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To: Well Contractors
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SUBJECT: PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PUMP REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT

This memorandum has been issued as a reminder to members of our regulated community that pursuant to Sacramento County Code, Title 6, Chapter 6.28 (Wells & Pumps), Section 6.28.020, **it is unlawful for any person to install, repair, or replace any well pump unless such person has obtained a permit from the Water Protection Division for the specific work to be performed**, or, in the event of an emergency, fully complied with the provisions of Chapter 6.28 relating to emergencies. *

* In the case of emergency work required to maintain drinking, agricultural, or industrial water supply systems, or to prevent an imminent and substantial threat to public health and safety, the person responsible for the emergency work shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Apply for a permit within three working days after commencement of the emergency work;
- (2) Satisfy the WPD that such work was urgently necessary; and
- (3) Demonstrate that all work was performed in conformance with the technical standards set forth in Chapter 6.28.

Failure to comply with the aforementioned requirements may result in formal enforcement action, including the imposition of administrative penalties of up to \$10,000 per well, per day of violation.

Our entire well and pump ordinance may be accessed online at: http://municipalcodes.lexisnexis.com/codes/sacramento_co/. Please contact us at (916) 875-8400 if you have any questions.

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