

ILLINOIS EPA MONITOR WELL PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES

	Well Construction		Plugging Procedure
I. Unconsolidated Sediment Wells	I-A	...if backfilled with cement grout above bentonite seal and/or sandpack:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut casing off at desired depth. 2. Mix neat cement slurry (5 gal. water per 94 lb. bag cement). 3. Insert tremi pipe (1" i.d. pvc) into well and extend to bottom. 4. Slowly pump slurry under low pressure through tremi pipe. 5. Slowly withdraw tremi pipe - making sure bottom of pipe remains below pure slurry. 6. Continue slow pumping until all formation water and the watery slurry mix is displaced from top of casing.
	I-B	...if backfilled with soft sediments (cuttings) above bentonite seal and/or sandpack:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knock out and remove thin surface concrete plug, if present. 2. Re-auger entire length of well. 3. Remove well casing from re-augured borehole. 4. Mix neat cement slurry (5 gal. water per 94 lb. bag cement). 5. Insert tremi pipe (1" i.d. pvc) into augers and extend to bottom. 6. Slowly pump slurry under low pressure through tremi pipe. 7. Continue slow pumping until all formation water and the water slurry mix is displaced from top of casing. 8. Slowly withdraw tremi pipe - making sure bottom of pipe remains below pure slurry. 9. Pull a flight of augers (5" if in unstable materials and hole collapse is likely or 10" if in competent material and collapse is unlikely). 10. Top off cement slurry after each flight is removed.
	I-C	...if monitor well construction is unknown:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow procedures in I-A.
II. Bedrock Wells	II-A	...All bedrock monitor wells:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut casing off at desired depth. 2. Mix neat cement slurry (5 gal. water per 94 lb. bag cement). 3. Insert tremi-pipe (1" i.d. pvc) into well and extend to bottom. 4. Slowly pump slurry under low pressure through tremi pipe. 5. Slowly withdraw pipe making sure bottom of pipe remains below pure slurry. 6. Continue slow pumping until all formation water and the watery slurry mix is displaced from top of casing.