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DATE 11/23/09

START ACTION NOTICE

2009-30

- 1) **Type of Action:** The proposed action will make content updates to the Delaware Regulations Governing the Construction and Use of Wells.
  
- 2) **Purpose of Action:** The existing regulation was adopted on February 6, 1997, with an effective date of April 6, 1997. Since that time, there have been numerous enhancements in industry technology concerning methods of well drilling. The entire regulation needs to be reviewed and revised to incorporate policies, methodologies and procedures consistent with the industry enhancements, including site specific guidelines, conditions and regulations.
  
- 3) **Statutory Basis:** Title 7, Delaware Code, Chapter 60, Environmental Control.
  
- 4) **Likely Affected Public:** Current and future homeowners, developers, soil scientists, designers (engineers), contractors, realtors, farmers, surveyors, as well as those in the water well community and building industry will be affected by these changes.
  
- 5) **Proposed Schedule of Activities:**

a. Secretary's Approval of Start Action Notice	December, 2009
b. Public Workshops(s) – if needed	February, 2010
c. Public Hearing	May, 2010
d. Secretary's Approval of Order	August, 2010
e. Publication of Updated Regulation in Delaware Register of Regulations	November, 2010
f. Effective Date of Updated Regulation	December, 2010
  
- 6) **Review Committee:** The Review Committee will consist of representatives from the Well Permitting Branch, Ground Water Protection Branch, Water Allocation Branch and Water Well Licensing Board.

7) **Responsible Staff Members:**

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