

Draft Minnesota Rules, chapter 4725 revision, v6

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1 **4725.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

2 Subp. 47b. Submerged closed loop heat exchanger. “Submerged closed loop heat
3 exchanger” or “SCLHE” has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.005,
4 subdivision 17a.

5 Subp. 47c. Submerged closed loop heat exchanger device. “Submerged closed loop
6 heat exchanger device” or “SCLHE device” means that portion of a SCLHE designed to transfer
7 heat between the heat transfer fluid and groundwater.

8 Subp. 47d. Submerged closed loop heat exchanger piping. “Submerged closed loop
9 heat exchanger piping” or “SCLHE piping” means piping and fittings of a SCLHE used to
10 convey heat transfer fluid and includes:

11 A. piping and fittings located between the building and the well;

12 B. piping and fittings installed in the well; and

13 C. fittings connecting the piping in items A and B to the pitless unit.

14 Subp. 47e. Submerged closed loop heat exchanger system. “Submerged closed loop
15 heat exchanger system” or “SCLHE system” means one or more SCLHE connected to a building
16 or network of buildings exchanging thermal energy.

17 Subp. 47f. Submerged closed loop heat exchanger system owner. “Submerged closed
18 loop heat exchanger system owner” or “system owner” means a person that owns and is
19 responsible for overseeing the operation of the SCLHE system.

20 Subp. 50a. **Water-supply well.** "Water-supply well" has the meaning given in Minnesota
21 Statutes, section 103I.005, subdivision 20a, ~~and includes wells used:~~

22 ~~A. for potable water;~~

23 ~~B. for irrigation;~~

24 ~~C. for agricultural, commercial, or industrial water supply;~~

25 ~~D. for heating or cooling;~~

26 ~~E. as a remedial well; or~~

27 ~~F. for testing water yields for irrigation, commercial or industrial uses, residential supply,~~
28 ~~or a public water system.~~

29 Subp. 51. **Well.** "Well" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
30 103I.005, subdivision 21, ~~and includes water supply wells, monitoring wells, and dewatering~~
31 ~~wells.~~

32 **4725.0150 INCORPORATIONS BY REFERENCE AND ABBREVIATIONS.**

33 H. NSF International, 789 Dixboro Road, P.O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan
34 48113.

35 (2) ANSI/NSF 60-~~2018~~, "Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals - Health Effects."

36 K. International Code Council, 200 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 250, Washington,
37 DC, 2000, "2024 International Mechanical Code (IMC)", chapter 12.

38 **4725.0200 APPLICATION TO ALL WELLS AND BORINGS.**

39 Subpart 1. **Applicability.** This chapter applies to all wells and borings, except
40 exploratory borings regulated under chapter 4727 and those wells and borings specifically
41 exempted by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103I, groundwater thermal exchange devices, and
42 SCLHE.

43 Subp. 2. **Owner responsibility.** The owner of a well, ~~or~~ boring, groundwater thermal
44 exchange device, or SCLHE is bound by all the provisions of this chapter which relate to
45 location, construction, installation, maintenance, and sealing ~~of wells or borings~~.

46 Subp. 4. **Access to information and property.** Upon presentation of credentials, the
47 commissioner or an employee or agent authorized by the commissioner, may examine records
48 or data related to matters governed by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103I, and section 144.99, of
49 any person subject to regulation under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103I, and, for the purpose of
50 taking an action authorized under statute or rule, or otherwise identified in Minnesota Statutes,
51 section 144.99, subdivision 1, relating to the enforcement of this chapter, may:

52 C. obtain and analyze water, air, and waste drill cuttings; ~~and~~

53 D. inspect drill holes and drilled, sealed, or repaired wells and borings; and-

54 E. inspect groundwater thermal exchange devices and SCLHE.

55 This authority must be exercised during regular working hours of Department of Health
56 inspectors with respect to inspections of bored geothermal heat exchangers, ~~and~~ groundwater
57 thermal exchange devices, and SCLHE, and at reasonable times in all other cases.

