

# WHEN IS A WELL CONSIDERED ABANDONED

## Activity At A Glance

Participants will discuss the conditions required to be evaluated for determining if a well is considered abandoned or not.

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this section, participants will be able to:

- Determine if a well is considered abandoned.

## Suggested Materials

Chalkboard, flipchart, dry erase board or other means to record and post group responses.

## Vocabulary

**Abandoned well** - A well that has not been used for six consecutive months. A well is considered to be in use in the following cases:

- a non-deteriorated well which contains the casing, pump, and pump column in good condition; or
- b. a non-deteriorated well which has been capped.

## Presentation:

### a. Introduction

We will now discuss how to determine if a well is considered abandoned.

### b. Discuss

#### a. **According to the video when is a well considered abandoned?**

*Allow them to brainstorm aloud. You may chose to record participant responses onto flip chart or chalkboard.*

#### b. **Do you agree with this? Why? Why not?**

#### c. **Poll the audience to see if anyone has encountered abandoned wells.**

*Allow them to brainstorm aloud.*

## 1. Summarize the Major Points

- According to state law a well is considered abandoned if it has not been used for six consecutive months. However a well can be considered in use if
  - a non-deteriorated well that contains the casing, pump, and pump column in good condition, or
  - a non-deteriorated well that has been capped.

