

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168, 25-128(b) and 25-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by **amending** Sections 25-128-33 through to 25-128-139, 25-128-40 through to 25-128-42, 25-128-48a, 25-128-49, 25-128-51 through to 25-128-55, the appendix following 25-128-64, 25-129-1, and 25-129-2; by **adding** Sections 25-128-39a through 25-128-39c, 25-128-41a, 25-128-49a, 25-128-57a, 25-128-62a, 25-128-62b, 25-129-3 through to 25-129-11, and 25-130-1; and by **repealing** Sections 25-128-58a and 25-128-64, concerning well drilling and geexchange systems.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2010.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. An original and ten (10) copies of any such written materials should be directed to Jerry Farrell, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department:
www.CT.gov/DCP

The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

The purpose of this regulation is to update the Connecticut Well Drilling Code to conform with current industry practices, to incorporate standards related to geothermal

bore hole drilling and system installation, including four new geothermal-specific limited license categories, to make technical changes to existing language for clarity, to re-number existing sections to more properly track the applicable underlying statutes, and to provide gender neutrality in the language employed.

These regulations provide for updated definitions which conform to current industry practice, and also to incorporate specific definitions for geothermal bore hole drilling. Additional provisions are added to regulate geothermal systems to help assure that the water supply is not contaminated due to substandard drilling practices or component installation. The Department believes these regulation changes will protect the public health and safety, and in particular, help to protect the water supply from contamination.

The regulation implements changes to the Well Drilling Code, which is part of the regulatory structure of the Department of Consumer Protection.