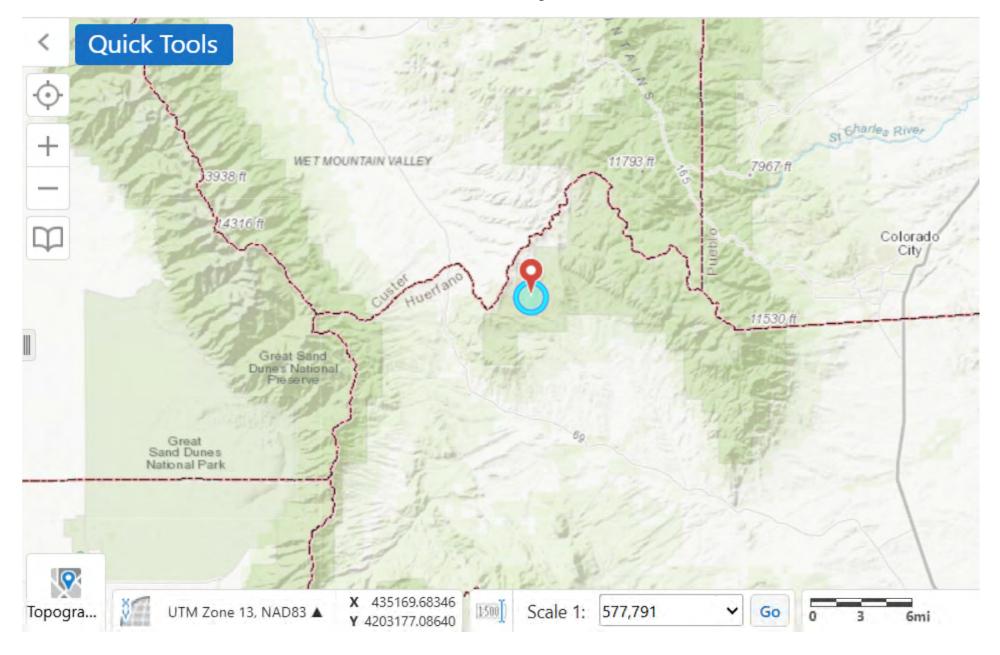
25-BC-001 - Daniel Weber

Receipt 10011375

Construction of a Well as an Unlicensed Contractor

Request Board Direct Staff to have AG pursue this matter in DC

## Permit 321819 - Complaint 25-BC-001





Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

March 9, 2025

Daniel Weber 811 W. 7TH St Walsenburg CO, 81089

File No.: 25-BC-001

### **CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear Mr. Weber:

It has come to the attention of Staff for the Colorado State Engineer's Office ("Staff") that as an employee of Weber Water Well Drilling and Pump Services, LLC, you performed work on water wells that only a well construction or pump installation contractor, or an individual directly employed by a licensed water well contractor licensed by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors ("Board") could perform. As you are aware, David Weber's license was suspended by Order from the Board on October 29, 2021. Any work you performed on wells or pumping equipment while David Weber's license was suspended, that was not as a direct employee of another license contractor or while under a licensed contractor's direct onsite supervision, would be outside that allowed by the Rules and Regulations for Water Well Construction, Pump Installation, Cistern Installation, and Monitoring and Observation Well/Hole Construction (Construction Rules) 2 CCR 402-2 and/or the Rules and Regulations for Administration of Licensing, Financial Responsibility, Continuing Education and Remedial Action for Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors (Admin Rules) 2 CCR 402-14.

Specifically, it is alleged that you constructed a water well under Permit 321819 in or about November 2022 for Dennis and Mary Baltiski at 9580 CR 634, Gardner, CO. This allegation is based on statements and photos provided by Dennis Baltiski; Mr. Baltiski named you specifically as the individual onsite who constructed his well. Since David Weber's license was suspended during the time the well was allegedly constructed, you were unlicensed and were not one of the other status of individuals that are authorized to construct a well as defined in Admin Rule 6.1.5:.

6.1.5 The Board will not recognize as lawful any operating agreements, business agreements, or any other contractual agreements between a licensed contractor and any individuals not licensed by the Board, where such an agreement purports to authorize the unlicensed individual to construct water wells or install pumping equipment under the license of the licensed individual. An unlicensed individual may construct water wells and install pumping equipment only if that individual is a private driller, is directly employed by a licensed contractor, or is supervised



continuously on-the-site by a licensed contractor, as those terms are defined in section 37-91-102, C.R.S. Supervision means personal and continuous on-the-site direction by a licensed well construction contractor or licensed pump installation contractor, unless the licensed contractor has applied for and received from the board an exemption from continuous on-the-site direction for a specific task. § 37-91-102(15.5)

It is alleged you were an unlicensed contractor who performed work on the well for Permit 321819. Unlicensed contractors may not construct wells per Admin Rule Rule 6.1:

6.1 License Required - Every individual, before engaging in the business of contracting for and performing either the construction and/or the repair of wells, the installation and/or repair of pumping equipment, or the installation and/or repair of cisterns connected to water well supply systems, must obtain a license for one or more methods of well construction or pump installation from the Board. Individuals who use special equipment or perform limited procedures in well construction, pump installation, or cistern installation must obtain a special license from the Board prior to engaging in such specialized services.

Therefore, it is alleged that you have violated Section 37-91-105.(1), C.R.S., which states:

"Every person, before engaging in the business of contracting either for the construction of wells or for the installation of pumping equipment, shall obtain a license for one or more methods of well construction or pump installation from the board and shall secure a registration from the board for each well-drilling or pump-installing rig to be operated or leased by him or his employee."

