### WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHAPTER 690 DIVISION 240 MONITORING WELLS, GEOTECHNICAL HOLES, AND OTHER HOLES IN OREGON CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

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## 10 Introduction

- 11 (1) Monitoring wells and geotechnical holes drilled to allow ground water and geologic
- 12 determinations are constructed in a variety of environments and under a variety of conditions.
- 13 Improper construction, maintenance, operation, and abandonment can allow deterioration of
- 14 ground water quality and supply. Although enforcement actions may be exercised against other
- 15 parties, the landowner of the property where the monitoring well or geotechnical hole is
- 16 constructed is ultimately responsible for the condition, use, maintenance, conversion, and
- 17 abandonment of the monitoring well, or geotechnical hole.
- 18 (2) Holes other than monitoring wells, water supply wells, or geotechnical holes which are
- drilled, excavated, or otherwise constructed in the earth's surface can also provide an avenue for
   deterioration of ground water quality. Improper construction, maintenance, use, and abandonment
- of other holes can pose a significant risk to ground water. Table 240-1 lists common subsurface
- borings and indicates which administrative rule governs the construction, conversion,
- 23 maintenance, alteration, and abandonment of the boring.
- 24 (3) Ground water problems are difficult, expensive, and time consuming to correct. The Water
- 25 Resources Commission (Commission) has been authorized to develop standards for wells drilled
- for the purpose of monitoring ground water in order to protect the state's ground waters. The
   Commission has also been authorized to develop standards for other holes through which ground
- 27 water may become contaminated. The rules set forth herein are adopted to provide that protection.
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   Their purpose is to prevent and eliminate ground water contamination, waste, and loss of artesian
   pressure.
- 31 (4) The Commission may develop additional rules as needed prescribing standards for the
- construction, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of other specific types of wells and holes
   to protect ground water.
- 34 (5) Except for the Commission's power to adopt rules, the Commission may delegate to the Water
- Resources Director the exercise or discharge in the Commission's name of any power, duty or
- function of whatever character, vested in or imposed by law upon the Commission. The official
- act of the Director acting in the Commission's name and by the Commission's authority shall be
- considered to be an official act of the Commission. The Commission delegates to the Director full
- authority to act in the Commission's name where that delegation is reflected in these rules.
- 40 (6) Under the provisions of ORS 537.780, the Commission is authorized to adopt such procedural
- 41 rules and regulations as deemed necessary to carry out its function in compliance with the Ground
- 42 Water Act of 1955. In fulfillment of these responsibilities and to ensure the preservation of the
- 43 public welfare, safety, and health, the Commission has established these rules and regulations as

- the minimum standards for the construction, alteration, abandonment, conversion, and
   maintenance of monitoring wells in Oregon.
- 3 (7) Monitoring wells are wells as defined in ORS 537.515(9). A license and licensing fee, bond,
- 4 examination, well report, and start card are required for construction, conversion, alteration, or
- abandonment of a monitoring well. In addition, a start card fee is required for new construction,
   deepening a well, and conversion.
- 7 (8) To protect the ground water resource, the Commission has the authority to regulate
- 8 geotechnical holes under ORS 537.780(1)(c)(A). Construction of geotechnical holes requires
- 9 either a **W**[*w*]ater **S**[*s*]upply **Well Constructor** or **M**[*m*]onitoring **W**[*w*]ell **C**[*c*]onstructor's
- 10  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense or Oregon registration as a geologist or civil engineer. If any one of the criteria in
- 11 OAR 690-240-0035(2)(a)-(d) is met, a geotechnical hole report must be submitted.
- 12 (9) To protect the ground water resource, the Commission has the authority, under ORS
- 13 537.780(1)(c)(A), to regulate any hole through which ground water may be contaminated.
- 14 Construction of holes other than water supply wells and monitoring wells does not require a
- 15 license and licensing fee, bond, examination, well report, start card, and start card fee.
- 16 (10) Holes constructed under ORS chapters 517, 520, and 522, and rules promulgated from those
- statutes, are the responsibility of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and
- 18 are not subject to these rules. These include, but are not limited to, holes constructed for the
- 19 purposes of exploring for, or producing, petroleum, minerals, or geothermal resources.
- (11) The rules and regulations set forth herein shall become effective upon adoption by the Water
   Resources Commission.
- (12) Under no circumstances shall a monitoring well, piezometer, geotechnical hole, or other hole
   be constructed in a manner that allows commingling or leakage of ground water by gravity flow
   or artesian pressure from one aquifer to another. (See definition of aquifer.)
- 25 (13) The rules and regulations set forth herein provide the minimum standards for the
- 26 construction, conversion, alteration, maintenance, and abandonment of monitoring wells,
- 27 geotechnical holes, and other holes. After the effective date of adoption of these rules and
- regulations, no monitoring well, geotechnical hole, or other hole shall be constructed, altered,
- 29 converted, or abandoned contrary to the provisions of these rules and regulations without prior
- 30 approval from the Water Resources Department. Violation of these standards may result in
- enforcement under OAR chapter 690, division 240, including suspension or revocation of a
- 32 constructor's license, imposition of civil penalties on the landowner or constructor, action on a
- bond, or other sanctions authorized by law.
- 34 [ED. NOTE: Tables referenced are available from the agency.]
- 35 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 36 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 37 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 2-
- <sup>38</sup> 1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert.
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### 42 **Definitions**