58 **4725.0350 FEES APPLICABLE TO THIS CHAPTER.**

59 Subp. 6. **Permit fees.** A nonrefundable permit fee as specified in Minnesota Statutes,
60 chapter 103I, must be paid by a property owner or owner's agent:

61 E. for ~~construction~~ installation and injection of water by a groundwater thermal
62 exchange device in addition to the notification fee specified in subpart 5;

63 H. for construction of a boring to install an elevator hydraulic cylinder; and

64 I. for installation of a SCLHE system, in addition to the notification fee specified in subpart
65 5.

66 **LICENSING AND REGISTRATION**

67 **4725.0475 ACTIVITIES REQUIRING LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION.**

68 Subpart 1. **Activity requiring licensure or registration.** Except for those persons
69 exempted under Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.205, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), a person
70 must hold a license or registration issued by the commissioner to:

71 B. construct or seal a bored geothermal heat exchanger;

72 C. ~~install or remove~~ or a groundwater thermal exchange device or SCLHE;

73 D. ~~construct, repair, or seal~~ an elevator boring;

74 E. ~~install or remove~~ a well pump or pumping equipment;

75 F. ~~install, modify, or remove~~ a screen, pitless unit, or pitless adapter; or

76 G. ~~modify or materially affect~~ the yield, water quality, diameter, depth, or casing of a
77 well or boring including:

78 Subp. 3. **Well contractor license.** A person must be licensed as a well contractor to:

79 B. install or remove a pump or pumping equipment; ~~and~~

80 C. any of the activities in subpart 1, item G~~F~~; and

81 D. install or remove a SCLHE or groundwater thermal exchange device.

82 Subp. 4. **Limited well/boring contractor licenses.** A person performing any of the
83 activities in items A to F must have either a well contractor's license or have a separate limited
84 well/boring contractor license for each of the limited licensure areas listed in items A to F:

85 A. limited licensure to construct, repair, modify as specified in subpart 1, item G~~F~~, or
86 seal a dug well or drive-point well;

87 C. limited licensure to install a well pump or pumping equipment, or any of the
88 activities in subpart 1, item G~~F~~, subitems (1) and (2);

89 E. limited licensure to construct, repair, seal, or modify as specified in subpart 1, item
90 GF, a dewatering well; or

91 F. limited licensure to construct, repair, seal, or modify as specified in subpart 1, item
92 GF, a bored geothermal heat exchanger.

93 **PERMITS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

94 **4725.1834 SUBMERGED CLOSED LOOP HEAT EXCHANGER SYSTEM PERMIT**

95 **[new rule part]**

96 Subpart 1. General requirements. A person must not install or operate a SCLHE system
97 until a permit is issued by the commissioner to the well contractor installing the SCLHE system,
98 system owner, and property owner where a SCLHE is located, if different than the system owner.

99 A. An applicant must submit a new SCLHE system permit application to the
100 commissioner, according to subpart 2, when a well contractor installing the SCLHE system is
101 not the well contractor listed on the SCLHE system permit.

102 B. A system owner must provide the commissioner with Minnesota unique well numbers
103 for proposed wells on a SCLHE system permit before construction of the wells.

104 C. A well contractor must construct all wells used for a SCLHE system within 18 months
105 of the original SCLHE system permit approval.

106 D. A person must not use the wells in a SCLHE system to provide potable water while
107 the SCLHE system is installed.

108 **Subp. 2. Permit application.**

109 A. The property owner, or the property owner's agent, where a SCLHE system is
110 proposed to be installed must submit to the commissioner:

111 (1) a complete and legible SCLHE system permit application on a form, or in a
112 format, provided by the commissioner; and

113 (2) the nonrefundable permit fee specified in Minnesota Statutes, section
114 103I.208.

