

**Guthrie County Board of Health
Regulations**

**Chapter III
Requirements for Properly Plugging Abandoned Wells**

Chapter 137 of the 2005 Code of Iowa specifies in Section 137.7 the following powers of the County Board of Health to include:

1. May provide such personal and environmental health services as may be deemed necessary for the protection and improvement of the public health.
2. May charge reasonable fees for personal health services.
3. May issue licenses and permits and charge reasonable fees therefore in relation to the collection or disposal of solid waste and the construction of private water supplies or sewage disposal facilities.

Under the authority granted by Chapter 137 therefore the following regulations of the Guthrie County Board of Health have been promulgated and shall become effective. These regulations shall supersede and replace other regulations of the Guthrie County Board of Health which have been in effect to date.

Section 1 Adoption by reference

The Guthrie County Board of Health hereby adopts by reference Chapter 39 Requirements For Properly Plugging Abandoned Wells of the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), Iowa Administrative Code 567 (455B).

Section 2 Private Wells and Cisterns within City Limits

- a. All wells and cisterns within any incorporated city within Guthrie County shall be considered a potential health and safety hazard.
- b. Such wells and cisterns shall be subject to the plugging schedule specified in Section 1 above.
- c. Any person or entity desiring to maintain such a private well or cistern for use must make application to the Environmental Health for a permit to maintain that well or cistern.
- d. The Board of Health shall establish an annual fee for this permit.
- e. Upon receipt of the fee , an annual inspection of the integrity of the well or cistern shall be conducted. Any well or cistern deemed to be a safety threat or allowing contamination of the ground water shall be re-paired as specified by the sanitarian prior to the permit being issued or renewed, or the well or cistern shall be filled following the requirements set forth in Section 1 above.

These regulations were submitted to the Guthrie County Board of Health at the December 21, 2005 meeting.

The Guthrie County Board of Health held a public meeting on these regulations at its January 18, 2006 meeting. The regulations were approved at this meeting.

The regulations received final approval at the January 26, 2006 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors.