

Fw: Well permit search -- 24652 Weld County Road 47

From: **McKinney** | jennean.mckinney@state.co.us To: [REDACTED] Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 PM

Good morning, Ron,

This is in reference to your voicemail from yesterday afternoon, regarding a permit for a second well located at 24652 Weld County Road 47, La Salle CO. You mentioned that you already have information for one well permit (permit 286510).

No other permit was located for any other well on the property. The tax assessor's website for the property shows that the house was built in 1947. It is possible that the well was dug/drilled around that time.

Well permits were not required for residential and livestock water wells in Colorado before May 8, 1972. If the well was constructed without a permit before May 8, 1972, and if the well continues to be used for its original historic uses, the well is considered to be a legal non-registered well, until the property changes owners on/after January 1, 2009. If the current owners/sellers obtained the property before January 1, 2009, they are not required to register an old pre-1972 well as long as it only is used for its original historic purposes to the best of their knowledge.

Unregistered wells are no longer "grandfathered" for new property owners on/after January 1, 2009. New owners must register the well, to obtain a permit for it (within 60 days of closing on the property). The necessary forms to file are GWS-12 and GWS-12A, with a \$100.00 fee. If the owners need assistance in filling out the forms, they can contact a local licensed pump contractor [[list of licensed contractors](#)].

However, if a non-permitted well was constructed and put to use (or if its use was changed or expanded) on/after May 8, 1972, the current owner must file forms GWS-44 and GWS-68 with the \$100.00 fee (instead of GWS-12 and GWS-12A). These forms must be filed ASAP.

Note: if the new owners do not intend to use the well, it must be officially plugged, abandoned, and a well abandonment report must be filed (blank form attached). This can be done either by the sellers or the buyers. There is no fee to file a well abandonment report. The well does not need to have a permit before being plugged and abandoned. For assistance with plugging and abandoning the well, please contact a local licensed pump contractor [[list of licensed contractors](#)].

Forms are available at dwr.state.co.us/eforms (under "Department", choose "Well Permitting", then scroll down to desired forms. For well abandonment, under "Department", choose Well Construction & Inspection").

Please contact us if you need additional assistance. *For detailed permitting questions, contact 303-866-3587 (Groundwater Information Desk), or AskDWR at: dwr.state.co.us/Portal/dwr/AskDWR*

Thanks so much!

If you've received great assistance, please e-mail my manager, Matt DePue -- matthew.depue@state.co.us .

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