

567—38.15(455B) Delegation of authority to county board of supervisors.

38.15(1) *Application by board.* A county board of supervisors requesting the authority to issue private well construction permits shall apply to the department in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 28E. The application shall include statements of agreement to comply with 567—Chapter 38. Additional information may be requested by the department. The department may contract for all or part of the private well permitting services in those counties that do not receive or maintain delegation authority or for permit authorities retained by the department.

38.15(2) *County standards.* The county board of supervisors may impose additional standards as local conditions dictate, but the standards cannot be less stringent than those required by the provisions of this chapter.

38.15(3) *Information to department.* The delegation agreement shall provide for the method, format and frequency of reporting all permit application information and remission of fees to the department.

38.15(4) *Board authority.* After delegation of authority to a county board of supervisors, all applications in that county shall be made to the board or its designee except that all new private well permit applications by state or federal agencies shall be made to the department.

38.15(5) *Term of delegation.* The delegation of authority may be for up to five years and may be redelegated at the discretion of the department.

38.15(6) *Permit number.* Each permit shall be given a unique number as prescribed by the department. This numbering system shall be consistent throughout the state.

38.15(7) *Well tag.* The department may require that an identification tag be applied to each well. Counties with delegated permitting authority and certified water well contractors are responsible for ensuring that the tags are properly attached to the wells. The department may supply the numbered tags.