

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR)
 WELL DRILLER'S LICENSE FILED ON)
 OCTOBER 1, 1962, BY HAROLD A. LEE)
 CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.)

R U L I N G

General:

An Application for Well Driller's License was received on October 1, 1962, from the Harold A. Lee Construction Company. Although the application was filed by the Harold A. Lee Construction Company, it was signed by Harold A. Lee as an individual. The application was accompanied by the statutory filing fee of \$25.00, and was filed as provided for under NRS 534.140.

In accordance with the procedure of processing applications for well drillers' licenses, notices for recommendations were mailed to the references listed on the application and to those given to us verbally by Harold A. Lee. The following notices were mailed on the dates listed:

10-1-62	James Shaver	Colorado River Commission	Las Vegas, Nevada
10-1-62	Robert L. Tolson	208 Winters	Carson City, Nevada
10-1-62	W. C. Anderson	888 E. William	Carson City, Nevada
10-1-62	Thomas J. Welsh	Sierra Pacific Power Co.,	Reno, Nevada
10-12-62	Edmund A. Muth	282 Bret Harte	Reno, Nevada
10-12-62	John Champion	101 W. Plumb Lane	Reno, Nevada

Recommendations were received from all of the references listed by October 19, 1962. Because well drillers' licenses are issued to applicants on the merits of their individual qualifications as well drillers and are not transferable, it is the policy of this office not to issue well drilling licenses to well drilling or construction firms.

OPINION

From a review of the application and the references, we find that Harold A. Lee is highly regarded as a contractor and construction supervisor, and that he enjoys a good reputation as being financially responsible, but there is no evidence that he has ever personally operated a well drilling rig or drilled a well. This application has been made for a license to drill wells and it is the opinion of this Office that Harold A. Lee is not properly qualified to be licensed as a well driller.

RULING

The application for well driller's license of the Harold A. Lee Construction Company is herewith denied on grounds that it would violate our policy regarding the issuance of licenses to construction firms, and that it would be detrimental to the public welfare.

The application for a well driller's license for Harold A. Lee is herewith denied on grounds that the applicant is not properly qualified.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmo J. DeRicco
 ELMO J. DERICCO
 Acting State Engineer

Dated this 2nd day of
 November, 1962.