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Comment request: story publishing Aug. 12 on Delta Forge 1 water wells — response by 10:30 a.m. CDT

2 messages

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To: jsa_applied@jsa.net

Tue, Aug 11, 2026 at 4:02 PM

Dear Applied Digital Communications team,

I'm Bentley Hensel, editor of The Kingfish Project, an investigative newsroom in Alexandria, Louisiana. We are publishing a story tomorrow, August 12, about two water wells at the Delta Forge 1 site near Boyce, and I'm writing to give Applied Digital the opportunity to respond before publication.

State records show 60-day notifications GWR 40-0252 and 40-0253, filed March 31, 2026, listing Applied Digital of Dallas as owner and R.A.M. Drilling, LLC as contractor, with a combined notified pumping rate of 594,000 gallons per day. Aerial photographs we took on July 30 show finished wellheads at the coordinates on both forms and a water line running to the storage tanks that supply the site's water trucks and lime-slurry operation.

On August 7, the state's groundwater office told us in writing that it has received no registration for either well. The story also reports that the notified rate is about 124 times the highest daily water figure the company has provided publicly (1,200 to 4,800 gallons per day, in its written answers to KALB), and that we have found no mention of the wells in the company's public statements about the project's water use.

Two of the July 30 photographs are attached for the company's review: the frame showing both wellheads, plotted from the coordinates on the notification forms, and the frame showing the water line. They are provided for comment, not for publication; the full set will appear with the story.

Five questions:

1. On what dates were the wells completed?
2. How much water has been pumped from each well to date, and what is it used for?
3. The state says it has received no registration for either well; the rules give the driller 30 days from completion to file. What is the company's understanding of why none has been filed?
4. The rules require an owner to notify the state at least 60 days before installation; the forms were filed March 31 with drilling scheduled for April 6 (per 811 ticket data). What is the company's understanding of that timeline?
5. We found no mention of the wells in the company's public statements about the project's water use, including its written answers to KALB. Why were they not included?

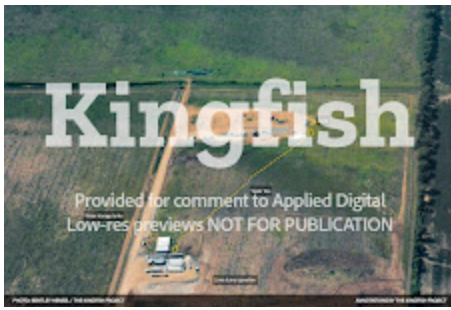
If any statement above is inaccurate, tell me specifically which and why, and I will review it before publication. Any comment the company wishes to make will be reported.

If the company believes the photographs or the records misrepresent the site, we welcome the opportunity to visit and see the wells ourselves. That offer does not change the publication timeline and it stands after publication as well.

For comments to be included in the first publication, please have them to us by 10:30 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, August 12. We will update the story to include comments received after that. I can also be reached by phone at 318-

Bentley Hensel
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2 attachments



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Jo Albers <[REDACTED]>
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Wed, Aug 12, 2026 at 10:36 AM

Hello Bentley,

Please see below responses to your questions from Applied Digital:

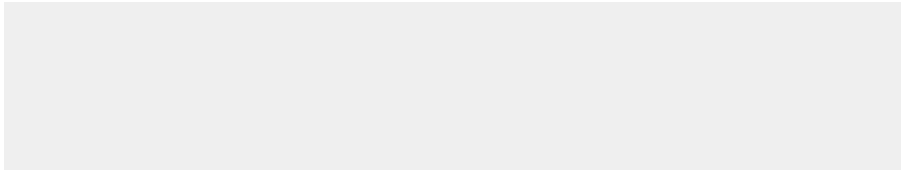
1. On what dates were the wells completed?
Between April 9th and April 21st.
2. How much water has been pumped from each well to date, and what is it used for?
Approximately 12 million gallons. The wells are used solely for dust mitigation and lime slurry mixing for construction.
3. The state says it has received no registration for either well; the rules give the driller 30 days from completion to file. What is the company's understanding of why none has been filed?
The registration filings have been made by the contractor.
4. The rules require an owner to notify the state at least 60 days before installation; the forms were filed March 31 with drilling scheduled for April 6 (per 811 ticket data). What is the company's understanding of that timeline?
Notifications were fast-tracked due to the need for on-site dust mitigation, in response to specific concerns about dust from local community members.
5. We found no mention of the wells in the company's public statements about the project's water use, including its written answers to KALB. Why were they not included?
The company's public statements were in response to questions about water consumption estimates for the finished data center. The wells in question were drilled to supply water specifically for construction.

Thanks and regards,
Jo



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