115 B. A SCLHE system permit application must include:

116 (1) the name, address, and signature of the:

117 (a) well contractor installing the SCLHE system;

118 (b) system owner; and

119 (c) property owner, if not the system owner;

120 (2) the license number of the well contractor installing the SCLHE system;

121 (3) the proposed location of the SCLHE system including:

122 (a) township number, range number, section number, and one quartile; and

123 (b) street address, if assigned;

124 (4) the construction record for each existing well proposed for use in the SCLHE
125 system;

126 (5) a description of each proposed well for use in the SCLHE system including
127 proposed:

128 (a) aquifer the well will be completed within;

129 (b) total well depth;

130 (c) bore hole diameter;

131 (d) casing diameter;

132 (e) casing depth;

133 (f) grouting material; and

134 (g) pitless unit make and model;

135 (6) SCLHE system specifications including:

136 (a) heat transfer fluid additives including:

137 i. product names and manufacturers; and

138 ii. maximum concentrations of products proposed for use;

139 (b) SCLHE piping specifications including:

140 i. diameters;

141 ii. material types and corresponding standards;

142 iii. wall thicknesses; and

143 iv. pressure ratings;

144 (c) SCLHE device specifications including:

145 i. diameter;

146 ii. material types and corresponding standards; and

147 iii. pressure rating;

148 (d) maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure;

149 (e) submersible pump maximum design flow rate; and

150 (f) types of seals or packers to be installed in a well;

151 (7) a plan describing how the SCLHE system will be monitored for potential leaks
152 and mitigation strategies for any leaks that may occur. The plan must include:

153 (a) design documents with locations of monitoring and mitigation devices;

- 154 (b) proposed monitoring parameters and frequency;
- 155 (c) a description of conditions that trigger a system alert or shut-off;
- 156 (d) a description of activities to be taken in the event of an alert or shut-
157 off, including a list of entities and roles of persons involved; and
- 158 (e) a description of mitigation activities to be taken in the event of a leak,
159 including a list of entities and roles of persons involved.

160 (8) a plan diagram of the SCLHE system including:

161 (a) all existing and proposed well locations where SCLHE will be
162 installed; and

163 (b) distances of proposed and existing wells to:

164 i. property lines;

165 ii. structures;

166 iii. utilities listed in part 4725.2150;

167 iv. water bodies listed in part 4725.4350, subpart 1;

168 v. all other wells on the property, if applicable; and

169 vi. contamination sources listed in part 4725.4450;

170 (9) cross-sectional diagram of each well in the SCLHE system. One diagram may
171 be submitted for multiple wells if well construction is the same. A diagram must include:

172 (a) the existing or anticipated geologic information at the well location
173 including depth intervals and description of materials or formations;

174 (b) existing or proposed well construction information including:

175 i. total well depth;

- 176 ii. casing depth;
177 iii. bore hole diameter;
178 iv. casing diameter;
179 v. grouting materials and intervals;
180 vi. gravel packed intervals and screened intervals, if applicable;

181 and

- 182 vii. pitless unit depth and diameter;

183 (c) the existing or anticipated static water level;

184 (d) proposed SCLHE installation information including the depth:

- 185 i. and length of the SCLHE device;

- 186 ii. of seals or packers installed in the well; and

- 187 iii. of the submersible pump;

188 (10) an inventory of known groundwater contamination sites and plumes within
189 one-mile of the proposed submerged closed loop heat exchanger wells. The inventory must
190 include:

191 (a) a list of mapped groundwater contamination sites and plumes
192 generated from publicly available information on local, state, and federal websites. The list must
193 include:

- 194 i. SWBCA name, if applicable;

- 195 ii. site name;

- 196 iii. description of contamination;

- 197 iv. status of contamination; and

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v. source of information;

(b) a scaled map including:

i. proposed SCLHE wells;

ii. a line showing the one-mile boundary from the proposed SCLHE wells; and

iii. identified sites and plumes within the one-mile boundary; and

(11) additional information the commissioner requires to evaluate potential harm to public health or degradation of the groundwater.

Subp. 3. Permit application denial. The commissioner must deny a SCLHE system permit application according to part 4725.1845 and Minnesota Statutes section 144.99.

Subp. 4. Permit conditions. The well contractor installing the SCLHE system, system owner, and property owner where the SCLHE system is located must comply with permit conditions. The commissioner may require additional permit conditions to protect public health and prevent degradation of the groundwater.

Subp. 5. Permit modifications.

