

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)
FOR A WELL DRILLER'S LICENSE)
FILED BY DON BARTHELEMEW.)
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RULING

FINDING OF FACTS

Don Barthelemew filed an application for a well drillers license on March 11, 1987, in compliance with the provisions of NRS 534.140. Mr. Barthelemew listed, on his application, the names of two (2) individuals who had personal knowledge of his experience and ability as a water well driller. The references were contacted by the office of the State Engineer and asked to comment on the applicants experience and knowledge as a water well driller.

On March 19, 1987, Mr. Barthelemew was notified, by certified mail, to appear before the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board for an oral interview. The interview before the board took place at 1:30 P.M., on April 2, 1987, in the office of the State Engineer located at 201 South Fall St., Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Barthelemew appeared, as scheduled, before the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board and was questioned by the board members concerning his knowlege of the regulations for drilling water wells in the State of Nevada and his knowlege of the equipment that he had indicated, on his application, that he was familiar with and had operated. He was questioned by the board members concerning general practices of water well drilling, sealing, and drilling wells in areas where moderately difficult situations could arise.

The Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Boards recommendation to the State Engineer was that Don Barthelemew application be denied on the grounds that he is not sufficiently familiar with the state regulations for drilling wells; that he lacks sufficient drilling experience and sufficient knowledge to deal with common drilling problems and equipment.

CONCLUSIONS

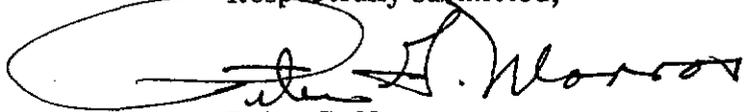
The State Engineer has reviewed the recommendation of Mr. Barthelemew appearance before the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board and reviewed the application and responses from the references provided by the applicant. The State Engineer concludes, upon review of the record, that he must concur with the recommendation of the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board.



RULING

The application for a well drillers license in the State of Nevada by Don Barthelemew is hereby denied on the grounds that the applicant has not demonstrated sufficient experience or knowledge of the regulations for drilling wells in the State of Nevada and that to consider the application for approval would not be in the public interest and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Morros", is written over a large, hand-drawn oval scribble.

Peter G. Morros
State Engineer

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Dated this 10th day

of April, 1987.