

I'm Dallas Alexander. I'm an owner operator of Alexander Pump and Service along with my brother, Darren Alexander. Our father and mother started our family-owned business in 1996. My brother and I worked for our parents' part time through high school. In 1999 Darren went full time when he graduated high school. I started full-time in 2004. Darren and I bought the company in 2019 when our parents retired.

Alexander Pump and Service is based in St. Marys, Kansas. We cover mainly the Eastern third of the state. We carry 2 Kansas drilling licenses, Darren's and one for me. Our company does not drill wells. We are licensed to remediate wells and reconstruct existing casing.

Our company does pump removal and installation. That's about 75% of our work. That does not require a license as of right now in the state of Kansas. The remaining 25% is remediation and reconstruction, that's where the license is required.

There are a lot of rural houses run by water wells in Eastern Kansas. This is where we see most of the safety or contamination possibilities. I don't believe the contractors or individuals are doing this on purpose. It's a lack of education, no one wants to shut anyone down or run them out of business. We all just want to protect our most precious resource. We can succeed in doing that making sure all that work on public water supplies, Irrigation, livestock, and residential wells are properly educated.

When all water wells are put back in service they are to be disinfected. Most non-educated contractors are not aware of this, much less using the same tools to work on fresh water that they just used on black water. Or using their backhoe or excavator that was used to dig up a septic tank and laterals are now being used to pull a pump. That's a family's drinking water! Again, I don't believe for a second this is being done with ill intent. It's a lack of education and oversight. Pass bill 2095, it shows Kansans that our groundwater and their safety is of the up most importance.