A. The system owner must request the commissioner’s approval in writing to change the following permitted SCLHE system specifications including:

(1) wells including:

(a) well casing diameters;

(b) aquifer the wells will be completed within;

(c) grouting materials;

(d) well completion types, such as screened or open bore hole; or

- 220 (e) wells used in the SCLHE system;
- 221 (2) SCLHE piping specifications including:
- 222 (a) material types and corresponding standards;
- 223 (b) wall thicknesses; or
- 224 (c) pressure ratings;
- 225 (3) SCLHE device specifications including:
- 226 (a) diameter;
- 227 (b) material types and corresponding standards; or
- 228 (c) pressure rating;
- 229 (4) maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure;
- 230 (5) submersible pump maximum design flow rate;
- 231 (6) heat transfer fluid additives;
- 232 (7) heat transfer fluid additive maximum use concentrations; or
- 233 (8) plan for monitoring and mitigating leaks in the SCLHE system.

234 B. The commissioner must approve modifications in writing for Item A before changes
235 are implemented.

236 Subp. 6. **Installation record.** The system owner must submit a SCLHE system
237 installation record to the commissioner within 60 days of the date of the first successful SCLHE
238 system pressure test. The installation record must be legible and completed on a form provided
239 by the commissioner.

240 A. The installation record for the SCLHE system must include:

- 241 (1) SCLHE system permit number;
- 242 (2) name, address, and signature of the:
- 243 (a) system owner; and
- 244 (b) well contractor installing the SCLHE system;
- 245 (3) heat transfer fluid additives used including:
- 246 (a) product names and manufacturers; and
- 247 (b) maximum concentrations of products used;
- 248 (4) SCLHE piping specifications including:
- 249 (a) diameters;
- 250 (b) material types used and corresponding standards;
- 251 (c) wall thicknesses; and
- 252 (d) pressure ratings;
- 253 (5) SCLHE device specifications including:
- 254 (a) diameter;
- 255 (b) material types used and corresponding standards; and
- 256 (c) pressure rating;
- 257 (6) maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure;
- 258 (7) submersible pump including:
- 259 (a) make and model; and
- 260 (b) maximum design flow rate;

- 261 (8) types of seals or packers in the well;
- 262 (9) pitless unit make and model;
- 263 (10) cross-sectional diagram of each well in the SCLHE system. One diagram
264 may be submitted if well construction, SCLHE piping, and SCLHE device installation are the
265 same. A diagram must include:
- 266 (a) Minnesota unique well numbers;
- 267 (b) geologic information observed during well construction including
268 depth intervals and description of materials or formations;
- 269 (c) well construction information including:
- 270 i. total well depth;
- 271 ii. casing depth;
- 272 iii. borehole diameter;
- 273 iv. casing diameter;
- 274 v. grouting material;
- 275 vi. grouting intervals;
- 276 vii. gravel packed intervals and screened intervals, if applicable;
- 277 and
- 278 viii. pitless unit installation depth and diameter;
- 279 (d) static water level measured in the well;
- 280 (e) installation information in the well including depth:
- 281 i. and length of SCLHE piping;

282 ii. and length of SCLHE device;

283 iii. of seals or packers; and

284 iv. of submersible pump; and

285 (11) pressure test record from the first successful pressure test.

286 **Subp. 7. SCLHE system maintenance.**

287 A. A well contractor must perform any maintenance of SCLHE device and SCLHE
288 pipng in a well.

289 B. A well contractor must ensure chemicals placed in the well to clean or rehabilitate the
290 well or SCLHE device meet the requirements of and are used in accordance with part 4725.3725.

291 C. Treatment or rehabilitation chemicals must:

292 (1) not be circulated within the SCLHE device and SCLHE piping when installed
293 in the well; and

294 (2) be removed from the SCLHE device and SCLHE piping before re-installation
295 in the well.

296 D. ANSI/NSF-60 certified treatment or rehabilitation chemicals are exempt from item C
297 and must be used in accordance with the certification for each chemical.

298 E. A well contractor must ensure the heat transfer fluid and treatment or rehabilitation
299 chemicals are:

300 (1) not released into the well during the removal of the SCLHE device and
301 SCLHE piping from the well; and

302 (2) disposed of according to applicable Minnesota State Statutes and Rules, and
303 local ordinances or regulations.

