N351 Well Decommissioning

Purpose

1. Prevent entry of vermin, debris, fertilizer, pesticides or other foreign substances into the well or well bore hole.
2. Prevent entry of contaminated surface water to ground water.

Applicability

1. Applies to any drilled, dug, driven, bored, or otherwise constructed vertical water well subject to agricultural nonpoint source contamination.
2. Not applicable to wells that were used for waste disposal, or if evidence of contamination still exists. Sampling of the fluids in the well may be required.
3. Not applicable to wells that contain contaminant levels that exceed state or federal water quality standards.
4. Treatment of contamination source(s) is required before a well is decommissioned.

Erosion Requirements

Practice has no erosion requirements.

Specifications

The completed practice must meet the NRCS Standards and Specifications for Water Well Decommissioning (351) contained in the Field Office Technical Guide.

Policies

1. The cooperator must record the decommissioned well with the Department of Natural Resources Geological Survey Program, Wellhead Protection Section, by submitting the "Well Plugging Registration Record." Contact the Wellhead Protection Section for more information concerning registration procedures.
2. ***Cost-share is authorized for:***
   a. Incentive for the decommissioned well.
3. ***Cost-share is not authorized for:***
   a. Cisterns.

Maximum State Cost-Share

Incentive cannot exceed $400 per decommissioned well.

Map Requirements

A map that displays the completed practice must be scanned and attached as a document type "Map" in MoSWIMS prior to contract payment submission.

Technical Responsibilities

Technical staff has the responsibility for determining the need for the practice, for design of the practice based upon the minimum extent necessary, and to certify that the completed practice meets NRCS standards and specifications within commission policy.

Acres Served
Acreage is equal to zero.

Extent Installed
Each.

Maintenance Life
10 years.