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1 The following definitions apply to terms as used in monitoring well, geotechnical hole and other 2 hole rules, OAR 690-240-0005 to 690-240-0640. No other definitions of these same words apply:

3 (1) "Abandonment, Permanent" means to remove all or any portion of a monitoring well from

4 service by filling it in such a manner that vertical movement of water within the well bore and

within the annular space surrounding the well casing is effectively and permanently prevented.
This term is synonymous with "decommission".

(2) "Abandonment, Temporary" means to remove a drilling machine from a well site after
completing or altering a well provided the well is not immediately put into service, or to remove a
well from service with the intent of using it in the future.

- (3) "Altering a Well" means the deepening, installation of seals, adding, removing or replacing
   casing, and any other material change in the design or construction of a well.
- 12 (4) "Annular Space" means the space between the drillhole wall and the outer well casing.
- 13 (5) "Aquifer" means a geologic formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that
- 14 contains saturated and permeable material capable of transmitting water in sufficient quantity to

15 supply wells or springs and that contains water that is similar throughout in characteristics such as

- 16 potentiometric head, chemistry, and temperature. (Figure 240-1)
- 17 (6) "Area of Known or Reasonably Suspected Contamination" means a site that is currently under
- 18 investigation by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental
- 19 Protection Agency, or other state or federal agency for the presence of contaminants, or a site
- 20 where a prudent person would suspect contamination after conducting an appropriate inquiry
- 21 consistent with good commercial or customary practice as to the nature of the property.
- (7) "Artesian Aquifer" means a confined aquifer in which ground water is under sufficient head to
  rise above the level at which it was first encountered whether or not the water flows at land
  surface. If the water level stands above land surface the well is a flowing artesian well. (Figure
  240-1).
- 26 (8) "Artesian Monitoring Well" means a monitoring well in which ground water is under
- sufficient pressure to rise above the level at which it was first encountered, whether or not the
  water flows at land surface. If the water level stands above land surface the well is a flowing
  artesian monitoring well.
- (9) "Bored Well" means a well constructed with the use of earth augers turned either by hand or
   by power equipment.
- (10) "Casing" means the outer tubing, pipe, or conduit, welded or thread coupled, and installed in
  the borehole during or after drilling to support the sides of the well and prevent caving. Casing
  can be used, in conjunction with proper seal placement, to shut off water, gas, or contaminated
  fluids from entering the hole, and to prevent waste of ground water.
- (11) "Casing Seal" means the water tight seal established in the well bore between the well casing
   and the drillhole wall, above the filter pack seal, to prevent the inflow and movement of surface
   water or shallow ground water in the well annulus, or to prevent the outflow or movement of
   water under artesian or hydrostatic pressures.
- (12) "Civil Engineer" means an individual registered by the State of Oregon to practice civil
   engineering.