304 F. A well contractor must pressure test the SCLHE system following re-installation of the

305 SCLHE device and SCLHE piping in the well according to part 4725.7075, subpart 4.

306 G. The system owner must conduct leak monitoring and mitigation according to the plan
307 approved in the SCLHE system permit.

308 H. The system owner must notify the commissioner electronically of pressure loss or
309 leakage from the SCLHE system piping that causes an alert or shut-off within 24 hours after the
310 owner becomes aware of the loss or leak.

311 I. The system owner must notify the Minnesota duty officer according to Minnesota
312 Statutes, section 115.061, of a SCLHE system leak.

313 J. The system owner is responsible for the repair and mitigation of a leak.

314 **Subp. 8. SCLHE system disclosure and ownership.** A property owner must notify the
315 commissioner electronically or in writing within 30 days of the sale or transfer of the property.

316 A. The property owner must submit to the commissioner the:

317 (1) new system owner's name and contact information; or

318 (2) new property owner's name and contact information.

319 B. A property owner must provide a copy of the SCLHE system permit to a buyer or
320 lessee of the property prior to the transfer of sale or the term of the lease.

321 C. A property owner is responsible for SCLHE system compliance when there is no
322 system owner.

323 **Subp. 9. Termination and removal.**

324 A. A system owner must notify the commissioner in writing within 30 days if the SCLHE
325 system is inoperable for more than one year.

326 B. A well contractor must remove the SCLHE device and SCLHE piping from the well
327 within 30 days after notifying the commissioner according to item A.

328 C. A well contractor is responsible for the handling and disposal of the heat transfer fluid
329 according to subpart 7, item D.

330 D. A well must meet the requirements of this chapter to be put into use for another
331 purpose. Conversion of type of well must be in accordance with part 4725.1810, subpart 7.

332 **4725.1842 APPROVAL OF ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ PERMITS APPLICATION.**

333 **4725.1845 DENIAL OF ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ PERMIT APPLICATION.**

334 Subpart 1. **Grounds for denial of application.** The commissioner may deny a permit
335 application or revoke a permit for construction of a monitoring well, ~~groundwater thermal exchange~~
336 ~~device~~, bored geothermal heat exchanger, or elevator boring, or installation of a groundwater thermal
337 exchange device or SCLHE if:

338 A. the person constructing the well or boring, or installing the SCLHE or groundwater
339 thermal exchange device is not licensed or ~~registered~~ according to this chapter;

340 **WELL AND BORING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND USE REQUIREMENTS**

341 **4725.2010 APPLICABILITY.**

342 The general construction and use requirements specified in parts 4725.2010 to 4725.3875
343 apply to all wells and borings except exploratory borings regulated under chapter 4727. The
344 additional requirements or exemptions in parts:

345 A. 4725.4050 to 4725.6050 apply to water-supply wells; ~~The additional requirements or~~
346 ~~exemptions in part~~

347 B. 4725.6150 apply to dewatering wells; ~~The additional requirements or exemptions in~~
348 ~~parts~~

349 C. 4725.6450 to 4725.6850 apply to monitoring wells and cased environmental bore
350 holes; ~~The additional requirements or exemptions in part~~

351 D. 4725.7050 apply to bored geothermal heat exchangers; ~~The additional requirements~~

352 ~~or exemptions in part~~

353 E. 4725.7250 apply to elevator borings;~~The additional requirements or exemptions in~~
354 ~~part~~

355 F. 4725.7450 apply to environmental bore holes; and

356 G. 4725.7075 apply to submerged closed loop heat exchangers.

357 **4725.3725 CHEMICAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.**

358 Subpart 1. **Treatment chemicals.** Chemicals placed in a well or boring to increase the
359 yield, remove or treat contaminants or objectionable tastes or odors, or rehabilitate the well or
360 boring must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 60-2016 as determined by a person
361 accredited by ANSI. Sodium or calcium hypochlorite may be used if registered by the United
362 States Environmental Protection Agency according to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
363 Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), section 3(c)(7)(A), as an antimicrobial pesticide for use in potable
364 water. Treatment chemicals must be neutralized or removed from the well, boring, and any
365 connected piping systems prior to use of the well or boring. This part does not apply to chlorine
366 or other treatment chemicals added to a water distribution system, or to a drilling additive used
367 according to part 4725.2950.

