Deactivating or closing a well

6 (1) When deactivating a well, an owner of the well must

(a) equip the well with a secure well cap or well cap and well cover,
(b) make the well readily accessible for inspection purposes, and
(c) maintain the well in a safe and sanitary condition.

(2) All work undertaken to close a well must be carried out by

(a) a qualified well driller, or
(b) a person under the direct supervision of
   (i) a qualified well driller, or
   (ii) a qualified professional who has competency in the field of hydrogeology or geotechnical engineering.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to

(a) a well 15 feet (4.57 m) or less in depth,
(b) an excavated well 50 feet (15 m) or less in depth, or
(c) a test pit.

(4) When closing a well, the well must be filled throughout its depth with a combination of appropriate sealants and backfill materials and with a closure plug in the upper portion of the well, as shown in Figure 6 of Schedule 1.

(5) If a closure plug is required for a well under Column 5 of Table 3, the closure plug must

(a) consist of an appropriate sealant, and
(b) be a length that is not less than the minimum length specified in Column 6 of Table 3.

(6) A sealant must be placed in a well in a manner that ensures the physical integrity and continuity of the seal at the appropriate depths.

(7) When closing a well,

(a) the well must be completely filled in a manner so as to preclude any lengthwise movement of liquids within the well or in any visible annular space surrounding the outer well casing or between well casings,
(b) if practicable, all equipment and instrumentation in the well must be removed before closing,
(c) the well casings may be left in place,

(d) the maximum interval between sealant layers must not exceed 20 feet within the uncased hole,

(e) each sealant layer must be a minimum of 3 feet long, and

(f) every attempt should be made to seal off water-bearing zones, if these are known, to prevent mixing of ground water.

(8) If there is a potential for entry of liquids into the well, any entry points or openings must be filled with sealant.

(9) After the closure of

(a) a water supply well,

(b) a vertical recharge well made by drilling,

(c) an vertical injection well made by drilling, or

(d) a permanent vertical dewatering well made by drilling,

the person responsible for that work must promptly complete a well closure report that contains the information required by Schedule 3, and must submit that report to the comptroller, along with a copy to the well owners, within 90 days after the well is closed.

(10) After the closure of

(a) a geotechnical well, other than a test pit or a special type of hole,

(b) a permanent monitoring well,

(c) a permanent remediation well, or

(d) a permanent vertical dewatering well, other than a permanent vertical dewatering well made by drilling,

the person responsible for that work must promptly complete a well closure report that contains the information required by Schedule 4 and retain that report for at least 5 years.

(11) If a well for which a well closure report is required under subsection (9) is equipped with a well identification plate, the well identification plate must, on the closure of the well, be removed and returned to the comptroller along with the well closure report referred to in subsection (9).
(12) On the closure of

(a) a vertical drainage well,

(b) a recharge well, other than a recharge well made by drilling, or

(c) an injection well, other than an injection well made by drilling,

the person responsible for that work is not required to complete a well closure report.

(13) A temporary well does not require a well closure report