LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

CAPITAL AREA GROUNDWATER DISTRICT VS. STATE GROUNDWATER PROGRAM

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BOUNDARIES	The boundaries of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (CAGCD), and its associated authority within the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy (C&E), are the portions of the Southern Hills Aquifer System in the parishes of Ascension, East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee.	The rules of the C&E's broader state Groundwater Program apply throughout the state, including the CAGCD, though the state program has less regulatory authority outside the CAGCD.
PERMITS/ NOTIFICATION	Within the CAGWD boundaries, C&E has the authority approve or deny the installation of water wells – though general state notification and state registration rules also still apply. Permits and plans for drilling/construction are required for CAGCD-area water wells having a pumping capacity in excess of 50,000 gallons per day, unless drilled shallower than 400 feet or for agricultural purposes.	Outside the CAGCD, C&E's Groundwater Program does NOT issue permits – the agency only receives notification and registration documentation. For regular operations, C&E's state groundwater program cannot deny permission to drill wells and can only require production changes for wells of greater than 8-inch diameter.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	Well owners are required to report monthly pumpage data on a quarterly basis. CAGCD assesses pumping charges.	No pumping reports are required from water well owners. Change of information forms are mandatory to keep records current.