**Section 240.210 Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen or Convert to a Production Well**

a) No person shall drill, deepen or convert any well to a production well without a permit from the Department.

b) Application for a permit to drill, deepen or convert to a production well shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department. The application shall be executed under penalties of perjury, and accompanied by the non-refundable fee of $400 and the required bond under Subpart O.

c) If the application does not contain all of the required information or documents, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing. The notification shall specify the additional information or documents necessary to an evaluation of the application, and shall advise the applicant that the application will be deemed denied unless the information or documents are submitted within 60 days following the date of notification.

d) *Any well for which a permit is required under* the *Act, other than a plugged well, which was drilled prior to the effective date of* the *Act and for which no permit has previously been issued, is required to be permitted.* Application for a permit shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department. The application shall be executed under penalties of perjury, and accompanied by the required bond under Subpart O and existing well construction information reported on Department forms. If application is made on or before August 14, 1991, no permit fee is required. An application made after that date shall be accompanied by the non-refundable fee of $400. *Spacing requirements and provisions of the Act and these rules pertaining to well construction shall not apply. After* August 14, 1991*, any unpermitted well to which this* Subpart *applies will be deemed to be operating without a permit and subject to the penalties set forth in* the *Act.* (Section 12 of the Act)

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