



## WELL AND PUMP ENFORCEMENT REFERRAL

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Complete this form by entering the requested information in the blanks provided and by checking the answer(s) which most clearly apply.

1. The alleged violator is:

1.1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2. Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3. License or Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.5. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: For the purposes of this process, the alleged violator must be a licensed driller, a licensed pump installer, or a registered operator in the State of Utah.*

2. Description of Well(s) associated with the violation:

2.1. Well Owner of Record: \_\_\_\_\_

2.2. Water Right/Non-Production Well Approval Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2.3. Well Point of Diversion/Location in Public Land Survey coordinates as listed on the approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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2.4. Well Location (Street Address): \_\_\_\_\_

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2.5. GPS Well Location (Lat/Long or UTM): \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The nature of alleged violation(s):

3.1. A summary listing of infractions or violations of the Administrative Rules for Water Wells (R655-4 UAC) is included at the end of this referral form.

Enforcement action against a licensee can be pursued by the Utah Division of Water Rights if one or more of the infractions listed are applicable. If the violation or complaint is not on the attached infraction list, then it is likely that the Utah Division of Water Rights does not have jurisdiction to bring an enforcement action against a licensee.

3.2. From the attached infraction list, identify the alleged violation(s) relevant to your situation: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. When did the alleged violation initially occur? Date (s) or Date Range: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Is the violation continuing?

5.1.  Yes

5.2.  No. Ended on date: \_\_\_\_\_



7. You must provide the following information before the Division of Water Rights will investigate this referral. :

7.1.1. Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

7.1.2. Your mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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7.1.3. Your telephone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

7.1.4. Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

7.1.5.  **Check here if you wish to remain anonymous. We will make reasonable and lawful efforts to protect your identify if good cause can be shown for doing so. However, *no guarantees are given* that your anonymity will be preserved if this matter is determined deserving of an enforcement action.**

8. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed referrals should be mailed to:

Division of Water Rights  
Well Drilling Program  
PO Box 146300  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

You may contact the Well Drilling Program by calling (801) 538-7416 or by sending an e-mail to: **jimgoddard@utah.gov**

## **List of Infractions/Violations Based on R655-4 (UAC)**

### **Level I Infractions of Administrative Requirements**

- Well log submitted late
- Failure to submit a Pump Log
- Well abandonment report submitted late
- License number or company name not clearly posted on well drilling/pump rig
- Failing to notify the state engineer of a change in the well licensee's company name
- Failure to properly notify the state engineer before the proposed start date shown on the start card
- Failure to notify the state engineer of a change of start date
- Constructing a replacement well further than 150 ft from the original well without the authorization of an approved change application
- Failure to drill at the state engineer approved location as identified on the start card
- Removing the well drilling rig from the well site before completing the well or temporarily or permanently abandoning the well

### **Level II Infractions of Administrative Requirements**

- Employing an operator who is not registered with the state
- Contracting out work to an unlicensed driller (using the unlicensed driller's rig) without prior written approval from the state
- Performing any well drilling activity without valid authorization (except in emergency situations)
- Intentionally making a material misstatement of fact in an official well driller's report/pump log or amended official well driller's report (well log)

### **Level III Infractions of Construction Standards / Conditions**

#### **Approvals**

- Using a method of drilling not listed on the well driller's license
- Failing to comply with any conditions included on the well approval such as minimum or maximum depths, specified locations of perforations, etc.
- Performing any well construction activity in violation of a red tag cease work order

#### **Casing**

- Failure to extend well casing at least 18" above ground
- Failure to install a protective casing around a PVC well at the surface
- Using improper casing joints
- Using or attempting to use sub-standard well casing

#### **Surface Seals**

- Using improper products or procedures to install a surface seal
- Failure to seal off artesian flow on the outside of casing
- Failure to install surface seal to adequate depth based on formation type
- Failure to install interval seals to eliminate aquifer commingling or cross contamination

#### **Well Abandonment**

- Using improper procedures to abandon a well
- Using improper products to abandon a well

#### **Construction Fluids**

- Using water of unacceptable quality in the well drilling operation
- Using an unacceptable mud pit
- Failure to use treated or disinfected water for drilling processes
- Using improper circulation materials or drilling chemicals

**Filter/Gravel Packs and Formation Stabilizers**

- Failure to disinfect filter pack
- Failure to install filter pack properly
- Failure to install formation stabilizer according to standard

**Well Completion**

- Failure to make well accessible to water level or pressure head measurements
- Failure to install casing annular seals, cap, and valving, and to control artesian flow
- Failure to disinfect a well upon completion of well drilling activity
- Failure to install sanitary well capping according to standard
- Failure to install a pitless adapter/unit according to standard
- Failure to develop and test a well according to standard
- Failure to hydrofracture a well according to standard
- Failure to install packers/plugs according to standard
- Failure to install well intakes (screens, perforations, open bottom) according to standard
- Failure install non-production wells according to standard

**Pump Installation and Repair**

- Failure to extend well casing at least 18" above ground
- Failure to make well accessible to water level or pressure head measurements
- Failure to install casing annular seals, cap, and valving, and to control artesian flow
- Failure to disinfect a well upon completion of pump activity
- Failure to install a protective casing around a PVC well at the surface
- Failure to maintain surface completion and security standards
- Failure to install or maintain backflow protection
- Failure to develop and test a well according to standard
- Failure to install sanitary well capping according to standard
- Failure to install a pitless adapter/unit according to standard
- Failure to prevent contamination from entering a well through placement, products, tools, and materials
- Failure to repair a well's surface seal

**General**

- Failure to securely cover an unattended well during construction
- Failure to engage in well drilling activity in accordance with accepted industry practices

**Level IV Infractions of Application Requirements**

- Submitting an initial license or registration application that contains false or misleading information