It is also alleged that you violated Section 37-91-111 C.R.S. which states:

37-91-111. Violations and penalties (1) It is unlawful:

(c) For any person not licensed or whose license is suspended to construct wells unless he is a private driller or directly employed by or under the supervision of a licensed well construction contractor;

### Order

You are hereby ordered to immediately cease installing or repairing wells, installing or repairing cisterns, installing or repairing pumping equipment in water wells, advertising for such work, or conducting any other work in violation of article 91 of title 37, until you are properly licensed as a Well Construction Contractor and/or Pump Installation Contractor in the State of Colorado or until you are directly employed by or continuously supervised by a properly licensed Well Construction Contractor and/or Pump Installation Contractor.

Your <u>written response</u> regarding the alleged unlicensed well construction is required <u>within 20 days</u> of receipt of this letter. Please provide any information that will clarify or correct the situation described in the paragraphs above. You may contact Christopher Jones, Chief Well Inspector, at (720) 618-9982 or at chris.jones@state.co.us, if you have questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Hunyadi, PE Secretary, Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

ec: Christopher Jones, Chief Well Inspector John Newman, Assistant Attorney General

Attachment: Photos



Photo 1: File dated Nov 9, 22; Well owners photo of Weber Water drill rig at the property associated with Permit 321819



Photo 2: File dated Nov 9, 22; Well owners photo of Weber Water drill rig at the property associated with Permit 321819



Photo 3: File dated Dec 18, 22; Well owners photo of wellhead associated with Permit 321819



Photo 4: File dated Dec 18, 22; Well owners photo of Weber Water equipment truck adjacent to the wellhead at the property associated with Permit 321819

# AGENDA ITEM 12.b

**Status Updates** 

24-BC-027

### Staff Status Report for Active Complaints

### **Board of Examiners Meeting -** 4/1/2025

### **Unlicensed Contractors**

23-BC-012 DAVID J. WEBER Date of Complaint:

County: Huerfano License No.: 1418 Permit No.: 322629, 321357 and 2/14/2023

Complaint initiated by: Various Contractors

**<u>Description of complaint:</u>** Unlicensed Pump Installation and Well Construction

**Status:** 

05-2021 David Weber's license was suspended by the BOE.

11-10-22 Doug requested I inspect Permit 318614 based on verbal complaint from licensed contractor (Craig Andreatta) of unlicensed contractor. Found Weber Drilling's equipment set up on well.

2-3-2023 Received a call from Lyle Sharpe regarding knowledge of Weber Drilling constructing a well for Permit 321357.

- 2-13-2022 Received call and texts from OG who saw and photo'd Weber Drilling's pump rig and equipment at site of Permit 322629.
- 2-14-2022 sent letters to owners of Permit 322629 and 321357 requesting information about Weber Drilling's work on the property.
- 3-15-2023 Alan Bonds of Permit 321357 responded to my inquiry with invoices from after Weber's Lic was suspended.
- 5-18-2023 requested additional information from Mr. Bonds. Need statement from him.
- 6-20-2023 Called Mr. Bonds, He indicated he will send invoices for work as well as photos of the well construction from 2022.
- 8-28-2023 Sent Cease and desist for work on Permit 321357. Received email from David's lawyer Mr. Wolf that since 6-27-2023 Mr. Weber was no longer doing things that violated the 10-29-2021 Order.
- 8-31-2023 BOE set hearing date of Nov 14 for Mr. Weber.
- 10-24-23 BOE vacated hearing on request of Mr. Weber and Staff to allow staff and Weber to negotiate terms of stipulated settlement.
- 11-1-2023 Virtual meeting with Mr. Weber and his lawyer. Presented proposed stipulated settlement terms. Lawyer to respond back to us.
- 1-16-2024 Sent email to Lawyer received response that he is still conferring with Mr. Weber.
- 1-19-2024 Received email from Lawyer that Mr. Weber had let his license expire. No response about sip set terms.
- 1-22-2024 Again requested information about proposed stip set terms from Weber and his lawyer, no response.

**Recommendation:** Request hearing date be rest by the Board during 5-23-24 meeting

23-BC-018 DAVID J. WEBER Date of Complaint:

**County:** Las Animas **License No.:** 1418 **Permit No.:** 214285 3/13/2023

Complaint initiated by: Wellowners

**Description of complaint:** Unlicensed Contractor, Advertising Violation

#### Status:

- 3-6-2023 John Wenkman called following up about complaint against David Weber made with Doug Stephenson. Did not find record of complaint. Received photos and documents supporting that Mr. Weber had attempted to repair well after his license had been suspended.
- 3-13-2023 sent cease and desist letter.
- 5-12-2023 Received email from Tom Wolfe, weber's lawyer wanting to discuss Weber's license. Staff AG set meeting for 5-30-2023
- 5-31-2023 Advised Board and requested referral to AG and action against license.
- 6-9-2023 Sent RLS letter to Tracy Koslof for review.
- 6-13-2023 Tracy Koslof requested that Staff hold the Request for Legal services until August due to lack of AG staffing.
- 8-31-2023 BOE set hearing date of Nov 14 for Mr. Weber.
- 10-24-23 BOE vacated hearing on request of mr. Weber and Staff to allow staff and Weber to negotiate terms of stipulated settlement.
- 1-16-2024 Sent email to Lawyer received response that he is still conferring with Mr. Weber.
- 1-19-2024 Received email from Lawyer that Mr. Weber had let his license expire. No response about sip set terms.
- 1-22-2024 Again requested information about proposed stip set terms from Weber and his lawyer, no response.

