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September 8, 1977

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In this case, I am reluctant to substitute my judgement for that of Howard County. Therefore, by copy of this letter, I am referring this matter back to Howard County with the advice that either decision on this well (disapprove or approve) can be defended.


Arnold Schiffman
Chief, Permits Division

AS: mw
/ cc: Mr. Palmer Wine, Director, Environmental Health, Howard Co. Health Dept. (w/Aug. 30th letter)

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Re: Permit No.: HO-73-2238 Dana Kyker. Jr.

Dear Mr. Schiffman:
In accorance with ous telephone conversation of August 29, 1977, the following is an explanation as to what occurred with the well which was drilled by mr. Dana Kyker, Jr. for Mr. Marvin Iintz pursuant to the above captioned permit Number.

I have attachod a copy of the permit issued to Mr. Kyker to drill the well for Mr. Marvin Lintz on the property owned by him in Howasd County, Haviland mills Subdivision, Section 1 , Lot 5, near the Town of clarksville. I have also enclosod a photostatic copy of the well completion report which was submitted to your department on Nugust 24. 1977.

As part of the background in this case, it is my understanding that various problems have existed with some of the well drillers and Mr. Palmer Wine of the howard County Hoalth Department. It is further my understanding that a mecting was held several weeks ago at which time the procodure for grouting a well was discussed and at which meeting Mr. Kyker was present. When my client left the meeting, he had the impression that no final agreement had been reached and therefore he called Mr. Winc several days later to inquire about the approved depth for grouting a well whon a cave in existed. Although there may be some

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disagreement botween the parties, Mr. Kyker honestly interpreted Mr. Winc's statement to say that if 30 feet of open hole existed, then the well driller could proceed to grout the well without taking any additional steps.

Based on Mx. Kyker's understanding of the conversation, he procecded to grout the well in question since there was an open hole of 34 to 35 feet. As you know, this well was then disapproved by the Howard County Health Department.

As you can see by reviewing the well completion report on the well drilled for Mr. fintz, my client encountered brown sand from 34 to 37 feet. Sixty feet of casing was used in this well with the seal being accomplished at a depth of 58 feet in blue mica.

When the cave in was discovered at 34 to 35 foet, and bascd on my client's understanding of the conversation with Mr. Wine, he then proceeded to grout the well with approximately 30 feet of grout hose in the annular space using 17 bags which I understand would be more than sufficient for this depth. This may also indicate that the grouting might even be deeper inasmuch as 20 feet of casing normally takes five to six bags.

I might also add at this point that it is inconceivable to this writer for Mr. Kyker to proceed to grout a well if he thought that thore was any possidility that the same would be disapproved theroby causing him to start from scratch completely at his cost. Based on Mr. Kyker's exporience in the woll drilling business, he is quite confjdent that this well will produce an adequate and approved water supply for the honeowner with the only deviation being in the grouting depth as presently intorproted by the agencies with jurisdiction. Mr. Kyker would furthon warrant his position by clearly stating that if any problem or defective condition developed with this woll in regards to his workmanship, (i.e. contamination - of the water) , that he would inmediatcly drill another well for the homeowner completely at his expense.

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In this case, the cave in occurred at the level where the brown sand was encountered. In Mr. Kyker's opinion, the sand continued to fall filling the annular space around the casing and that no bridging existed.

I am sure that you are aware of the various problems and misunderstandings which have existed for some time and I am hopeful that the proposed changes in the regulations will eliminate these problems in the future. we do, however, respectfully request that upon the facts and circumstances involved in this case, that the approval of this well will be granted.

Thanking you, I remain


Charles E. Stoner
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Enclosure
cc: Mr. Dana Kyker


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