

Resolution Reconfirming NGWA's Position on Private Wells

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Position Paper

Subjects

Water well use, groundwater use, groundwater

Audience

Homeowners, government officials, building contractors

Resolution

The Board of Directors of the National Ground Water Association supports the following statements consistent with the long-held positions of the Association:

American citizens should have:

- The right to use the best source of potable water available
- The right to install a properly constructed water well on private property
- The right to use a properly tested and constructed private water well as a source of potable water.

Furthermore, the National Ground Water Association supports laws and regulations that:

- Govern the proper construction of private water wells
- Require the licensing and/or certification of water well drillers
- Require the continuing education of water well drillers
- Require the systematic inspection of new well construction
- Require the strong, consistent enforcement of the above laws and regulations.

And furthermore, the National Ground Water Association believes that laws and regulations which require mandatory hook-up to public water systems should be eliminated on the basis that they violate the private property rights assured by the U.S. Constitution.

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