- 1 (13) "Clay" means a fine-grained, inorganic material having plastic properties and with a 2 predominant grain size of less than 0.002 mm.
- 3 (14) "Commission" means the Oregon Water Resources Commission.
- 4 (15) "Committee" means the Oregon Ground Water Advisory Committee created by ORS
  5 536.090.
- 6 (16) "Confining Formation" means the "impermeable" stratum immediately overlying an artesian
   7 (confined) aquifer. (Figure 240-1)
- 8 (17) "Consolidated Formation" means materials that have become firm through natural rock9 forming processes. It includes, but is not limited to, materials such as basalt, sandstone, shale,
  10 hard claystone, and granite.
- 11 (18) "Contamination" means any chemical, ion, radionuclide, synthetic organic compound,
- microorganism, waste or other substance that does not occur naturally in ground water or thatoccurs naturally but at a lower concentration.
- 14 (19) "Continuing Education" means that education required as a condition of licensure under ORS
- 15 537.747, to maintain the skills necessary for the protection of ground water, the health and
- 16 general welfare of the citizens of Oregon and the competent practice of the construction,
- alteration, abandonment, conversion, and maintenance of water supply wells, monitoring wells,and geotechnical holes.
- (20) "Continuing Education Committee" means the Well Constructor Continuing Education
   Committee authorized under Chapter 496, Oregon Laws 2001 (ORS 537.765).
- (21) "Continuing Education Course" means a formal offering of instruction or information to
   licensees that provides continuing education credits.
- (22) "Continuing Education Credit" (CEC) means a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction or
   information approved by the Continuing Education Committee.
- (23) "Converting" a well means changing the use of an existing well or hole not previously used
   to either withdraw or monitor water such that the well or hole can be used to either withdraw or
   monitor water.
- (24) "Deepening a well" means extending the well bore of an existing well through previously
   undisturbed native material. Deepening is a type of alteration.
- 30 (25) "Department" means the Oregon Water Resources Department.
- 31 (26) "Director" means the Director of the Department or the Director's authorized representatives.
- 32 (27) "Documentation of Completion" means written evidence or documentation demonstrating
- 33 attendance and completion of a continuing education course, including but not limited to: a
- certificate of completion, diploma, transcript, certified class roster, or other documentation as
   approved by the Continuing Education Committee.
- (28) "Dug Well" means a well in which the excavation is made by the use of digging equipment
   such as backhoes, clam shell buckets, or sand buckets. (See Hand dug well)
- (29) "Excavation" means a free-standing cavity with greater width than depth constructed in the
   earth's surface which has a primary purpose other than seeking water or water quality monitoring.

- 1 (30) "Figure", when used herein, refers to an illustration and is made a part of the primary article 2 and section by reference.
- 3 (31) "Filter Pack" means the granular material placed in the annular space between the well
  4 screen and the borehole.
- (32) "Filter Pack Seal" means the fine grained sand or dry bentonite which is placed in the
  annulus above the filter pack and prevents grout infiltration into the filter pack.
- 7 (33) "Geologic Formation" means an igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic material that is
- relatively homogeneous and is sufficiently recognized as to be distinguished from the adjacent
  material. The term is synonymous with "formation".
- 10 (34) "Geologist" means an individual registered by the State of Oregon to practice geology.
- 11 (35) "Geotechnical hole" means a hole constructed to collect or evaluate subsurface data or
- 12 information, monitor movement of landslide features, or to stabilize or dewater landslide features.
- 13 Geotechnical holes are not monitoring wells or water supply wells as defined below. Various
- 14 classes and examples of geotechnical holes are listed in OAR 690-240-0035(6)-(9).
- (36) "Grout" means approved cement, concrete or bentonite sealing material used to fill anannular space of a well or to abandon a well.
- (37) "Grout Pipe" means a pipe which is used to place grout at the bottom of the sealing intervalof a well.
- (38) "Hand dug well" means a well in which the excavation is only made by the use of picks,
  shovels, spades, or other similar hand operated implements. (See Dug Well)
- 21 (39) "Hazardous Materials Training" means training as defined by OAR 437-002-0100 Adoption
- by Reference Subdivision H Hazardous Materials 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and
- 23 Emergency Response.
- 24 (40) "Hazardous Waste" means a substance as defined by ORS 466.005.
- (41) "Health Hazard" means a condition where there are sufficient concentrations of biological,
  chemical, or physical, including radiological, contaminants in the water that are likely to cause
  human illness, disorders, or disability. These include, but are not limited to naturally occurring
  substances, pathogenic viruses, bacteria, parasites, toxic chemicals, and radioactive isotopes.
  Sufficient concentrations of a contaminant include but are not limited to contaminant levels set by
  the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Division
- 30 the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Division.
- (42) "Health Threat" means a condition where there is an impending health hazard. The threat 31 may be posed by, but not limited to: a conduit for contamination, or a well affecting migration of 32 a contaminant plume, or the use of contaminated water. A well in which the construction is not 33 verified by a monitoring well report or geophysical techniques may be considered a conduit for 34 contamination in certain circumstances. Those circumstances include, but are not limited to: an 35 unused and neglected well or a well for which no surface seal was required. A well in which the 36 casing seal, filter pack seal, or watertight cap has failed, or was inadequately installed may be 37 considered a conduit for contamination. 38
- (43) "Horizontal Well" means a well that intentionally deviates more than 20 degrees from true
   vertical at any point.

