

567—54.1(455B) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this chapter:

“Adequate groundwater supply” means an aquifer that is capable of providing enough water to satisfy the demands that have been placed on it.

“Apparent well interference” means well interference in a nonregulated well resulting from a permitted use is likely but has not been verified.

“Compensation” means payment to the owner of a nonregulated well for damages caused by a lowered water level in the well due to withdrawal of water for a permitted use.

“Complainant” means the owner of a nonregulated well who is suspected of being or has been shown to be adversely affected by well interference.

“Complaint” means the formal allegation against a permitted water user who is suspected of causing well interference.

“Informal negotiations” means discussion between a complainant and permittee or applicant regarding settlement of a well interference conflict.

“Informal settlement” means a resolution of a well interference conflict by informal negotiations between a complainant and permittee or applicant without formal action by the department.

“Suspect permittee” means a party possessing a water use permit when the permitted use is suspected of causing well interference in a nonregulated well.

“Technical Bulletin No. 23” means “Technical Bulletin No. 23, Guidelines for Well Interference Compensation,” Iowa Department of Natural Resources, April 1986, available on the department’s website at www.iowadnr.gov.

“Test pumping” means a controlled aquifer test for verification of well interference using the existing wells and pumping systems of the complainant and suspect permittee.

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