### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 279 NR 112

|      |   |                                  | UPPER ENLARGED DRILLHOLE REQUIREMENTS<br>PERCUSSION METHODS ROTARY METHODS  |   |   |                     |  |   | WELL CASING<br>PIPE REQUIREMENTS  |  | ANNULAR SPACE<br>SEALING REQUIREMENTS  |  | LOWER DRILLHOLE<br>REQUIREMENTS<br>(IN BEDROCK)   |                   |                                  |
|------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| LINE | NEAR<br>DEPTH<br>TO FIRM<br>BEDROCK   | SURFACE<br>GEOLOGIC<br>MATERIALS | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER   | METHOD OF<br>KEEPING<br>HOLE OPEN   | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH  | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER | METH<br>KEE<br>HOLE  | IOD OF<br>PING<br>OPEN  | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH  | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER  | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH   | PERCUSSION<br>METHODS  | ROTARY<br>METHODS   | MIN.<br>DIAM.     | METHOD OF<br>CUTTINGS<br>REMOVAL |
| E.   | Less than 40<br>feet; less than<br>30 feet for<br>sandstone (ex-<br>cept for condi-<br>tion in line F). | Material of any<br>kind.         | 4" larger in*<br>diameter than<br>the nominal<br>diameter of<br>well casing<br>pipe; or 2"<br>larger in diam-<br>eter than the<br>nominal diam-<br>eter of the well<br>casing pipe if<br>steel pipe is as-<br>sembled with<br>welded joints<br>and the<br>annular space<br>sealing mate-<br>rial is placed<br>using an ap-<br>proved pres-<br>sure method | Temporary<br>outer casing if<br>the material<br>above bedrock is<br>caving; other-<br>wise the drillhole<br>shall be filled up<br>to within 10' of<br>the ground sur-<br>face with clay<br>slurry during<br>driving of the<br>well casing pipe. | 40 feet, ex-<br>cept for<br>sandstone;<br>30 feet for<br>sandstone. | Same as<br>above.   | Caving<br>forma-<br>tion<br>above<br>bedrock<br>Circu-<br>lated<br>drilling<br>mud | Non-cav-<br>ing for-<br>mation<br>above<br>bedrock.<br>Air, an<br>approved<br>foam or<br>drilling<br>mud. | To the depth<br>of well cas-<br>ing pipe set-<br>ting, but not<br>less than 40',<br>30 feet for<br>sandstone. | 6"   | 40'; 30 feet<br>for sand-<br>stone (set in<br>upper en-<br>larged dril-<br>lhole and<br>driven to a<br>firm seat). | Neat cement<br>grout only,<br>mixed &<br>placed accord-<br>ing to the re-<br>quirements of<br>NR 112.20. | Neat cement<br>grout only,<br>mixed and<br>placed ac-<br>cording to<br>the require-<br>ments of NR<br>112.20. | 6"                | Same as above.                   |
| F.   | Less than 10<br>feet to Lime-<br>stone (Dolo-<br>mite)  | Material of any<br>kind.         | Same as<br>above.   | Temporary<br>outer casing if<br>the material<br>above the bed-<br>rock is caving.   | 60 feet   | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>line E.<br>above.   | To the<br>depth of<br>well cas-<br>ing pipe<br>setting,<br>but not<br>less than<br>60'.                   | 6"  | 60' (set in<br>upper en-<br>larged dril-<br>hole and<br>driven to a<br>firm seat). | Neat cement<br>grout only,<br>mixed &<br>placed ac-<br>cording to<br>the require-<br>ments of NR<br>112.20.        | Neat cement<br>grout only,<br>mixed &<br>placed accord-<br>ing to the re-<br>quirements of<br>NR 112.20. | 6"  | Same as<br>above. |                                  |

\* An upper enlarged drillhole is not required when approved granular (8-mesh) bentonite is either mounded around the top of the well casing pipe during driving, or is placed in a starter drillhole during driving.

