

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

[M08-475]

1. Substantive policy statement number and its title:

WL 11, "Well Abandonment Handbook"

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement, if different from issuance date:

The Substantive Policy Statement was issued and effective on October 3, 2008.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

The Director of the Department of Water Resources issues a "Well Abandonment Handbook" to assist well owners and well drillers in complying with the Arizona Department of Water Resources' well abandonment rule, A.A.C. R12-15-816. The "Well Abandonment Handbook" provides a step-by-step guide to the abandonment of a well in a manner that complies with the well abandonment rule, including a description of abandonment procedures that the Department considers to be adequate to seal a well in a manner that complies with the requirement that the abandonment of a well be accomplished through filling or sealing the well so as to prevent the well from being a channel allowing the vertical movement of water. The "Well Abandonment Handbook" is attached to the Substantive Policy Statement.

4. Statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

The Substantive Policy Statement is a revision to, and a rescission of, the Substantive Policy Statement dated September 20, 2001.

5. The name, address and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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