**Recommendation:** Request hearing date be rest by the Board during 5-23-24 meeting

23-BC-032 DOUGLAS HASSER Date of Complaint:

County: Baca License No.: Permit No.: 9/3/2023

Complaint initiated by: Licensed Contractor

**Description of complaint:** Advertising for work while unlicensed

**Status:** 

9-3-2023 Received email complaint from Lance James with photo of advertisement for Hasser Well Service, Douglas Hasser in May 22, 2022 issue of "The Tri-State Exchange" which serves "SE Colorado".

9-22-2023 Left message for Mr. Hasser advising him that advertisement for work on pumps in water wells requires a license and requested a call back to discuss. No response.

12-13-23 received an invoice from Lance James showing Hasser Well Service working on a pump in Baca County CO. Note Previous Injunction associated with 18-BC-002 and Prowers County court case 18CV30044

12-14-2023 mailed letter to owner Trahern requesting information about location of the subject well. No response.

2-22-2024 Called John of Semco about his license number on Hasser's paper advertisement.

2-26-2024 sent John of Semco inquiry about Hasser and if he was associated with Semco or a direct employee.

2-29-2024 John of Semco responded indicating Hasser was not a direct employee and not authorized to use his license number.

3-5-2024 Received an add from the Tri-State Exchange from John of Semco, showing Hasser Well Services advertising on February 28, 2024 continuing to use John's license number illegally.

**Recommendation:** Work with AG to file contempt charges for violation of previous consent decree.

23-BC-033 LANCE YOCAM Date of Complaint:

**County:** El Paso **License No.: Permit No.:** 15029-F? 8/15/2023

Complaint initiated by: Licensed Contractor

**<u>Description of complaint:</u>** Unlicensed Contractor work on pumps

**Status:** 

8-15-2023 Received phone then text complaint from Lance James regarding Yocam Well Services LLC, Lance Yocam, working as a pump contractor without a license. Received two invoices (dated 8-6-2022 and 5-2-2023) from Yocam to Russel Freeman.

9-25-23 mailed letter to Russell Freeman (owner) to confirm scope and location of work.

**Recommendation:** Continue to Investigate.

24-BC-035 JOSH NOTHNAGLE Date of Complaint:

County: Costilla License No.: Permit No.: 88062-F 11/1/2024

Complaint initiated by: Well Owner

**Description of complaint:** Unlicensed Contractor Installed a Pump; Submitted a Late Work Report

**Status:** 

10/31/2024 received email complaint from records about late report (Rule 17.3) and unlicensed contractor Josh Nothnagle plumber (Rule 11.1, 13.3; Admin Rule 6.1; 37-91-105(1), 37-91-111(1)(d)). Upon review also found no disinfection (Rule 15.3, 15.4.2). Found the pump was install on 7/1/2024, production equipment test performed on 9/28/2024 and reported submitted on 10/1/2024. Rule 17.3 says must be submitted within 60 days of any other work required to be reported so report is not late.

11/1/2024 called Josh Nothnagle who is a licensed plumber but not a licensed pump installation contractor. Josh admitted to helping the well owner install the pump. Called Jeremi Keyser, the well owner, who indicated that Josh did physically help install the pump and pumping equipment.

11/1/2024 sent draft letter to AG for review.

12-23-2024 accepted suggestions form John and sent letter to John Hunyadi for signature.

1-10-2025 sent to 3 addresses via certified mail. Also emailed to Josh.

1-28-2025 Certified mail tracking indicates all 3 hard copies were picked up at the post office by customer.

3-3-2025 sent email to Josh asking if he had a response.

**Recommendation:** Advise BOE and Request Staff work with AG to pursue in DC.

DANIEL WEBER **Date of Complaint:** 2/20/2024

License No.: Permit No.: 321819

Complaint initiated by: Well Owner

Description of complaint: Unlicensed Contractor Installed a Well as an Employee of Weber Water Well During Period David Weber's License was Suspended

#### **Status:**

2-20-2024 While investigating a complaint against Weber Water from Dennis Balitden (permit 321819), became aware that Daniel Weber (David Weber's son) was the individual onsite performing work while David's license was suspended. See email string from Mr. Balitden.

- 2-21-2025 sent AG draft cease and desist letter. Wait for review. Sent email to Allen Bonds inquiring if Dan was the individual who constructed that well. Might include in cease and desist.
- 3-6-2025 received response from AG.
- 3-9-2025 sent Chris Sanchez copy to sign.
- 3-12-2025 called Daniel, voicemail was full. Texted Daniel asking for call to discuss complaint. Sent cease and desist via certified
- 3-19-2025 certified mail tracking indicates letter was delivered.

**Recommendation:** Advise BOE and Request Staff work with AG to pursue in DC.

### **Licensed Contractors**

23-BC-030 HALSEY R. NEWMYER Date of Complaint:

County: La Plata License No.: 736 Permit No.: 321914 7/27/2023

Complaint initiated by: Wellowners **Description of complaint:** Late Report

### **Status:**

4-14-2023 Received email from Mr. Fonesca, well owner, that NWP Drilling had not submitted a GWS-31 or GWS-32 and that his permit was expiring.

