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Subject: Delaware County Health Department Water Well Program

Dear Delaware County Municipal Leaders,

This notice is to inform you that all well contractors working in Delaware County, Pennsylvania will be required to become licensed by Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) beginning August 1, 2023 to conduct work within the County. DCHD's goal in implementing its Well Water Program is to prevent public health hazards resulting from inadequate well construction. **Delaware County Health Department, Environmental Health Division will begin accepting applications for licensing and permitting beginning 8/1/23.**

Any person intending to engage in business as a Well Driller Contractor, Pump Installation Contractor, Well and Pump combination, or Geothermal Installation combination in Delaware County must obtain a DCHD license. This license will be active for 12 months and require renewal annually. To obtain a license, the contractor must submit an application with the required fee and pass a proficiency test. The following requirements must be met to *qualify* to take the test:

- Well Driller Test: Proof of related experience (minimum 3 years' experience)
- Geothermal Well Installer Test: current valid license
- Pump Installer Test: no requirement

The DCHD will offer an exemption in the testing requirements when the Contractor shows proof of a current and valid license in the categories highlighted above from a Local County Agency. Any person not holding a current license from a Local County Agency will be required to complete and pass the proficiency test prior to applying for a DCHD license in Delaware County.

When applying for a Delaware County DCHD License, the following will need to be submitted to DCHD:

- Application
- Copy of Current Well Water Driller License from a Local County Agency
- Fee: <https://delcopa.gov/health/pdf/rulesregs/feeschedule.pdf>

The DCHD License Application is included with this notification. ***The Delaware County Health Department has the right to deny an application if regulatory requirements are not met.***

If you have any additional questions, please contact the DCHD Wellness Line at (484) 276-2100 or email environmental@co.delaware.pa.us. For more information on Delaware County's Water Well Program application process, please visit [Health Department - Delaware County, PA \(delcopa.gov\)](https://delcopa.gov/health)

Sincerely,

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