

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Unlike the previous version of this substitute amendment, this version does not include heat exchange drillholes within the definition of a “well” in ch. 280, stats., but requires a person who constructs a heat exchange drillhole to be licensed as a well driller. There are some provisions in current law that I did not amend but that you might want to amend in the next version of this draft:

1. Section 280.13 (1) (c), stats., allows DNR to inspect wells and well equipment. I did not amend this provision to also allow DNR to inspect heat exchange drillholes because the inspection authority appears to relate primarily to the protection of the water supply. Do you want DNR to be able to conduct inspections of drillholes?
2. Section 280.15 (4) (e), stats., exempts a person from obtaining a registration or license under ch. 280 for driving, digging, or otherwise obtaining groundwater supply on real estate owned by that person. Do you want to provide a similar exemption for a person who engages in drillhole construction on that person's own property?
3. Sections 443.14 (12m) and 470.025 (9) specifically exempt licensed well drillers who are engaged in well drilling from being licensed under ch. 443 (architects, engineers, designers, and surveyors) and ch. 470 (geologists, hydrologists, and soil scientists). Do you also want to exempt a person who engages in drillhole construction from the requirements for licensing under those chapters?

Please give me a call if you have any questions about this substitute amendment.

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