

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: THE ENVIRONMENT

§ 3323. Well Drilling Permits.

(a) No well may be drilled by any person without a drilling permit issued by the chief.

(b) The chief shall establish technical drilling permit requirements for the siting design, construction, testing, completion, and repair of all wells. The requirements shall be consistent with generally accepted public health and engineering standards and shall reflect the best available technology within the Commonwealth.

(c) The chief shall establish fees for drilling permits. The schedule shall be a sliding scale, taking into consideration the financial resources of the applicant and the scope of the proposed groundwater development project.

(d) As a condition of continued use of the drilling permit, the chief may require at any reasonable time that the applicant furnish water samples for analysis by the Division of Environmental Quality laboratory. The cost of the analysis shall be paid by the drilling permittee to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

(e) The Commonwealth Utilities Commission shall receive priority in the issuance of all well drilling permits.

Source: PL 6-12, § 7.

Commission Comment: With respect to the references to the “chief” of the Division of Environmental Quality, see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.