



# Water Resources Program

## Variance Request- Minimum Standards for Well Construction

WAC173-160-106(1) allows you to request a variance from the Department of Ecology when strict compliance with state well construction standards is impractical. The variance request must propose comparable alternative specifications that will provide equal or greater human health and resource protection than the minimum standards. You must apply for a variance in writing and receive approval before constructing or decommissioning the well. (All fields must be completed.)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ E or WWM

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Well Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Well Driller/Company (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Water Well  Resource Protection Well  Dewatering Well

What construction standard cannot be met?

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Describe the reason why standard cannot be met. Include site map and distances from all known potential sources of contamination if setback variance is being requested.

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Describe the alternative construction method that will provide equal or greater protections than those provided by the minimum standard.

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(Attach additional pages if necessary.) Complete and return with your site map to the appropriate regional office:

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