

OREGON



WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

Item E – Division 205 and 240 Well Construction Welding Requirements

Water Resources Commission Meeting

March 21 , 2023



Rule Background



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House Bill (HB) 2145 (2021)

- HB 2145 (2021) passed to modernize well construction program
- Included welding proficiency requirement to get any well constructor license
- Rules committee revealed that welding is not required for monitoring wells

Rule Making Background

House Bill (HB) 3343 (2023)

- HB 3343 (2023) passed to give OWRD discretion to determine which licenses require welding proficiency
- OWRD modifying rules to be consistent with industry practices



Overview of Rules



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Amends OAR 690-240-0065:

- Removes the requirement to provide evidence of welding proficiency to obtain a monitoring well constructor license

Overview of Rules

Amends OAR 690-205-0020:

- Clarifies that evidence of welding proficiency is required to obtain a water supply well constructor license, even if a driller already has a monitoring well constructor license

Overview of Rules

Amends OARs 690-240-0430:

- Adds a requirement for approved special standards if steel casing that requires welding is used in the construction of a monitoring well. The requirement excludes temporary casing that is removed prior to completion of the well.



Overview of Rulemaking Process

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RAC Meeting:

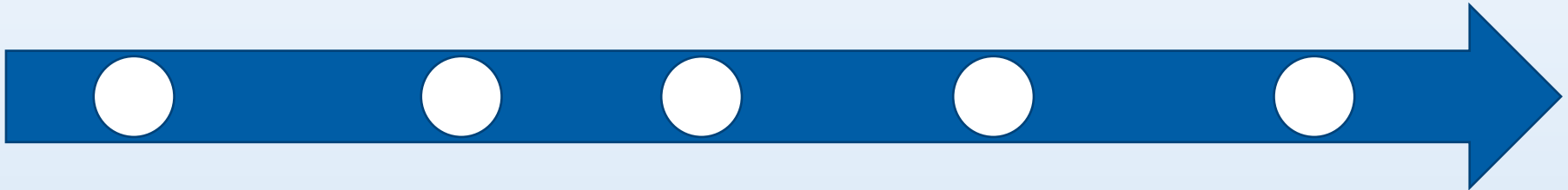
Input on Draft Rules,
Statement of Need,
Fiscal Impact, and
Racial Equity
Statement
Nov 02, 2023

Review Comments:

Revise Draft Rules
Develop WRC
Report
Jan 12 – Feb 25

Effective Date:

of Final Rules
April 1, 2024



OR Bulletin

Notice: Public
Comment Period
& Public Hearing
Dec 1 – Jan 11

WRC Meeting Decision:

on Draft Rule Adoption
Mar 21, 2024

Public Comment Period

Written Comments:

- 2 comments received – no changes were made to the rules based on the comments

Oral Comment:

- No oral comments received



Alternatives



Alternatives

1. Adopt the final proposed rules as written
2. Adopt modified final proposed rules
3. Not adopt rules and request the Department further evaluate issue

Recommendations: The acting Director recommends alternative 1: adoption of the final proposed rules as written.