368 **WATER-SUPPLY WELLS**

369 **4725.5475 HYDROFRACTURING WATER-SUPPLY WELLS.**

370 Subp. 2. **Injection materials, water, and proppants.**

371 B. Additives must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 60-2016 as
372 determined by a person accredited by ANSI.

373 **4725.5550 WATER-SUPPLY WELL DISINFECTION.**

374 Subp. 4. **Disinfection materials.** Chlorine materials must meet the requirements of
375 ANSI/NSF Standard 60-2016 as determined by a person accredited by ANSI or be registered
376 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency according to the Federal Insecticide,

377 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), section 3(c)(7)(A), as an antimicrobial pesticide for use
378 in potable water. Chlorine compounds with additives such as perfumes or algacides must not be
379 used for disinfection. An alternate disinfection material may be used if the material is a biocide
380 meeting the material and use standards of this part and provides biocidal activity equivalent to
381 the chlorine concentrations and contact times required in this part.

382 Subp. 7. SCLHE exemption. This part does not apply to a submersible pump installed
383 within a SCLHE system that does not discharge water to the surface or a distribution system.

384 **4725.7050 BORED GEOTHERMAL HEAT EXCHANGERS.**

385 Subpart 1. **Construction.** A bored geothermal heat exchanger must be constructed
386 according to the construction standards in this part and the general construction standards in
387 parts 4725.2010 to 4725.3875.

388 A. Bored geothermal heat exchanger piping must be high-density polyethylene
389 or cross-linked polyethylene that meets the following requirements:

390 (1) for high-density polyethylene:

391 (a) the walls of the pipe with a diameter of 2 inches and smaller, or is
392 located more than 15 feet below ground surface, must be SDR 11 or thicker;

393 (b) pipe with a diameter greater than 2 inches, and located less than 15 feet
394 below ground surface, must be SDR 17 or thicker;

395 (c) ~~(b)~~ pipe must meet ASTM Standard D3035-15 or ASTM Standard
396 F714-13;

397 (d) ~~(e)~~ socket fusion and butt fusion connections must be made in
398 accordance with ASTM Standard F2620-19, and electrofusion connections must be made in
399 accordance with ASTM Standard F1055-16; and

400 (e) ~~(d)~~ socket fittings must be manufactured in accordance with
401 ASTM Standard D2683-14;

402 **4725.7075 SUBMERGED CLOSED LOOP HEAT EXCHANGER SYSTEM**
403 **INSTALLATION** [new rule part]

404 Subpart 1. Installation. A SCLHE system must be installed according to standards in
405 this part.

406 A. A well used for a SCLHE system must meet the requirements of this chapter and
407 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103I.

408 B. A well contractor must install or remove a SCLHE device and SCLHE piping in a
409 well.

410 C. A well contractor must notify the commissioner electronically at least 24 business
411 hours prior to the initial installation of a SCLHE device and SCLHE piping in the well.

412 D. SCLHE system piping connections to a water-supply well or a potable water-supply
413 system must be protected with a backflow prevention device as specified in UPC sections
414 603.0 to 603.5.23.4, as incorporated by part 4714.0050.

415 E. A heat transfer fluid sampling port must be installed on a SCLHE system.

416 F. Buried SCLHE piping from the well to the building must be marked by tracer wire or
417 marking tape detectable from the ground surface. Tracer wire must be:

418 (1) electrically continuous;

419 (2) corrosion resistant;

420 (3) 14 American Wire Gauge or thicker;

421 (4) suitable for direct burial; and

422 (5) accessible or terminate above ground where the SCLHE piping meets the
423 building.

424 Subp. 2. SCLHE device.

425 A. A SCLHE device must have a minimum pressure rating that exceeds 1.5 times the
426 maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure or 100 psi, whichever is greater, plus the
427 hydrostatic pressure on the device when installed in the well.

428 B. Materials and finishes used in a SCLHE device must not exceed eight percent lead
429 except that solders and flux must not contain more than 0.2 percent lead.

