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Dan Clement at CNPPID is making war sounds about one of our policies. It has to do with how we process notice of abandonments for wells that were required by law to be registered. Under 46-602(8) the water well contractor who decommissions a well must file a notice of such decommissioning (abandonment) in the department. Every so often we receive a notice of abandonment for a well that was never registered, although it was required by law to be registered. It is our policy that when we receive such notice to inform the well owner that the well is required to be registered, even though it no longer exists. This policy was initiated after discussions with HHSS. They want the registration information because you can't know if the well is decommissioned properly unless you know about the hole. The information on the decommissioning is kept in the Department but not with other unregistered well abandonment notices. Dan believes this policy will get people to stop giving us the information. I disagree. First the law requires the water well contractors to file. Second, you would think that the NRDs would not cost share on illegal wells. Third, we have the information or we wouldn't be sending them a letter to file the well registration information. Our response rate is about 50 percent, although with monitoring wells, Lynn says it is 100 percent. Wanted you to know since Dan seems bent on questioning this policy.