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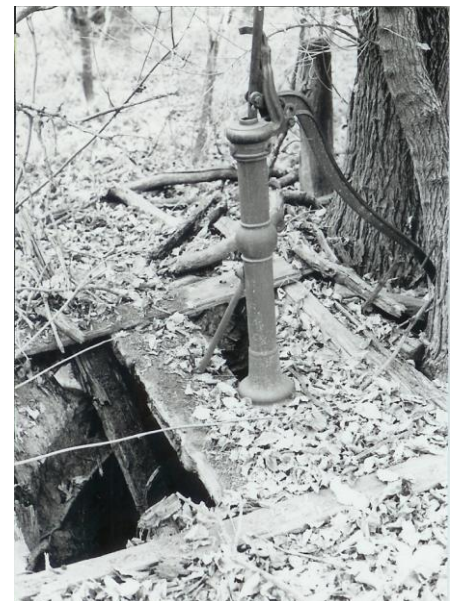
SEALED WELL ABANDONMENT PROGRAM (SWAP)

In an effort to encourage landowners to properly seal abandoned wells the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) offers the Sealed Well Abandonment Program (SWAP). SWAP provides cost share assistance for sealing irrigation or domestic wells which are no longer needed. These wells should be properly sealed to prevent safety hazards and contamination to groundwater.

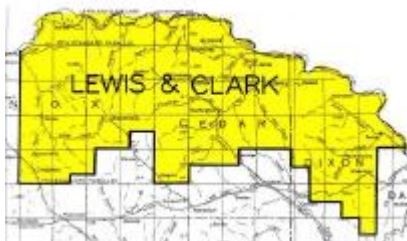
Groundwater is naturally protected from contamination by a filter of soil, sand, and gravel. Abandoned wells leave holes in the natural filter which can allow contaminants such as sediment, bacteria, and chemicals to flow directly into the groundwater.

Listed below are the SWAP guidelines.

- Applications are available from the Lewis & Clark NRD or your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office.
- Landowners apply for SWAP by submitting a completed NRD **Well Sealing Application/Well Sealer Quote** form to the LCNRD or NRCS office.
- Work shall not be started until **after** the LCNRD has approved the application.
- To obtain payment, after the well is sealed, the landowner submits the well driller's invoice to the LCNRD.
- The LCNRD reimburses the landowner 75% of the actual cost of sealing the well.
- Sealing of the well must be completed by a licensed well driller.
- Proof of sealing must be submitted to the LCNRD prior to cost share payment being made. (Well Drillers are **required to report** the sealing/decommissioning of all wells to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR).)
- Non Cost-Shareable items include, but are not limited to: removal of windmill tower, pumps, concrete covers, etc.



Landowners within the Lewis & Clark NRD with wells that are no longer used are urged to sign up for this program. Contact the LCNRD or your NRCS office for more information.



Application Number _____

LEWIS & CLARK NRD - WELL SEALING APPLICATION

LANDOWNER: _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: *Please Provide a completed IRS W-9 form*

WELL INFORMATION: **Location:** County _____ Quarter _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Site Description: _____ (Attach Map with Well Plotted)

Is the Well Registered _____ No _____ Yes **Hand Dug Well** _____ Yes _____ No

Type: Irrigation _____ Domestic _____ Stock _____ Other _____

Depth _____ **Inside Casing Diameter** _____ **Pump Attached?** _____ **Well Pit** _____

Casing: Tile _____ Transit _____ PVC _____ Steel _____ Brick _____ Concrete _____ Unknown _____

WELL SEALING BID ESTIMATE

Nebr Dept of Health Rules require a Notice of Abandonment be filed with DNR for ALL Sealed Wells.

WELL COMPANY _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

Cost Share Components

Bid Estimates

_____ <u>Cy</u> Chlorinated Fill sand and/or gravel	\$ _____ /cy	\$ _____
_____ <u>Bag</u> (50 lbs) bentonite/ hole plug	\$ _____ /bag	\$ _____
_____ <u>cy</u> Concrete	\$ _____ /cy	\$ _____
_____ <u>_____</u> Miscellaneous		\$ _____

Non Cost Share Components: **Removal of above ground obstacles** (windmill tower, concrete cover, etc.) and obstacles in the well (pump rods, submersible pumps, etc.)

_____ **CONTRACTORS BID TOTAL** \$ _____

Well Contractor Signature _____

LANDOWNER AND/OR APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: *I request 75% cost-share assistance under the Sealed Well Abandonment Program administered by the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District. I further certify that I have the authority on behalf of the Landowner(s) to make this request and assume full responsibilities of the same*

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

LEWIS & CLARK NRD APPROVED COST SHARE @ 75% \$ _____

Application Approval _____
Date _____

Actual Cost _____ Amount to be Paid _____

Payment Authorization _____
Date _____