430 C. Materials must not contain constituents that would cause groundwater concentrations
431 to exceed a regulatory or advisory action value under parts 4717.7810-4717.7900.

432 **Subp. 3. SCLHE piping.**

433 A. SCLHE piping and fittings between a well and building must comply with the:

434 (1) standards listed in IMC table 1210.4 for piping;

435 (2) standards listed in IMC table 1210.5 for fittings; and

436 (3) requirements of IMC section 1210.6 for joints.

437 B. SCLHE piping and fittings between a well and building must have a minimum
438 pressure rating of 100 psi or 1.5 times the maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure,
439 whichever is greater.

440 C. SCLHE piping and fittings in the well must comply with the:

441 (1) standards listed in IMC table 1202.4 for piping;

442 (2) standards listed in IMC table 1202.5 for fittings; and

443 (3) requirements of IMC section 1203 for joints and connections.

444 D. SCLHE piping and fittings in the well must have a minimum pressure rating that
445 exceeds 1.5 times the maximum SCLHE system design operating pressure or 100 psi,
446 whichever is greater, plus the hydrostatic pressure on the deepest pipe installed in a well.

447 **Subp. 4. Pressure test.**

448 A. A system owner is responsible for having a SCLHE system is successfully pressure
449 tested after installation and before circulation of heat transfer fluid additives, or any other fluid
450 in the SCLHE system. Potable water without additives may be circulated to purge the SCLHE
451 system before the pressure test.

452 B. All portions of the SCLHE system used to convey heat transfer fluid must be
453 pressure tested including the:

454 (1) SCLHE piping;

455 (2) SCLHE device; and

456 (3) pitless unit.

457 C. The SCLHE system must be pressure tested:

458 (1) in one continuous loop from the building or buildings to all the wells; or

459 (2) in individual continuous loops from the building or buildings to each well.

460 D. A system owner must notify the commissioner electronically at least 24 business
461 hours before the pressure test.

462 E. A system owner is exempt from item D in the event of an exceptional circumstance
463 where inaction poses an immediate and significant loss of heating or cooling preventing prior
464 notification. The system owner must notify the commissioner electronically within 12 hours of
465 completing the pressure test.

466 F. A pressure test must:

467 (1) be conducted by a well contractor, bonded mechanical contractor, or
468 licensed plumber;

469 (2) be witnessed by an MDH inspector, certified building official, licensed
470 plumber, or bonded mechanical contractor if the pressure test is conducted by a well contractor;

471 (3) use potable water;

472 (4) be conducted at 1.5 times the maximum SCLHE system design operating
473 pressure or 100 psi, whichever is greater, as measured at or above the ground surface near the
474 well; and

475 (5) be conducted for 30 minutes.

476 G. For purposes of this part, a successful pressure test maintains a constant pressure
477 without adding fluid during the duration of the pressure test.

478 H. The system owner is responsible for maintaining complete pressure test records
479 according to this part. Copies of pressure test records must be:

480 (1) made available to the commissioner upon request;

481 (2) legible; and

482 (3) provided electronically or by mail.

483 I. A pressure test record must include:

484 (1) SCLHE system permit number;

485 (2) date and time of conducted pressure test;

486 (3) duration of conducted pressure test;

487 (4) test method;

488 (5) hydrostatic pressure on the SCLHE device;

489 (6) information of the person conducting and witnessing the pressure test, if
490 applicable, includes:

491 (a) name and signature;

492 (b) company name; and

493 (c) license or registration number.

494 J. A SCLHE system must be pressure tested according to items A-E when a SCLHE
495 device or SCLHE piping is removed from the well and reinstalled or replaced.

496 Subp. 5. Heat transfer fluid.

497 A. Heat transfer fluid must be sourced from a potable water supply.

498 B. Heat transfer fluid may be amended with additives that meet the requirements of
499 ANSI/NSF-60 certification for each additive.

500 C. A system owner must attach a permanent indelible sign to all fill locations in the
501 building. The sign must contain:

502 (a) heat transfer fluid must be only potable water; and

503 (b) any heat transfer fluid additive must be ANSI/NSF-60 certified.