

CHAPTER 40E-3 WATER WELLS

40E-3.011 Policy and Purpose.

(1) The purpose of Chapter 40E-3, F.A.C., is to implement the duties and responsibilities of the South Florida Water Management District (District) under Part III, Chapter 373, F.S., and those responsibilities and duties delegated to the District by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to regulate the location, construction, repair, or abandonment of water wells and the licensing of water well contractors. It is the policy of the Governing Board that these rules are reasonably necessary to insure the protection and management of water resources and the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this District.

(2) Additional District rules relating to water wells are found in Chapters 40E-5, (Artificial Recharge), and 40E-2, (Consumptive Use), ~~and 40E-30, F.A.C. (General Permits for Wells).~~

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103(1), 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.314, 373.316, 373.319, 373.323(2), 373.326, 373.329, 373.333, 373.342 FS. History—New 1-1-85, Amended 12-19-89, 3-16-05, _____.

40E-3.021 Definitions.

When used in this chapter:

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) “Consumptive Use Permit” or “Water Use Permit” means a Water Use Permit issued under Chapter 40E-2 ~~or 40E-20~~, F.A.C.

(5) through (19) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.019, 373.106, 373.303, 373.306 FS. History—New 1-1-85, Amended 12-19-89, 3-16-05, 9-26-12, _____.

40E-3.040 Scope of Part I.

The rules in this part relate to the permitting requirements applicable to the construction, repair or abandonment of wells. Unless expressly exempt by statute or this rule, all wells must be permitted prior to construction, repair or abandonment and must be constructed, repaired or abandoned by a licensed water well contractor. This exemption does not relieve the applicant from obtaining permits which may be required under Chapter 40E-2 (Consumptive Use), Chapter 40E-4 (Surface Water Management), ~~Chapter 40E-20 (General Water Use Permits)~~ or Chapter 40E-40 (General Surface Water Management Permits), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.303, 373.308, 373.309, 373.316, 373.326, 373.342 FS. History—New 1-1-85, _____.

40E-3.041 Permits Required.

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) Permits for construction, repair, modification or abandonment of wells for which a water use permit is required under Chapters 40E-2 ~~and 40E-20~~, F.A.C., shall not be issued prior to issuance of the water use permit authorizing water use withdrawals.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316 FS. History—New 1-1-85, Amended 3-16-05, _____.

40E-3.051 Exemptions.

(1) The following wells are exempt from Rule 40E-3.041, F.A.C.:

(a) through (d) No Change.

~~(e) In addition, a well which satisfies the requirements of Chapter 40E-30, F.A.C., is exempt from the provisions of Rules 40E-3.301, 40E-3.321, 40E-3.411, 40E-3.501, 40E-3.512, and 40E-3.351, F.A.C.~~

(2) These exemptions do not relieve the applicant from obtaining permits which may be required under Chapter 40E-2 (Consumptive Use), Chapter 40E-4 (Environmental Resource Permits), ~~Chapter 40E-20 (General Water Use Permits)~~ or Chapter 40E-40 (Environmental Resource Standard General Permits), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.303, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316, 373.326 FS. History—New

1-1-85, Amended 3-16-05, _____.

40E-3.301 Conditions for Issuance of Permits.

(1) No Change.

(2) A water use permit, if applicable, under Chapter 40E-2 or ~~40E-20~~, F.A.C., must have already been obtained. If a water use permit has not been obtained, an application for a consumptive use permit must be submitted concurrently with the well construction application and must also be approved by the District prior to issuance of the well construction permit.

(3) through (5) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.342 FS. History—New 1-1-85, Amended 3-16-05, _____.

40E-3.451 Emergency Authorization.

(1) No Change.

(2) Emergency permits may be applied for and issued orally. Mere carelessness or lack of planning on the part of the applicant, contractor or driller will not constitute sufficient cause for the issuance of an emergency permit. If Chapter 40E-2 or ~~40E-20~~, F.A.C., also applies to the well, an emergency permit may be issued only if, in addition to qualifying under subsection (1) above, an application for a consumptive use permit has been filed with the District. Issuance of an emergency permit will not be evidence of any entitlement to the consumptive use permit.

(3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.119, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.326, 373.342 FS. History—New 1-1-85, Amended 7-2-98, 3-16-05, _____.