

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR A)  
WELL DRILLER'S LICENSE FILED BY)  
MURRELL REDDING. )

**RULING**

**FINDINGS**

I.

Murrell Redding filed an application for a well driller's license on June 8, 1983,<sup>1</sup> in compliance with the provisions of NRS 534.140. Mr. Redding listed on his application the names of four (4) individuals that had personal knowledge of his experience and ability as a water well driller. The references were contacted in writing by the Office of the State Engineer and asked to comment on the applicant's experience and knowledge as a water well driller. Two (2) of the references Mr. Redding listed on his application replied to the inquiry but indicated that the applicant had not been in their employ as a well driller and the applicant had never drilled a well for these persons. Additionally, these references had no knowledge of the experience or ability of Mr. Redding as a well driller. The other two (2) references listed on the application were well drillers who did not reply to the inquiry.

II.

On June 24, 1983, Mr. Redding was notified by certified mail to appear before the Statewide Well Driller's Advisory Board for an oral interview at 9:30 A.M. on July 8, 1983, in the Southern Nevada Branch Office of the Division of Water Resources. It was further indicated at that time that the references from two (2) of the four (4) people were not submitted and that Mr. Redding must be thoroughly familiar with the regulations for drilling wells in the State of Nevada and be prepared to answer questions concerning the drilling rigs that he had operated.

III.

Mr. Redding did appear as scheduled for the oral interview. The recommendations of the Board indicated that Mr. Redding had a lack of experience in well drilling and demonstrated insufficient knowledge of the Rules and Regulations for Drilling Wells within the State of Nevada. The Board recommended that the applicant appear before the Board at a later date after he had acquired additional experience and knowledge of the regulations.

IV.

On March 13, 1984, Mr. Redding was the subject of a hearing held by the State Engineer regarding casing and sealing of a well by an unlicensed person.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public record in the office of the State Engineer.

V.

A letter was received on April 24, 1984, from Mr. Murrell Redding to the State Engineer requesting that he be allowed to take a written examination because he had a problem explaining himself orally to the Well Driller's Advisory Board. On June 20, 1984, Mr. Redding was given a written examination for a well driller's license. Mr. Redding's score on this written examination was below the minimum passing score of 70%.

VI.

On October 8, 1985, a written examination was again given to Mr. Redding and the score on this examination was again below the minimum passing score of 70%.

VII.

On February 26, 1986, Mr. Redding was given a third (3rd) written examination and the score on this examination was again below the minimum passing score of 70%.

### CONCLUSIONS

The State Engineer has reviewed the record of Mr. Murrell Redding in his appearance before the Statewide Well Driller's Advisory Board and the recommendations of the Advisory Board. Further, the State Engineer has reviewed the three (3) written examinations that have been taken by Mr. Redding. The State Engineer concludes that the applicant has failed to demonstrate a sufficient knowledge of well drilling practices and regulations.

### RULING

The application for a well driller's license in the State of Nevada by Mr. Murrell Redding is hereby denied on the grounds that the applicant has not demonstrated that he has sufficient experience or knowledge of the regulations and that he does not have sufficient experience in drilling wells to be licensed in the State of Nevada and, further, that granting of an application for a license would not be in the public interest and welfare. Mr. Redding may reapply for a well driller's license within the State of Nevada, but no sooner than one year from the date of this Ruling. Further, the application for a well driller's license must have verifiable experience under a licensed driller within the State of Nevada.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated this 5th day of

MARCH, 1986.