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#### 'ABLE III. DRILLED UNCONSOLIDATED FORMATION WELL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR *POTABLE HIGH CAPACITY*, SCHOOL AND WASTEWATER TREAT-MENT PLANT WELLS

|      | NEAR<br>SURFACE<br>GEOLOGIC<br>MATERIALS  | UPPER ENLARGED DRILLHOLE REQUIREMENTS   |   |                  |   |   |   |               | WELL CASING PIPE   |  | ANNULAR SPACE   |  | SCREEN REQUIREMENTS<br>(ONLY REQUIRED<br>FOR WELLS THAT<br>DUMD SAND)   |  |
|------|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|---|---------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| LINE |   | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER   | METHOD OF<br>KEEPING<br>HOLE OPEN   | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER   | METHOD OF<br>KEEPING<br>HOLE OPEN   | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH                                | MIN.<br>DIAM. | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH   | PERCUSSION<br>METHODS  | ROTARY<br>METHODS   | TYPE /<br>MATERIAL   | METHOD OF<br>PLACEMENT  |  |
| G.   | Caving mate-<br>rial of any<br>kind (usually<br>sand)   | 3" larger in diame-<br>ter than the<br>outside diameter<br>of the well casing<br>pipe or the outside<br>diameter of the<br>casing couplings<br>(if used). | Temporary<br>outer casing<br>which shall be<br>removed dur-<br>ing or follow-<br>ing grouting of<br>the annular<br>space. The<br>drillhole shall<br>be kept filled<br>up to within<br>10 feet of the<br>ground surface<br>with clay or<br>sodium ben-<br>tonite slurry<br>during the<br>driving of the<br>well casing<br>pipe.                      | 60'              | 3" larger in di-<br>ameter than<br>the outside di-<br>ameter of the<br>well casing<br>pipe or the<br>outside diame-<br>ter of the cas-<br>ing couplings<br>(if used). | Circulated<br>drilling mud to<br>maintain dril-<br>lhole at full di-<br>ameter. | To the depth<br>of well casing<br>pipe setting. | 4"            | Whatever is greater:<br>60' depth; or 20' be-<br>low static water<br>level; and such that<br>the pump is set at<br>least 5' above the<br>bottom of the casing<br>pipe and does not<br>break suction under<br>normal operating<br>conditions. | Neat cement<br>grout <i>only</i> ,<br>placed by using<br>an approved<br>pressure method<br>as specified by<br>NR 112.20. | Neat cement<br>grout only,<br>placed by us-<br>ing an ap-<br>proved pres-<br>sure method as<br>specified by<br>NR 112.20. | Continuous<br>slot, V-<br>shaped<br>wound-wire<br>wrap on a<br>rod base<br>type. Of<br>stainless<br>steel,<br>everdur,<br>monel or<br>brass. | Bail-down or<br>Pull-back (teles-<br>coping) method.<br>The screen may<br>also be perma-<br>nently attached<br>to the bottom of<br>the string of well<br>casing pipe. |  |
| н.   | Non-caving<br>material of<br>any kind in<br>the top 60 feet<br>(usually clay,<br>silt or hard-<br>pan). | Same as above.  | The drillhole<br>shall be kept<br>filled up to<br>within 10 feet<br>of the ground<br>surface with<br>clay or sodium<br>bentonite<br>slurry during<br>the driving of<br>the permanent<br>well casing<br>pipe. When<br>temporary<br>outer casing is<br>used, it shall<br>be pulled dur-<br>ing or follow-<br>ing grouting of<br>the annular<br>space. | 60'              | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above.                               | 4"            | Same as above.   | Same as above.   | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above.  | Same as above.  |  |

NOTE: The 60-foot minimum requirement for the upper-enlarged drillhole depth and well casing pipe depth requirement shall be 100 feet rather than 60 feet (as in table above) whenever the well is installed for a wastewater treatment oblant that has a lagoon or pond treatment system or sludge beds on the property.

