

Question about the SONRIS water well search (Rapides Parish)

2 messages

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To: GWater@la.gov

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Hi,

Quick question, not a records request. I'm trying to understand what the SONRIS water well search does and doesn't include, and how quickly it updates.

I searched for Industrial water wells in Rapides Parish over the past six months. The only result is registration 808166, the Cabrini Hospital well completed 2/16/2026. I then expanded the search to all wells in Rapides Parish over the past year and still came up empty.

I also have copies of three notification approval letters your office issued for industrial wells in Rapides this year — GWR 40-0252 and 40-0253 (both reviewed 4/6/2026) and 40-0255 (reviewed 7/23/2026). None of the three appear in either search. I've attached a screenshot of what I am seeing in the search to this email as well.

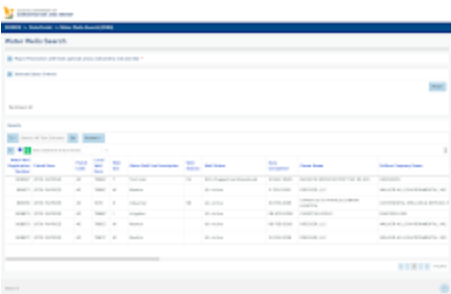
Two things I'm hoping someone can clear up:

1. Are there any circumstances where a completed well wouldn't turn up in the public SONRIS search? I'd rather ask than assume I'm reading it wrong.
2. Is there normally a lag between when your office receives a registration form and when it shows up in SONRIS? I saw that they need to be registered within 30 days of completion, but I'm not sure if they show up that quickly.

Appreciate any help you can give me,

Bentley Hensel
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DNR Ground Water <gwater@la.gov>

To: Bentley Hensel <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Aug 7, 2026 at 8:53 AM

Good morning,

To answer your questions:

1. All water well forms (i.e., notifications, variance requests, registrations, plugging and abandonment, transfers, etc.) are processed by our office within 30 days of receipt. The processed forms will also be added to the online files within that 30-day timeframe. Please note, the majority of the Water Well Registration forms are scanned and available online. However, if there is ever a specific registration that you are looking for and cannot find online, please reach out to our office via email at gwater@la.gov.
2. Once the forms are processed and uploaded to the online files, it may take about 24 hours for the information to become available online.

The water well notifications for GWR IDs 40-0252, 40-0253, and 40-0255 were approved, but it does not appear that the proposed wells have been installed at this time. There is no timeframe in which the wells must be installed after our office approves the notifications. The driller is required to submit the water well registration(s) within 30 days of completing the well(s), but our office has not received registrations for any of the proposed wells from the notifications to date.

I did a search of our online files to see if I could find anything more for Industrial wells in Rapides. My search results were the same as yours, with the most recent Industrial well being the Cabrini Hospital Well, Water Well No. 079-1670, installed on 2/16/2026. Please see the attached spreadsheet for a list of Industrial Wells in Rapides Parish.

I also attached a tutorial on how to search for well records in SONRIS (*C&E SONRIS PowerPoint*). Some minor changes were made to the online search system after the Department reorganization in October 2025. This PDF will have the most recent instructions on how to use SONRIS.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you find any specific records. You can contact our office via email at gwater@la.gov or reach me directly at 225-XXXXXXXXXX.

Thank you,

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