

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)
FOR A WELL DRILLER'S LICENSE)
FILED BY JAMES O. BARNES.)
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GENERAL

James O. Barnes filed an application for a well drillers license on September 12, 1986, in compliance with the provisions of NRS 534.140. Mr. Barnes listed, on his application, the names of five (5) 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 September 30, 1986, Mr. Barnes 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 9:00 A.M., on October 16, 1986, in the office of the State Engineer located at 1515 East Tropicana, Suite 375, Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Barnes 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 James O. Barnes 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

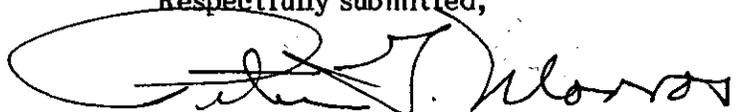
The State Engineer has reviewed the recommendation of Mr. Barnes appearance before the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board and Mr. Barnes application and responses from the references provided by the applicant. The State Engineer concludes, upon review of the record, that he must concur with the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

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The application for a well drillers license in the State of Nevada by James O. Barnes 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. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Peter G. Morros
State Engineer

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Dated this 29th day

of October, 1986.