|      |                             |   | UPPER ENI   | LARGED DRILLH  | OLE REQUIRI      | EMENTS  |   |  | CASING PIPE<br>REQUIREMENTS |  | WELL<br>ANNULAR SPACE   |  | LOWER DRILLHOLE<br>REQUIREMENTS<br>(IN BEDROCK) |  |
|------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
|      |                             | NEAP  | PER   | CUSSION METHO  | DS               | ROTARY METHODS  |   |  | (STEEL ONLY)                |  | SEALING REQUIREMENTS  |  |   |  |
| LINE | DEPTH<br>TO FIRM<br>BEDROCK | SURFACE<br>GEOLOGIC<br>MATERIALS  | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER   | METHOD OF<br>KEEPING<br>HOLE OPEN  | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER   | METHOD OF<br>KEEPING<br>HOLE OPEN   | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH   | MINIMUM<br>DIAMETER         | MINIMUM<br>DEPTH   | PERCUSSION<br>METHODS   | ROTARY<br>METHODS  | MIN.<br>DIAM.                                   | METHOD OF<br>CUTTINGS<br>REMOVAL   |
| I.   | 60 feet or more             | Caving material of<br>any kind (usually<br>sand)  | 3" larger in di-<br>ameter than<br>the outside di-<br>ameter of the<br>well casing<br>pipe or the<br>outside diame-<br>ter of the cas-<br>ing couplings<br>(if used.) | Temporary<br>outer casing;<br>which shall be<br>removed during<br>or following the<br>grouting of the<br>annular space.<br>The drillhole<br>shall be kept<br>filled up to<br>within 10 feet of<br>the ground sur-<br>face with clay or<br>sodium benton-<br>ite slurry during<br>driving of the<br>well casing pipe. | 60'              | 3" larger in<br>diameter<br>than the<br>outside di-<br>ameter of<br>the well cas-<br>ing pipe or<br>the outside<br>diameter of<br>the casing<br>couplings (if<br>used). | Circulated drill-<br>ing mud to<br>maintain the<br>drillhole at full<br>diameter.                             | To the top of<br>firm bedrock,<br>but not less<br>than the cas-<br>ing depth | 6"                          | To a firm<br>seat in bed-<br>rock.   | Neat cement<br>grout only.<br>Placed by us-<br>ing an ap-<br>proved pres-<br>sure method as<br>specified in<br>NR 112.20. | Neat cement<br>grout only.<br>Placed by<br>using an ap-<br>proved pres-<br>sure method<br>as specified<br>in NR<br>112.20. | 6"  | Air or an approved<br>foam, by bailing,<br>or by circulated<br>drilling mud. |
| J.   | 60 feet or more             | Non-caving mate-<br>rial of any kind in<br>the top 60 feet<br>(usually clay, silt<br>or hardpan). | Same as<br>above.   | The drillhole<br>shall be kept<br>filled up to<br>within 10 feet of<br>the ground sur-<br>face with clay or<br>sodium benton-<br>ite slurry during<br>the driving of<br>the well casing<br>pipe.   | 60'              | Same as<br>above.   | Same as above.  | Same as<br>above.  | 6"                          | To a firm<br>seat in bed-<br>rock.   | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above   | <u></u>   | Same as above.   |
| K.   | Less than 60'               | Caving material of<br>any kind (usually<br>sand).   | Same as<br>above.   | Temporary<br>outer casing<br>through any un-<br>consolidated ma-<br>terial. It shall be<br>removed during<br>or following the<br>grouting of the<br>annular space.   | 60'              | Same as<br>above.   | Circulated drill-<br>ing mud through<br>unconsolidated<br>material; air or<br>an approved<br>foam in bedrock. | 60'  | 6"                          | 60'; set in<br>the upper en-<br>larged dril-<br>lhole and<br>driven to a<br>firm seat. | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above,  | 6"  | Same as above.   |
| L.   | Less than 60'               | Non-caving mate-<br>rial of any kind in<br>the top 60 feet<br>(usually clay, silt<br>or hardpan). | Same as<br>above.   | The drillhole<br>shall be kept<br>filled up to<br>within 10 feet of<br>the ground sur-<br>face with clay or<br>sodium benton-<br>ite slurry during<br>the driving of<br>the well casing<br>pipe.   | 60'              | Same as<br>above.   | Circulated drill-<br>ing mud, air, or<br>an approved<br>foam.   | 60′  | 6"                          | Same as<br>above.  | Same as<br>above.   | Same as<br>above.  | 6"  | Same as above.   |

