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Preamble

This Code of Practice has been revised by a project group of the DVGW Technical Committee "Water Abstraction". It serves as basis for the sinking of vertical boreholes and for the professional and appropriate recovery and taking of rock samples during drilling operations for groundwater development and groundwater abstraction. The information also applies for drilling operations for geothermal applications.

The selection of a suitable drilling method and the appropriate performance of drilling measures are of crucial importance for the exploration, abstraction and monitoring of groundwater. Drilling operations supply the necessary information on the geological and hydrogeological subsoil conditions and, if carried out appropriately, form the basis for the proper development into groundwater monitoring points and wells as well as their long-term use.

This Code of Practice provides information on the usual drilling methods and their applications. In addition, it contains references to possible faults during water development work, which may have consequences for operation, maintenance (regeneration, rehabilitation) and dismantling. As a summarising abstract it shall serve anyone involved with drilling operations as starting point for project-related considerations.

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