4-18-2023 Sent Ray Newmyer an email inquiring about reports.

4-20-2023 Ray responded via email and indicated he would look into it.

7-25-2023 owner inquired about status.

7-26-2023 No response from Ray sent another email.

7-27-2023 Sent allegation letter.

9-8-2023 DWR received GWS-31 but not GWS-32.

2-1-2024 No response sent email reminder to Ray.

2-2-2024 Sent Stipulated Settlement offer.

4-29-2024 Called Ray he indicated he had received all the documents and would respond prior to the May 23, 2024 BOE meeting.

5-15-2024 received signed stipulated settlement offer via email. I replied to email same day requesting he provide the work reports.

6-10-2024 sent another email requesting work reports. Also sent request to Erica to send invoice.

6-11-2024 Erica emailed invoice to Ray.

7-30-2024 payment not yet received; Erica emailed reminder

7-31-2024 invoice paid

10-24-2024 Called Ray. He promised to have the remaining work report submitted by end of next week. Sent email recapping the phone call.

11-19-2024 Ray sent another GWS-31. The construction information does not match the original GWS-31.

11-21-24 Called Ray who said he would confirm with Seth. Sent email to Ray asking if he was willing to pull the pump while Larry onsite then measure well. Received GWS-32.

11-22-24 Ray called and said the most recent GWS-31 was the correct one. Ray agreed to pull pump while inspector was present and measure well.

1-15-2024 Ray indicated he has not yet been able to make contact with the owner to arrange the work.

1-24-2025 sent email to owner, Ray and Larry in attempt to coordinate pulling pump and inspection.

**Recommendation:** wait for confirmation of total depth

<u>DAVID BRINKERHOFF</u>

Date of Complaint:

**County:** Routt **License No.:** 1567 **Permit No.:** 326018 10/20/2023

Complaint initiated by: Contractor

**Description of complaint:** Construction Violation

#### **Status:**

10-20-23 a contractor brought me the construction report and indicated he felt there were construction violations. My review suggests David perforated steel casing from 20-35' which is through two units, alluvium and mancos shale violating Rule 10.1.a, .c and .d. See nearby wells constructed in Mancos at depths <340'. Annular space <1" from 12-20'.

Inadequate grout for Type II, but appears he felt he was constructed in Type III. Inadequate disinfectant calc needed about 16.7 oz for entire borehole. Pump installation report also indicates insufficient disinfectant.

3-1-2024 sent email to David requesting call to discuss well construction and pump installation.

3-4-2024 Spoke to David on the phone. He indicated 8 5/8" casing was driven from 12-40'. Acknowledged problem with grout and disinfection.

4-9-2024 Received response to allegation and contractor acknowledged the deficiencies

7-14-2024 received variance request.

7-25-2024 variance issued to abandon sump to 40' with granular bentonite and for discontinuous grout from 2-12' bgs after pitless is moved up from 4' bgs to 2'bgs and grout is backfilled from 4'-2'.

1-23-2025 sent an email to David asking for information about status of repairs.

1-24-2025 David indicated the repairs would occur early spring.

**Recommendation:** Send stipulated settlement once timing of repairs settled.

24-BC-008 MATTHEW BEEMAN Date of Complaint:

**County:** Archuleta **License No.:** 1374 **Permit No.:** 320230 2/22/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

Description of complaint: Late Report, Low Grout Density, Inaccurate Information on Work Report

### **Status:**

2-22-2024 Late report, Review of report found grout density of cement (presumed neat cement) was 12 lbs (presumed 12 lbs/gal), also found aquifer type listed as Type 1 single when construction and log suggests Type II overlain by Type III (inaccurate information provided). Confirm aquifer with hydrogeo group.

5-10-2024 Found allegation letter in file but don't see evidence it was sent.

9-24-2024 sent revised allegation letter via mail and email. 12-18-2024 sent email proposing stip set for late report and grout.

1-14-2025 Talked with Matt and educated him about the aquifer type. Discussed the density of the grout indicated on the report and he explained he was unsure what the 12 lbs actually meant as he didn't actually measure it and that is just what he always put on reports, but he did not use water in excess of 6 gal/ sac in the mix. Provided education on how to measure and calculate density of grout mix. Indicated I would send a stipulated settlement only for the late report and not further pursue the allegations for inaccurate information and grout density.

1-23-2025 sent stipulated settlement offer via email and certified mail.

**Recommendation:** Wait for Response to stipulated settlement

24-BC-013 JOE GEIMAN Date of Complaint:

County: Alamosa License No.: 1551 Permit No.: 86372-F, 86409-F and 2/26/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

**<u>Description of complaint:</u>** Late Reports

### **Status:**

2-26-2024 wrote allegation letter. 3-26-2024 mailed allegation letter via regular mail.

4-2-2024 Received call from Joe indicating he thought he turned those in on time. He will review his records.

9-25-2024 sent email to Joe asking if he had found evidence in his records.

10-18-2024 Joe sent two emails claiming his signature date showed the reports were submitted ontime.

10-24-2024 sent Joe two emails indicating that the date he put on the reports next to the signature does not prove that he emailed the reports to the State on that day.

10-24-24 sent email to Jen and Yolanda to see if they have any emails from 7/20/22 or 8/2/22 from Joe that would support his claim.

12-18-2024 sent stip set via certified mail and email.

