

Monitoring Well Registration & Fees

The Mecklenburg County Groundwater Well Regulations became effective January 1, 2005. While the regulations pertain to all types of wells, this document is an overview of the regulations as they pertain to the installation and abandonment of monitoring wells.

Subsurface Investigation Permits

- All new wells installed after January 1, 2005 require a Subsurface Investigation Permit (SIP) from Groundwater & Wastewater Services (GWS) prior to the installation of the wells. The SIP can be obtained electronically by visiting: <http://gis.mecklenburgcountync.gov/groundwater/MonitoringPortalForm.aspx>
- A SIP must be obtained **PRIOR** to beginning well installation or well abandonment at the site. Also, the SIP must be present on-site while the work is being performed.
- SIPs are valid for 12 months from the issuance date.

Monitoring Wells

Generally, monitoring wells constructed for: groundwater sampling, water level measurements (piezometer), and inactive sparging, recovery, and injection wells will be billed annually. Wells exempt from annual fees include: vapor/observation, temporary (installed for less than 5 days), vapor extraction and active sparging, recovery and injection wells.

- All wells that are installed or abandoned as part of the investigation are required to be registered with GWS. You will use the SIP number for your project to register the wells.
- Wells can be registered electronically by visiting: <http://gis.mecklenburgcountync.gov/groundwater/MonitoringPortalForm.aspx>
- An abandonment record (GW-30) for each well that is abandoned must be submitted to GWS in order to remove a well(s) from the annual billing statement.
- Monitoring wells abandoned within 60 days of installation are exempt from fees.
- Abandonment records can be emailed to shawna.caldwell@mecklenburgcountync.gov or faxed to (704) 336-6894/Attn: Shawna Caldwell. Each record submitted must contain the related SIP number in order to be processed by GWS.

Monitoring Well Fee Table (Bills are mailed out in September of each year. Wells in existence during the previous fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) will appear on the billing statement.)

# of Wells per Site	Fee
1-3	\$150
4	\$180
5	\$210
6	\$240
7-10	\$290
11-25	\$450
26-50	\$650
>50	\$850