

The District shall assess the following ~~initial minimum~~ penalties for the listed Rule Violations. The District will work with the violator to ensure that compliance is reached. The Board may set reasonable penalties for other Rule violations that are not listed. If the violator is not cooperative or does not make reasonable progress towards compliance within a Board determined timeframe, the Board may assess the penalty for every day that the violation is unresolved. ~~For the second incidence of any offense, the listed initial penalty shall be doubled and the third incidence shall be tripled,~~ Penalties may be issued up to a maximum fine of \$10,000 per day.

Initial Penalty Violations:

- ~~1. Failure to register an exempt well according to District Rules, \$500.~~
- ~~2. Failure to permit a non-exempt well according to District Rules, \$1,500.
(This penalty will be assessed against both the well owner and well driller for drilling a well without first having the appropriate well registration or permit from the District, prior to drilling equipping the well. The District shall notify the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation of well drillers receiving this penalty along with the District rule that was violated.)~~
- ~~3. Use of groundwater that constitutes waste, \$1,500.~~
- ~~4. False statement on records or permit applications, \$1,500.~~
- ~~5. Failure to file required documentation with the District within the required time period, \$500.~~
- ~~6. Failure to properly plug or cover an abandoned well, \$1,500.~~

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Rule Violation	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
Failed to register an exempt well according to District Rules	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failed to permit a non-exempt well according to District Rules, (This penalty will be assessed against both the well owner and well driller for equipping a well without first having the appropriate well permit from the District. The District shall notify the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation of well drillers receiving this penalty along with the District rule that was violated.)	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500
Use of groundwater that constitutes waste	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500
False statement on records or permit applications	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500
Failed to file required documentation with the District within the required time period	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failed to timely submit Well Report (within 60 days)	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to timely notify the landowner when undesirable water encountered (within 24 hours)	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to timely submit report to when undesirable water encountered (within 30 days)	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to notify landowner of abandoned well responsibilities	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to timely submit Plugging Report (within 30 days)	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to properly mix cement for annular seal/plugging	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to have license or apprentice registration in possession at all times while performing drilling or pump installation services	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to present a license or apprentice registration upon request	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to maintain a legible and accurate Well Report	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to include information on each copy of the Well Report	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000

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Failed to complete a PWS well according to approved TCEQ plans	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to comply with TCEQ rules and specifications and TDLR rules and regulations in construction of a PWS	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to make known to a prospective client all adverse conditions concerning the quantity or quality of groundwater in the area	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to furnish violation information	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to provide information on all invoices/proposals	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to properly complete a well within a PWS sanitary easement according to the public well standards in 30 TAC, Chapter 290	Warning letter to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
Failed to submit accurate Well Report	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to properly mark rigs or pump installer vehicles with license number	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to place proper cap/cover over a newly drilled unattended well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to properly cement annular space of a water well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to locate a water well at least 50' from a property line	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to provide proper well seal for a well located in flood zone	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected

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Failed to provide proper steel sleeve for a well located in flood zone	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to provide proper surface completion on a water well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to provide proper completion for monitor well in a vault	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to provide proper completion for a temporary monitor well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to complete or plug a temporary monitor well w/in 48 hours	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to cap or complete well to prevent pollutants from entering	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to use potable water in drilling fluids	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to prevent drilling fluids from entering adjacent property	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to prevent drilling fluids from entering surface water	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to properly disinfect newly drilled/repaired well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Placed pump column material that has been used in oil or gas production or has been exposed to contamination in a well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected

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Failed to properly cap a well	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to comply with requirements for water distribution systems	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to comply with requirements for chemical injection systems	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Failed to ensure no unprotected openings for a serviced well/pump	Warning letter to \$2,000 per day not corrected	\$1,000 to \$4,000 per day not corrected	\$2,000 to \$5,000 per day not corrected
Performing or offering to perform drilling or pump installation without a license	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Performing or offering to perform drilling or pump installation with an expired license	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Landowner failed to cap or plug abandoned well w/in 180 days of notice	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Made false or misleading representations in installing well/pump	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Made an intentional misstatement or misrepresentation in a well log	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Apprentice performing or offering to perform drilling or pump installation while not under the direct supervision of a licensed driller or pump installer, or not according to expression directions of the supervisor	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to provide proper supervision of registered apprentice	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Landowner failed to complete well within ten days of notification to the District that driller had been denied access to well	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to notify the District within 48 hours of a landowner's refusal to allow the driller access to complete a well that had encountered undesirable water or constituents	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Entered into partnership with or aiding and abetting unqualified or unlicensed person	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Offering to perform services not competently qualified for	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to accurately represent qualifications and capabilities	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Performed or offered to perform services not properly qualified for	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000

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Failed to inform the District of any unauthorized well drilling or pump installation practice of which the licensee has knowledge	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to select proper slot size for manufactured screen	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to adhere to manufacturers' specs for pump wiring and sizing	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to select proper hydraulic collapse pressure for casing	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to located a water well at least 50' from of septic tank/tightline	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to located a water well at least 150' from contamination source	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to located a water well at least 100' from septic drain field	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to complete water well to prevent commingling of water production zones	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to complete or plug a test well within 6 months	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to properly complete a well that encountered undesirable water	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to complete well producing undesirable water to prevent flow onto land surface	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to properly plug well that penetrates undesirable water zone	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to properly plug well	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to properly plug large diameter hand dug well	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000
Failed to properly cap a well which did not encounter dry hole	\$500 to \$3,000	\$1,500 to \$5,000	\$3,500 to \$5,000