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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Callaghan, Director of Records Management
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DATE: July 30, 2014

Subject: RDA 1520 Water Wells Report RDA Justification

The "Report of Driller" documents construction activities and information of a ground water source utilized by an individual. These records document the drilling of public or private water wells, geothermal wells and well abandonments throughout the state. In the event that well water is the only available water for the property, then the yield of the well becomes imperative to the homeowner. Information found in these records aid in wellhead protection surveys, subsewage disposal system permitting, variance requests, ground water contamination assessments, ground water resource studies, well locations for property transfers, underground storage tank closures, aid in locating water in an area for the public and drilling industry, determining the depth/size of pump installations, etc. Additionally, the aforementioned wells could potentially be contaminated due to floods, surface water runoff, etc. If contamination occurs, the information on these well reports would be vital for determining if the area of contamination will affect the well. The reports further document the ground water resource of the state and water usage within a given region. It is for these reasons TDEC believes it is vital these records be maintained permanently.