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## PROCEDURE FOR DESTROYING A WELL

1. A C-57 licensed contractor must complete a well permit application with Tulare County Environmental Health.
2. Remove the pump, electrical wiring, and any piping.
3. Clean the well so that all undesirable materials, including obstructions to filling and sealing, debris, oil from oil-lubricated pumps, or contaminants that could interfere with the well destruction are removed for disposal.
4. Excavate around the casing to a depth of five (5) feet with the well casing cut off to the bottom of the excavation.
5. Fill the lower portion of the well with inorganic fill material (clay, sand, silt, native soil).
6. Fill the top twenty (20) feet of the well casing with cement materials approved by our office (suitable materials are neat cement, sand-cement grout, concrete, and bentonite). Allow the material to overflow into excavation providing a mushroom type seal (refer to picture).
7. Backfill the excavation with native soil once cement material has hardened.

Additional Notes: Conditions at any given site may call for more stringent requirements as necessary to protect groundwater. A well completion report is required on all well destructions. Exception: Old point wells are allowed to be destroyed by property owner with guidance from our office (no C-57 required).

