

567—52.11(455B) Plugging of abandoned wells. When authorization for withdrawals of water from a well expires without renewal, the permittee shall be responsible for plugging the well in accordance with Iowa Code section 455B.190, 567—Chapter 39, and Iowa Geological Survey Public Information Circular #1, “Well Plugging Procedures,” or by an alternate method approved by the department for prevention of groundwater pollution. Form 542-1226 (Abandoned Water Well Plugging Record) must be completed and submitted as specified on the form. However, the department shall grant a variance from the requirement that the well be plugged if the permittee demonstrates an intent to maintain the well as a source of water for a nonregulated use or if the department determines that the well should be maintained as an observation well.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 455B.262 to 455B.279(2).