### TABLE IV. DRILLED BEDROCK WELL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR POTABLE HIGH CAPACITY, SCHOOL AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WELLS

NOTE: The 60-foot minimum requirement for the upper-enlarged drillhole depth and well casing pipe depth requirement shall be 100 feet rather than 60 feet (as in table above) whenever the well is installed for a wastewater treatment plant that has a lagoon or pond treatment system or sludge beds on the property.

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(3) A greater depth of well casing pipe shall be provided in special well casing pipe depth areas designated by the department where well histories show contamination extends to a greater depth.

Note: A list of special well casing pipe depth areas and the required depths may be obtained from the department upon request. Greater depth of well casing pipe is recommended for wells constructed on high density tiered lots where possible contamination sources exist on neighboring up-slope lots.

(4) Steel well casing pipe shall meet the requirements of s. NR 112.17. Steel well casing pipe assembled with welded joints shall have beveled ends and all joints shall be welded according to the welding requirements outlined in s. NR 112.18.

(5) A drive-shoe shall be welded or threaded to the bottom of any string of well casing pipe to be driven including driving to a firm seat in bedrock when well casing pipe is set in an upper enlarged drillhole, except when the upper enlarged drillhole extends 20 feet or more into bedrock and the annular space is cement grouted before the lower drillhole is constructed, the use of a drive-shoe is optional. A drive-shoe is not required for any temporary outer casing. Thermoplastic well casing pipe may not be driven.

(6) The well driller or well constructor shall complete the well construction such that the well casing pipe extends at least 12 inches above the final ground grade, above a pumphouse or building floor or above any concrete or asphalt platform installed at or above the established ground surface. In addition, for wells in floodplains, the top of the well casing pipe shall terminate at least 2 feet above the regional flood elevation. A well may not be constructed in a floodway on property that is either undeveloped or on property that has buildings but no existing potable well.

(7) Well plumbness and alignment shall conform to the requirements of s. NR 112.19.

(8) Liners shall meet the requirements of s. NR 112.21.

(9) Grouting and sealing requirements shall conform to s. NR 112.20.

(10) The construction of flowing wells shall also comply with the construction requirements of s. NR 112.15.

(11) Water used in the construction, reconstruction or redevelopment of wells shall be clear water obtained from an uncontaminated source. The water shall be disinfected with chlorine with a residual of 100 mg/l (parts per million) to reduce the effort involved in the final disinfection of the well and to reduce the possibility of groundwater contamination. The chlorine concentration may be mixed according to Table B in s. NR 112.22 (4) (d). The drilling fluid shall be maintained with a free-chlorine residual of 10 mg/l (parts per million) during drilling.

(12) Well construction shall be interrupted for at least 12 hours following placement of cement grout in the annular space between the well casing pipe and the upper enlarged drillhole or between a liner pipe and a lower drillhole and the well casing pipe.

(13) Nonpotable wells shall be constructed according to the requirements for low capacity potable wells, except that the well casing pipe may have a lesser wall thickness than is required by Table V for the diameter of the well casing pipe used. Well casing pipe 12 inches in diame-Register, January, 1991, No. 421