

**561—17.3(458A) Transfer of drilling permits.** No person to whom a permit has been issued shall transfer the permit to any other location or to any other person until the following requirements have been complied with and the transfer has been approved by the department.

**17.3(1) *Transfer to another location.*** If, prior to the drilling of a well, the person to whom the permit was originally issued desires to change the location, the person shall submit a letter so stating and another application properly filled out showing the new location. No additional fee is necessary, but drilling shall not be started until the transfer has been approved and the new permit posted at the new location.

**17.3(2) *Transfer to another person.*** If, while a well is drilling, or after it has been completed, the person to whom the permit was originally issued disposes of the person's interest in the well, the person shall submit a written statement to the department setting forth the facts and requesting that the permit be transferred to the person who has acquired the well.

**17.3(3) *Statement of responsibility and bond.*** Before the transfer of a drilling permit shall be approved, the person who has acquired the well must submit a written statement setting forth that the person has acquired such well and assumes the full responsibility for its operation and abandonment in conformity with the laws of Iowa and the rules and orders of the department. The bond required to guarantee compliance therewith shall be furnished by the person acquiring such well.

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