Recommendation: wait for response to stipulated settlement offer

24-BC-023 JACK R. ALLEN Date of Complaint:

County: Park License No.: 763 Permit No.: 86850-F 2/13/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

<u>Description of complaint:</u> Construction Violation - insufficient isolation of Type III above Type II

#### **Status:**

3-29-2024 emailed jack to confirm the 7" surface casing was not driven casing. Jack confirmed not driven casing.

4-2-2024 mailed letter via regular mail, but it contained a typo citing Permit 87983-F.

5-6-2024 Notified jack of the Typo and that I would resend the allegation letter.

5-7-2024 Sent allegation letter via email and regular mail.

5-14-2024 received written response in mail suggesting the geologic log was wrong and revised the log to show shale starting at 25 feet.

7-30-2024 requested hydrogeo group evaluate the geology to determine if this is reasonable.

9-7-2024 emailed and mailed supplemental allegation letter for Rules 17.2 and 17.4

9-17-2024 talked to Jack on phone, who indicated maybe he shouldn't have changed geologic log.

10-17-2024 received signed stipulated settlement and payment of fine.

10-25-2024 Received call from Shaylee while observing repairs that some grout may have made it into the well casing and that contractor had not placed grout to minimum depth required by the variance

12-18-2024 didn't see revised construction report in file. Sent email to Shaylee requesting info on status of repair.

12-18-2024 contractor emailed copy of revised report.

12-19-2024 forwarded revised GWS-31 to records. Shaylee to schedule inspection once snow clears to attempt to tag top of grout.

Recommendation: wait for confirmation of repair.

24-BC-024 HOWARD H. CRANDALL JR. Date of Complaint:

County: Weld License No.: 1229 Permit No.: multiple 5/14/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

**<u>Description of complaint:</u>** Failure to provide advance notice for well construction: 82352-A, 315401,

325943, 326007, 327002, 327327, 327512, 328974, 329032, 329033, 329034, 329035, 329054, 329062, 329711, 329985, 330011, 330013, 330157, 330442, 330541, 330654, 330665, 330899, 331489, 331622, 331623, 331897, 331925, 332030, 332121, 332140, 332992

#### **Status:**

5-14-2024 Brian previously wrote the allegation letter. CAJ reviewed letter.

5-16-2024 mailed and emailed allegation

letter.

5-22-2024 Contractor called and acknowledged violation.

12-19-2024 sent stipulated settlement offer via mail and email.

1-24-2025 received paper copy of stip set back in the mail as "unclaimed". Sent email to Howard asking for an address where certified mail can be delivered.

2-3-2025 Sent email explaining to Howard how the fine was calculated.

3-24-2025 sent email asking for signed stipulated settlement.

**Recommendation:** send stipulated settlement offer

24-BC-027 HOWARD H. CRANDALL JR. Date of Complaint:

**County:** Weld **License No.:** 1229 **Permit No.:** 331925 3/11/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

<u>Description of complaint:</u> Well Construction Violation - failure to grout at confining layer; inaccurate information on work report; failure to provide advance notice prior to well construction

#### Status

- 3-11-2024 contractor submitted a GWS-31 without providing advance notice prior to well construction.
- 4-2024 Brian found construction violations on review of GWS-31.
- 5-16-2024 mailed and emailed allegation letter.
- 5-22-2024 Contractor called and acknowledged violation of the construction Rules by failing to grout confining layer above the Upper Pierre aquifer.
- 5-24-2024 Called contractor to negotiate stipulated settlement for abandonment. Contractor wanted alternative to abandonment but the annulus is to small to repair and be in accordance with the Rules. Unable to come to agreement.
- 7-30-2024 called Howard to inform him this complaint will be discussed at the 8-13-24 BOE meeting
- 8-20-2024 Sent stipulated settlement offer via certified mail and email.

8-20-2024 contractor returned a signed pdf of the stipulated settlement.

**Recommendation:** Advise Board

24-BC-028 HOWARD H. CRANDALL JR. Date of Complaint:

County: Weld License No.: 1229 Permit No.: Multiple 5/28/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

**Description of complaint:** No Advance notice 82352-A, 318431, 327002, 327327, 328974, 329032,

329033, 329034, 329062, 329283, 329711, 329985, 330013, 330157, 330442, 330541, 330654, 330665, 330899, 331489, 331622, 331623,

331897, 332140, 332923-A

### **Status:**

5-28-2024 Staff compiled no advance notice complaints for initial pump installation.

12-19-2024 sent stipulated settlement offer via email and mail.

1-24-2025 received paper copy of stip set back in the mail as "unclaimed". Sent email to Howard asking for an address where certified mail can be delivered.

**Recommendation:** Wait for response to stipulated settlement

24-BC-036 TAYLOR WINEGAR Date of Complaint:

**County:** Douglas **License No.:** 1576 **Permit No.:** 336228 11/2/2024

Complaint initiated by: Well Owner

<u>Description of complaint:</u> Construction of Well prior to date permit was issued; construction of well without a valid permit **Status:** 

11/1/2024 received call from owner Steve Hathaway complaining that contractor Taylor Winegar had not sent him the well construction report for a well constructed in mid September 2024. Owner cited Permit 336228. Upon review found that the permit was issued on 10/21/2024 apparently after the reported date of completion (construction without a valid permit Rule 6.2.1, 6.2.2; knowingly construct well without a permit 37-91-108(1)(d)). Requested owner send evidence that well completion occurred in September.

