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Environmental Health officials remind community to use licensed contractors for groundwater wells

Officials with the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) are reminding consumers to use licensed contractors to get groundwater well work completed.

DEH has seen a significant increase in the demand for groundwater wells in rural areas of the county. It is important to remember that the Humboldt County Code of Regulations requires any person who performs construction, reconstruction or destruction work on wells to possess a valid California Water Well Drilling C-57 license.

A C-57 well drilling contractor may install and repair wells and pumps by boring, excavating, casing, cementing, and cleaning to provide a supply of uncontaminated water. Such licenses are issued by the Contractors State License Board upon demonstration of sufficient knowledge and experience. The licensing process, combined with the DEH's permitting and oversight, is critical to ensuring proper well construction and protection from potential sources of contamination.

If you're interested in installing a well on your property, or need work done on an existing well or water system, you can verify the status of a license before hiring a contractor by contacting the Contractors State License Board online at http://www.cslb.ca.gov/ or by phone at 800-321-CSLB (2752).

If you have concerns about unpermitted and/or unlicensed well construction activity in Humboldt County, please contact the CSLB or the DEH Land Use Program at 707-445-6215 or by email at ENVH@co.humboldt.ca.us.

For more information on well construction standards, local permitting programs, or other information on groundwater wells, visit the Division of Environmental Health Land Use Program's website at http://humboldtgov.org/730/Land-Use-Program.

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