**Section 240.1250 When Wells Shall Be Plugged and Department Notification**

a) Structure, coal and mineral test holes shall be plugged within thirty (30) days after drilling ceases unless converted to a potable water well in accordance with Section 240.1290; however, if such hole is to be used as a mineral or coal groundwater monitoring well, the well shall be plugged in accordance with subsection (c) below. The permittee shall contact the District Office responsible for the area in which the permit is located 24 hours prior to beginning drilling operations covered by that permit.

b) Mineral or coal groundwater monitoring wells shall be plugged when no longer used for the purpose for which they were permitted. At least 24 hours prior to commencing plugging the permittee shall notify the District office for the county in which the well is located.

(Source: Amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 8061, effective May 13, 1994)