11/2/2024 Steve sent email containing an image of a text string allegedly between Taylor and Steve on September 13 that the rig had moved out, "everything was gone and the well cap is on. All done." following construction of an apparent 600' well. The email from Steve also contained a photo of Winegar's rig onsite taken September 12, 2024, a photo of a geologic log and a copy of an invoice dated September 19, 2024 from Winegar to Steve at 363 Hill Drive Sedalia.

11/4/2024 invoice suggests a 8.75" hole was drilled to 82 feet and 82.82' of 7" steel casing was billed. The annulus between an 8.75" hole and 7" OD steel casing is less than 2" (Rule 10.4.4)

11-4-2024 talked to Taylor, he needs to look into his records and will call me back.

11-18-2024 no response, called Taylor who admitted the well was unknowingly constructed prior to the permit being issued.

1-17-2025 Steve Hathaway called inquiring about status. Found that records intake received the GWS-31 today. Sent email to Taylor asking about differences in the material lengths and borehole sizes on the invoice vs construction report. Shaylee to coordinate inspection with owner. Sent owner copy of GWS-31.

**Recommendation:** Send allegation letter.

25-BC-003 DOUG RATHJEN Date of Complaint:

County: La Plata License No.: 858 Permit No.: 334236 3/4/2025

Complaint initiated by: Licensed Contractor

**Description of complaint:** Inaccurate Information On Construction Report; Well Construction Violations

### **Status:**

3-4-2025 Received written complaint from Licensed contractor about inaccuracies found between the information on the GWS-31 and the well in the field. Complaints included inaccurate casing OD, inaccurate depth, failure to include perforation size, use of concrete grout when Portland was reported.

3-24-2025 responded to contractors email and will continue to investigate. Asked for photos or if "concrete" was still present onsite.

**Recommendation:** Send Larry to inspect.

### Well Owner

24-BC-036 ADAM MICHELI Date of Complaint:

County: Boulder License No.: NA Permit No.: 21029-A 11/7/2024

Complaint initiated by: Staff

**Description of complaint:** Construction of Gallery Well without a Variance

Status:

11/7/2024 Received question from Records intake regarding a gallery well without a permit. GWS-31 for the gallery well was incomplete and it was sent back to the owner Adam Micheli for revisions. Requested Shaylee Inspect the well.

**Recommendation:** waiting for inspection results.

25-BC-002 ASPEN SPRINGS METRO DISTRICT Date of Complaint:

County: Archuleta License No.: NA Permit No.: NA 3/6/2025

Complaint initiated by: Licensed Contractor

**Description of complaint:** Open Well In Unsanitary Condition; Complainant is asking for well abandonment.

**Status:** 

3/6/2025 Received written complaint from licensed contractor that an open well existed on the property of 86 Oak Drive Pagosa Springs, CO. Utms provided by contractor suggest the well is on the eastern adjacent property owned by the Aspen Springs Sub 1. 3-23-2025 Archuleta County Road and Bridge says Oak Drive is owned by the Aspen Springs Metro District.

**Recommendation:** Attempt to get acknowledgement from Aspen Springs Metro District of ownership of property the well is on.

### AGENDA ITEM 14.a

# DWR Legislative Updates (link only)

- i. <u>HB25-1014 Increase Efficiency</u>
  <u>In Division Of Water Resources</u>

  <u>Processes</u>
- ii. HB25-1165 Carbon Management
  & Geothermal Regulation in
  Colorado

### AGENDA ITEM 14.b

### Greg Kennedy

# Contractor License Application Review for Pump Installation in Water Systems Less Than or Equal to 100 gpm

- Board Review for Experience gained while working as an unlicensed contractor. (Approve, Deny, Continue to Wait)
- Board deferred decision at 12-2024 and 2-2025 BOE meetings because contractor has not responded.
- No Response since last meeting.

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	Mailing A	ddress Po Box 6	27		
	City, Stat	e Zip Bennett, Co	0 80103		
	Phone (	303) 710-1417	-		
1	Email (if	applicable) 6tyleno	nedy@ our.com		
2.	CURRE	NT WELL CONSTRUCTION	OR PUMP CONTRACTOR	1	
	EMPLO	YER			
- 1	NAME	Kennedy Plus	rbing INC		
1	Mailing A	ddress PO Bux 63	27		
1	City, Stat	e Zip Bennett, (0	80102		
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Describe in detail your well construction and/or pump installation work experience. Affidavits from previous employers must be submitted to substantiate two years experience for each type of license applied for. Company Name/Employer Telephone: (303 710-1417 Your Title Supervisor Name No. of Hours per Month 200 Backhup, skid stee Company Name/Employer Telephone: ( Complete Address Your Title Duties\_ Supervisor Name No. of Hours per Month Equipment Operated Company Name/Employer Telephone: ( Complete Address Your Title Duties Supervisor Name No. of Hours per Month **Equipment Operated** Company Name/Employer Telephone: ( Complete Address From Your Title **Duties** Supervisor Name No. of Hours per Month Equipment Operated



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Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

July, 2020

### VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

APPLICANT	
Name:	Greg Kenned
Address:	PO BOX 627
City:	Bennett, (0 80/02 State: CO Zip: 80/02
Type of Lice	ense(s) applied for: Pump Insteller
CONTRACTO	OR'S VERIFICATION:
The person	identified above was employed by me
	ompany Kenned Plb Inc.
	(company name)
Dates of em	ployment: from 1983 to present
50.5.5.3.	(provide month, day and year)
Full time en	nployment or part time employment
Employment	(job title)
Description	of work: (i.e. type of duties; # & types of wells/year; # & types of pumps/year; etc.)





