# Secretary of State

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING\*

A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form

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Water Resources Department

Agency and Division

690 Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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### **RULE CAPTION**

Well construction rules focused on: Bentonite seals, deepenings, sparge wells, grout reporting and closed loops.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
9-24-14	3:00 p.m.	OWRD, 725 Summer Street NE, Room 124, Salem, OR	Brenda Bateman

#### **RULEMAKING ACTION**

Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

AMEND:

690-200; 690-210; 690-215; 690-240

REPEAL:

**RENUMBER**: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**AMEND AND RENUMBER**: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**Statutory Authority:** 

ORS 183, ORS 536, ORS 537 & ORS 540

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 183, ORS 536, ORS 537 & ORS 540

# **RULE SUMMARY**

The proposed rule changes vary in scope and include:

- Changes the classification of a sparge well from a geotechnical hole to a monitoring well.
- Requires well constructors to calculate and report how much sealing material is required and how much is used when placing an annular seal.
- Clarifies the requirements when deepening an existing well and requires a copy of the original well report or the original well report number to be submitted with the deepening well report.
- Corrects a rule reference error in the Geotechnical Hole rules.
- Clarifies that the quality of water cannot interfere with the proper hydration of bentonite in closed loop installations.
- Allows Unhydrated bentonite to be used to 200 feet and through up to 50 feet of standing water to seal water supply wells.
- Requires unhydrated bentonite to be screened during placement through water, water quality to be tested and describes when it cannot be used.

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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10-03-2014 5:00 p.m.

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Last Day (m/d/yyyy) and Time for public comment

Rules Coordinator Name

**Email Address** 

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