



**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN
APPROPRIATION RIGHT FOR
REPLACEMENT WELL**

85-2-429(2), MCA

Form No. 634 (Revised 10/2025)

Filing fee: \$400.00

When to use this form:

- Use this form to notify DNRC of a well that has been replaced.
- The flow rate and volume of the replacement well must be equal to or less than the well being replaced.
- The distance between the wells must be no greater than 200 feet.
- Water from the replacement well must be appropriated from the same source aquifer as the existing well.

Attach the following documents:

- Copy of the existing water right abstract.
- Copy of the well log for the replacement well.
- Copy of the abandonment well log for the decommissioned well.
- If available, attach a copy of the original well log.
- Map showing the existing and replacement well locations.

If your development is within a Controlled Ground Water Area, contact the regional office in advance of filing to discuss requirements for the closure.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE YES TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO FILE USING THIS FORM.

Yes No Is the source aquifer the same for the original well and the replacement well?

Yes No Is the flow rate used from the replacement well the same or less than the maximum flow rate of the original well?

Yes No Is the replacement well used for the same purposes as the original well, with no increase in use?

Yes No Is the replacement well 200 feet or less from the original well per 85-2-429(2)(B)(iii)?

Yes No Was the original well properly abandoned? Proper abandonment of a well requires a licensed water well contractor to complete the work per 37-43-202, MCA?

For Department Use Only

Application # _____ Basin _____
Priority Date _____ Time _____
Received By _____
Fee Received \$ _____ Check # _____
Deposit Receipt # _____
Payor _____
Refund \$ _____ Date _____



1. WATER RIGHT OWNER(S) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

2. WATER RIGHT NUMBER _____

Note: If your well does not have a DNRC water right number, please read the following information:

Water rights for stock and domestic uses from groundwater sources (well or developed springs) were exempt from the general adjudication filing requirements for claims of existing water rights if they met either of the following criteria:

- The water was put to use prior to January 1, 1962, or
- The water was put to use between January 1, 1962, and July 1, 1973, and a notice was filed in the courthouse records.

If your use meets one of the above criteria, complete this form and a Non-Filed Water Project Addendum. You can obtain the addendum from the Water Rights Forms and Resources webpage.

If your use does not meet these criteria, contact your Regional Water Resources Office for more information (Regional Office contact information is on page 3).

3. WELL DEPTHS & STATIC WATER LEVEL**Original** well depth: _____ feet **Replacement** well depth: _____ feet**Original** well static level: _____ feet **Replacement** well static level: _____ feet**4. REPLACEMENT WELL LOCATION**

Physical Address, include City/State/Zip Code of the Well

The **replacement** well is located _____ feet _____ (direction) from the existing well.____ ¼ ____ ¼ Section ____ Twp ____ N S Rge ____ E W County _____

Lot ____ Block ____ Tract No. ____ Government Lot No. ____ COS No. ____

Subdivision Name _____

5. SIGNATURE(S):

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Appropriator's Signature _____ Date _____

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