### CERTIFICATION:

I am aware that this form is considered an open record pursuant to Colorado law. I certify that the information provided on this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Date: 16-1-24	License No.: State:	
	(Provide copy of license)	
Name: Grea Kennee (print or type)	(signature)	_
Phone: 303-710-1417		



Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

### **Pump Installation Contractor application**

3 messages

Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>
To: "gtykennedy@aol.com" <gtykennedy@aol.com>
Cc: Laura Kalafus - DNR <laura.kalafus@state.co.us>

Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 5:19 PM

### Greg,

Per our phone conversation today you indicated you have other experience you wanted to be considered that you did not list on the application or provide an employment/verification letter for. Can you submit any other experience/employment information at this time that you would like considered in addition to your self reported work as an unlicensed contractor?

I intend to put your application on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board of Examiners meeting, December 3, 2024, to allow the Board to review your application. The Board packet is going out at the end of day Friday 11/22/24.

For the unlicensed pump installation work alleged to have performed in Colorado while not under the direct, onsite supervision of a licensed contractor or not directly employed by a licensed contractor, can you provide me with a detailed description of the work performed related to pump installation or pumping equipment installation including the permit number of the well or address the work was performed?

### **Thanks**

Chris Jones
Chief Well Inspector
Hydrogeology Section



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Cc: Laura Kalafus - DNR <laura.kalafus@state.co.us>

Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 8:15 PM

please provide me a path for appeal. your attitude is typical of government overreach

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To: "gtykennedy@aol.com" <gtykennedy@aol.com>
Cc: Laura Kalafus - DNR <laura.kalafus@state.co.us>

Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 8:42 AM

#### Greg,

The path for your application's review is through the Board of Examiners as I indicated. If you have additional information you would like the Board to consider please send it to me and I will include it with your application. I would encourage you to attend the Dec 3, 2024 Board meeting so that the Board has the opportunity to ask you questions if they have any about your application.

#### **Thanks**



Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>

### **Pump Installation Contractor application**

Jones - DNR, Chris <chris.jones@state.co.us>
To: "gtykennedy@aol.com" <gtykennedy@aol.com>

Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 11:35 AM

### Greg,

The Board considered your application at the December 3, 2024 BOE meeting and indicated they would like more information about your experience related to the license you are applying for. They would like to reevaluate your application at the February 4, 2025 BOE meeting.

Written information that would be helpful to the Board would include a detailed description of:

- the work performed and experience you gained related to pumping equipment installation demonstrating you have the specific skills to install pumps in water wells and associated pumping equipment;
- any problems encountered and solutions developed during pumping equipment installation;
- · knowledge of and ability to operate pump installation equipment; and
- the permit number of the wells or addresses the work was performed for pumping equipment installations in Colorado.

Here is a link to the Board of Examiners webpage where you can find links to the well construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2) and the BOE Administrative Rules ( 2 CCR 402-14).

Please send the additional requested information, or other information you would like the Board to consider to me at least two weeks prior to the date of the next Board meeting so that it can be incorporated into the information packet for the Board.

Thanks

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### AGENDA ITEM 15.a

Draft Policy 2025-1 - Clarification of Grouting Requirements for Wells Constructed with Driven Casing

Request Board Comment and Approval



Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors

April 1, 2025

### Policy 2025-1

# CLARIFICATION OF THE GROUTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WELLS CONSTRUCTED WITH DRIVEN SURFACE CASING

### **Background**

The Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors ("Board" or "BOE") was created under section 37-91-103, C.R.S., and is tasked with adopting rules as necessary to protect the public health and the protection and preservation of groundwater resources provided in article 91, title 37, C.R.S. Well construction methods using driven surface casing or casing advance systems are allowed by the Water Well construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2. Such construction methods typically result in a very narrow to non-existent annulus outside of the steel casing leaving insufficient annular space to grout per the requirements of Rule 10.4.4. The annular space requirements in Rule 10.4.4 are intended for "open hole" drilling methods where casing is placed after drilling and grout is placed between the borehole and the outside of the casing. It is acknowledged that the majority of the requirements for grouting in Rules 10.4.5 through 10.4.8 are written for casing placed in an open borehole where grouting occurs in an annulus between the borehole wall and the outside of the casing.

Requirements for grouting between an interval below and above the base of the driven surface casing was first included in the 2000 version of the Construction Rules. Requirements to grout an interval overlapping the base of the driven surface casing in Type II and Type III aquifers has persisted through the current version of the Rules.

### Rule 10.4.2.1 states:

Driven Surface Casing for wells in Type II and Type III aquifers- The annular space between surface casing that is driven and the production casing string must be grouted in accordance with the following requirements for Type II and Type III aquifers. Additional grouting below the base of the driven surface casing may be necessary to comply with the requirements for a particular type of aquifer. See Figure 3.

- a. For Type II aquifers (unconfined bedrock aquifers) with driven surface casing, the grout interval must extend from at least twenty (20) feet below to at least ten (10) feet above the base of the surface casing.
- b. For Type III aquifers (unconsolidated aquifers) with driven surface casing, the grout interval must extend from at least ten (10) feet below to at least ten (10)



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feet above the base of the surface casing. See Figure 3.

