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.