



**COUNTY TEST HOLE
SURETY BOND**

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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| Bond number | |
| Purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> New permit <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement | |
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| Date filed | Date released |
| By | By |

(I) (We) _____ of the city of _____, county of _____, State of _____, as Principal and _____ as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana in the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)** upon the terms set forth in this County Test Hole Surety Bond (the "Bond"):

1. The Bond applies to all test holes drilled or deepened for which the Principal has acquired a permit under IC 14-37.
2. The purpose of the Bond is to provide for compliance with IC 14-37 with respect to the plugging of all test holes, the filling in of all excavations, and the restoration of the surface as nearly as possible to its former condition prior to the drilling of each test hole covered by the Bond.
3. The Bond is effective from filing with the Department of Natural Resources until the permit for which the Bond was issued has expired, is canceled, or has been revoked except that the Bond shall remain in full force and effect as to any test hole drilled prior to the expiration, cancellation, or revocation of the permit.
4. The Bond binds the Principal and Surety and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns jointly and severally, to the State of Indiana. No portion of the value of the Bond constitutes an asset of the Principal.
5. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, the Surety may in writing notify the Natural Resources Commission and Principal of the intention to terminate liability under the Bond. Service of the notification shall be as specified in 312 IAC 21-4-3. If, following notification, the Principal fails to obtain a substitute bond or to plug and abandon all test holes in a timely manner, the Surety shall either cause each such test hole to be properly plugged and abandoned or shall forfeit to the State of Indiana the principal sum of the Bond.
6. If a permit is revoked for any test hole under the Bond, the Principal shall cause all test holes under the Bond to be properly plugged and abandoned in a timely manner or shall forfeit to the State of Indiana the principal sum of the Bond.
7. Any action instituted with respect to the Bond shall be governed by the provisions of IC 14-37 and 312 IAC 17 et. Seq., or their successor chapter or rule, in effect when the action is instituted.

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| Signature of Principal | Title | Date signed |
| Signature of Surety | | Date signed |

*Attach bond acknowledgement form
Form No. B1*