

AGENCY FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

AGENCY SUBMITTING – **Consumer Protection**

DATE – **October 20, 2010**

SUBJECT MATTER – **Well Drilling and Geoexchange Systems**

REG. SECTION NUMBER – **25-128-33, et seq. (Corresponding to C.G.S. Chapter 482)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY – **Sec. 25-128; Sec. 25-129(g) & Sec. 4-168**

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED – **Dept. of Public Health; Dept. of Environmental Protection**

EFFECTIVE DATE – **Upon passage**

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SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

AGENCY – **Consumer Protection**

FUND – **General Fund**

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	FULL OPERATION
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	No change	No change	No change
PERSONNEL SERVICES	"	"	"
OTHER EXPENSES	"	"	"
EQUIPMENT	"	"	"
GRANTS	"	"	"
TOTAL STATE COST (SAVINGS)	"	"	"
ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS (GAIN)	"	"	"
TOTAL NET STATE COST (SAVINGS)	"	"	"

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT OF REGULATION:

The proposed regulation updates the Connecticut Well Drilling Code, and specifically enacts state-wide standards for geothermal energy systems. This set of regulations is not expected to add additional costs to the Department or other State agencies. The regulation of geothermal systems currently exists in the filing of well drilling completion reports and other health and safety related guidelines, and these proposed regulations add much needed uniformity and clarity to the regulation of this industry.

EXPLANATION OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT OF REGULATION:

Upon passage of these proposed regulations, municipal building officials will have a clear set of guidelines to follow and implement whenever a geothermal system is being installed. There should be no fiscal impact on municipalities.

EXPLANATION OF SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT OF REGULATION:

(Please see the Small Business Impact Statement drafted pursuant to Public Act 2009-19)