Rule 10.4.7.2.a for wells completed into Type III aquifers states:

In wells constructed with surface casing into Type III aquifers (unconsolidated aquifer), the annulus between the borehole wall and the surface casing must be grouted from a depth of at least nineteen (19) feet up to the depth required by Rule 10.5.2.1. If the surface casing is driven, grout must be placed between the production casing and driven casing from not less than ten (10) feet below to at least ten (10) feet above the base of the driven casing (see Figure 3). At least ten (10) feet of continuous grout is required.

### Rule 10.5.2.1.c states:

At or near the ground surface, the annulus between the borehole and the outermost casing must be sealed with at least the minimum amount of continuous cement grout required for the particular type of aquifer in which the well is constructed (see Rule 10.4), and considering whether a pitless adapter or unit will be installed. The top of the grout seal must not exceed the depths below ground level as set forth below:

c. Not less than ten (10) feet above the base of the surface casing that has been driven for a well in a Type II or Type III aquifer. If the well is constructed into a Type II aquifer, the grout interval must extend at least twenty (20) feet below the base of the surface casing. If the well is constructed into a Type III aquifer, the grout interval must extend at least ten (10) feet below the base of surface casing. See Rule 10.4.2.1.

Those Rules define a required interval of grout overlapping the base of the driven surface casing. The Rules do not contain limitations or relief from the required grouted intervals defined in 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and 10.5.2.1.c under any circumstances where driven surface casing is used.

Some contractors utilize a well construction method/sequence not specifically addressed or contemplated in the Construction Rules, where the steel surface casing is driven but grout is not placed in the intervals required by 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and 10.5.2.1.c because the steel surface casing is either:

- 1. placed into a previously drilled open borehole, then driven to the depth necessary to support the formation, then grout is placed in the annulus between the drilled borehole and the driven casing to depths required by Rule 10.4.6.2 for wells completed in Type II aquifers or required by Rule 10.4.7 for wells completed in Type III aquifers; or
- driven from the surface to the depth necessary to support the formation then the contractor overreams outside of the driven surface casing to create sufficient annulus to grout.

In such well construction methods, grouting of an adequately-sized annulus outside the driven steel casing could satisfy the grouting requirements of Rules 10.4.6, 10.4.6.2, 10.4.6.3, 10.4.7,

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10.4.7.2.a, 10.5.2.1.a and/or 10.5.2.1.b and ostensibly accomplishes the intent of the Rules for an open hole construction method, but would remain in violation of Rules 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and/or 10.5.2.1.c for not grouting the interval overlapping the base of the driven surface casing.

Furthermore, the Construction Rules do not expressly define a limit on the depth driven surface casing can penetrate from one aquifer or hydrogeologic unit into another prior to requiring a grout seal per Rules 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and/or 10.5.2.1.c. Excessive penetration of driven surface casing from one aquifer into another without a grout seal could cause intermingling of water or the migration of contaminants along the outside of the driven casing. It is acknowledged that some penetration into the underlying formation is inevitable and necessary during drilling for contractors to log cuttings allowing confirmation of different material types. As with all drilling methods, the method of well construction must be protective of the groundwater resources as outlined in Rule 10.1 is required; therefore this policy is necessary to set a maximum limit on the penetration of driven surface casing below the interface between two aquifers or between an aquifer and a confining unit prior to requiring a grout seal.

### **Objective**

This policy will provide clarification on circumstances where driven surface casing may be used without the requirements to grout the interval overlapping the base of the driven casing as required by Rules 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and/or 10.5.2.1.c for Type II and Type III aquifer wells where the grouting requirements for open annulus intervals are otherwise followed.

This policy will also provide clarification for the maximum allowable penetration of driven surface casing below the interface between two aquifers/geologic units prior to grouting per the requirements of 10.4.2.1.a.

### **Policy**

Driven surface casing must be associated with one or more grouted intervals to control the movement of water vertically through the annulus left by the drilling process. Unless the method of well construction results in the grouting of an open annulus between the steel casing and the borehole meeting the minimum depths, intervals and sizes required by Rule 10.4.4, 10.4.6, 10.4.7 and 10.5.2 and 10.5.3, the driven surface casing must be grouted in accordance with the requirements of Rules 10.4.2.1, 10.4.7.2.a and/or 10.5.2.1.c for Type II and Type III aquifer wells.

Centralizers must be used on all casing in required grouted intervals in accordance with the spacing and locations described in Rule 10.4.1.

Driven surface casing alone is not sufficient to isolate a Type III aquifer material from an underlying bedrock aquifer. For wells constructed into a Type II aquifer overlain by Type III aquifer, if the grout placed in an appropriately-sized (see Rule 10.4.4 and 10.5.3) open annulus outside the driven surface casing does not extend to or below the top of the bedrock and back up to the depth required by Rule 10.5.2, the requirements of Rules 10.4.2.1.a must be followed.

Unless an open annulus exists outside of the driven casing at the interface between the aquifers and the annulus is properly grouted per the requirements of the Well Construction Rules (as discussed in the paragraph above), the base of driven surface casing shall not extend more than 20

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feet below the interface between two aquifers or between an aquifer and a confining unit prior to grouting per the requirements of Rule 10.4.2.1.a. In no case shall the driven casing penetrate through a confining layer. This policy does not eliminate the requirement to place grout seals from at least from the base of a confining layer for Type I aquifer wells up to the depths required by Rules 10.4.5, 10.4.8 and 10.5.2.1.

### **Approval**

This policy may only be modified or revoked in writing by the Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Christoper J. Sanchez, P.G., Chairperson Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors