



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

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Amanda Ames, P. E., Chief Engineer
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Louisiana Department of Health
P. O. Box 4489
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4489

Re: Letter of Intent – Well Pump Spacers/Guides Requirements
Part XII Water Supplies, Section 169.H.3.c.iii [LAC 51]

Dear Ms. Ames:

In accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC), Title 51 Public Health - Sanitary Code, Part XII Water Supplies, Section 169.H.3.c.iii, spacers or guides are required to center the well pump within the well casing for construction of new water wells and rehabilitation of existing water wells. This requirement was part of the codification of the design standards for public water systems in 2018. Upon discussion with design professionals and well drillers, it was determined that this particular requirement is against standard practice and may cause well pump failure.

Based on your staff's research and recommendation, spacers or guides are not standard practice for well construction. Until such time the requirement is removed from the Sanitary Code, it is my intent that spacers or guides are not required for well construction.

Please ensure that copies of this letter are circulated to your staff and others as appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Kanter, M.D." in a cursive style.

Joseph Kanter, M. D.
State Health Officer