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## PERMITS

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### Monitoring Well Permits

Also known as the State Engineer's Office, the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) issues water [well permits](#), administers water rights, monitors stream flow and water use, inspects dams for safety, maintains databases of Colorado water information and represents Colorado in interstate water compact proceedings.

#### Notice of Intent to Install Monitoring Wells

DWR requires notification of the [intent to install groundwater monitoring wells](#).

DWR has created a categorical variance for work done under OPS's purview to allow up to 18 months before permitting of the wells is required rather than the traditional 12 months. The OPS variance must be noted on the [Notice of Intent form](#).

#### Well Construction Reports

DWR requires that a Well Construction Report ([Form GWS-31](#)) be submitted within 60 days of constructing the well.

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If the 18 month time frame is reached, wells can be permitted on one [permit form](#) if all wells associated with the permit are included on a [permit batch spreadsheet](#).

#### Monitoring Well Abandonment

When the wells are abandoned, the abandonment must be performed in accordance with DWR Rules, including the submission of a Well Abandonment Report ([Form GWS-9](#)) within 60 days after abandoning the well. DWR will accept one Abandonment Report for multiple wells if the batch spreadsheet is used.

## Recovery Wells

DWR issues well permits for recovery wells, which are wells installed for the purpose of removing contaminants from or otherwise remediating ground water. Recovery wells located in the alluvial aquifer of stream systems where water is not available for appropriation **may** be issued in accordance with [Policy 94-5](#) of the State Engineer, depending upon the circumstances of the well and associated treatment system.

Use a General Purpose Permit Application ([Form GWS-45](#)) to apply for a new recovery well, to change the use of an existing [Monitoring and Observation Well](#) to a recovery well or to convert an existing [Monitoring and Observation Hole](#) to a recovery well.

## Online Submittal of Forms

DWR can accept [online form submittal](#).

## Notification and Permitting Requirements for Wells Installed between January 2006 and January 2013

Click [here](#) to read about these requirements.

A brief overview is also provided in the table below.

<b>Permitting and Reporting Requirements for Monitoring Wells that were Active or Constructed between January 2006 and January 2013</b>		
<b>Monitoring/Recovery Wells</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
Permitted prior to January 18, 2006	Abandoned	Submit DWR Well Abandonment Reports with descriptive cover letter seeking Well Construction Rule 17.3 waiver.
	Active	As wells are abandoned, submit Well Abandonment Reports per Well Construction Rule 17.3.
Constructed in the timeframe January 18, 2006 through January 15, 2013	Active or Abandoned	No DWR permitting or reporting is required. Maintain accurate information for each well, including well construction reports and well abandonment reports.
Constructed January 16, 2013 or newer	New	Shall be noticed or permitted according to DWR Rules and Regulations. Follow BOE Water Well Construction Rules requirements for monitoring well construction and reporting.

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## Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits

If you are injecting **any** liquids or liquid mixtures (ORC, microbes, nutrients, treated water, etc.) into the ground, you must provide OPS with a copy of your Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit. These permits are obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 office in Denver; you may contact them at 303-312-6312.

You may also look at [UIC Program Information](#) on the EPA's website for more details about the UIC permit.

You may submit a copy of the UIC permit(s) with your Corrective Action Plan (CAP) or with your CAP Implementation Report.

*Note: If you are extracting groundwater and a permit is required to discharge or dispose, you must provide OPS with a copy of the permit.*

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### Other Permit-Related Resources

- [Permit Application and Air Pollutant Emission Notification \(APEN\) Forms](#)
- [Electrical and Plumbing Permits](#)