

From: Stark, Gregory L [mailto:g-stark@tamu.edu]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:37 PM

To: h-sprague@tamu.edu

Subject: Standby Generator Hookups, etc.

I like the following resources:

OMAFRA (Ontario)....went through this a decade ago.

http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/facts/99-005.htm#connect

YouTube video on hooking submersible to generator: OK.....for emergency use this is fine....but it is only considered temporary because they don't use any strain relief connectors where the conductors go in and out of the boxes. They don't address the grounding in great deal but this is the general "procedure". (Colors of wires can be different depending on the age and code compliance).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLNZMY16044

Another YouTube video about how to do it correctly for your home/barn and NOT backfeed it through an outlet, etc.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkbBt8hv8mQ

Message: Any of the YouTube videos that refer to "backfeeding" through an existing outlet, etc. **SHOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED.** You need a separate interlock or transfer switch to do the connection of the generator safely. The ranch video above uses a new separate box and moves the wires.

Any YouTube videos that generally show "interlocks" or "transfer switches" will be a much safer installation for both people and animals around the installation (including utility linemen) as well as the pump/motor, wiring and generator so they don't burn up or out from a problem.

Greg Stark
Asst. Professor of Practice
Bio & Ag Engineering Dept.
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2117

Commercial products and trade names are mentioned for information purposes only. No guarantee or endorsement by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is intended or implied.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.