- 1 (44) "Hydrologic Cycle" is the general pattern of water movement by evaporation from sea to 2 atmosphere, by precipitation onto land, and by return to sea under influence of gravity.
- 3 (45) "Impermeable Sealing Material" means cement or bentonite which is used to fill the open
   annulus.
- (46) "Jetted Well" means a well in which the drillhole excavation is made by the use of a high
  velocity jet of water.
- 7 (47) "Leakage" means movement of surface and/ or subsurface water around the well casing or
  8 seal.
- 9 (48) "Monitoring Well" means a well designed and constructed to determine the physical
   10 (including water level), chemical, biological, or radiological properties of ground water.
- 11 (49) "Monitoring Well Constructor" means any person who has a current[, *effective*] water
- 12 [*monitoring*] well constructor's license with a monitoring well endorsement issued in 13 accordance with ORS 537.747(3).
- 14 (50[68]) "Monitoring Well Constructor's License" means a Water Well Constructor's
- 15 License with a monitoring well endorsement issued in accordance with ORS 537.747(3).
- 16 (51[0]) "Monitoring Well Drilling Machine" means any driving, jetting, percussion, rotary,
- boring, auguring, or other equipment used in the construction, alteration, or abandonment of monitoring wells.
- (52[1]) "Order" means any action satisfying the definition given in ORS Chapter 183 or any other
   action so designated in ORS 537.505 to 537.795.
- 21 (53[2]) "Other Hole" means a hole other than a water supply well, monitoring well, or
- geotechnical hole, however constructed, in naturally occurring or artificially emplaced earth
  materials through which ground water can become contaminated. Holes constructed under ORS
  Chapters 517, 520, and 522 are not subject to these rules. Examples of other holes are listed in
- 25 OAR 690-240-0030.
- (54[3]) "Perched Ground Water" means ground water held above the regional or main water table
  by a less permeable underlying earth or rock material. (Figure 240-1)
- (55[4]) "Permeability" means the ability of material to transmit fluid, usually described in units of
   gallons per day per square foot of cross-section area. It is related to the effectiveness with which
   pore spaces transmit fluids.
- (56[5]) "Person" includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, joint stock
   companies, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, the state and any agencies
- thereof, and the Federal Government and any agencies thereof.
- (57[6]) "Petcock Valve" is a valve used to contain pressure which when opened will drain the line
   or pipe.
- 36 (58[7]) "Piezometer" means a type of monitoring well designed solely to obtain ground water
- levels. Piezometers are prohibited in areas of known or reasonably suspected contamination. This
   term is synonymous with observation well.

- 1 (59[8]) "Porosity" means the ratio of the volume of voids in the geologic formation being drilled
- 2 to the overall volume of the material without regard to size, shape, interconnection, or
- 3 arrangement of openings.
- 4 (**60**[59]) "Potable Water" means water which is sufficiently free from biological, chemical,
- 5 physical, or radiological impurities so that users thereof will not be exposed to or threatened with 6 exposure to disease or harmful physiological effects.
- 7 (61[0]) "Potentiometric Surface" means the level to which water will rise in tightly cased wells.
  8 (Figure 240-1).
- 9 (62[1]) "Pressure Grouting" means a process by which grout is confined within the drillhole or
- casing by the use of retaining plugs or packers and by which sufficient pressure is applied to drive
   the grout slurry into the annular space or zone to be grouted.
- (63[2]) "Professional" means any person licensed or registered by the State of Oregon to construct
   monitoring wells, water supply wells, or practice geology or civil engineering.
- 14 (64[3]) "Public-at-Large" means a person not actively engaged in the well industry.
- 15 (6**5**[4]) "Refusal to Renew" means a provision in an order, or as allowed by ORS 537.747, that
- prohibits renewal of a well constructor's license, for a specified term not to exceed one year from
   the expiration date of the current license.
- (66[5]) "Remediation Well" means a well used for extracting contaminated ground water from an
   aquifer. This term is synonymous with "extraction well" and "recovery well".
- 20 (67[6]) "Respondent" means the person against whom an enforcement action is taken.
- (68[7]) "Responsible Party" means the person or agency that is in charge of construction or
   maintenance, or the landowner of record and is either in violation as specified in a notice of
   violation or who may benefit from that violation.
- (69[8]) "Rough Drilling Log" means a record kept on the well site of the information needed to
   complete the well report for the well being constructed.
- 26 (**70**[69]) "Revoke" means termination of a well constructor's license.
- (71[0]) "Sand" means a material having a prevalent grain size ranging from 2 millimeters to 0.06
   millimeters.
- (72[1]) "Silt" means an unconsolidated sediment composed predominantly of particles between
   0.06 mm and 0.002 mm in diameter.
- (73[2]) "Slope Stability Geotechnical Hole" means a geotechnical hole excavated, drilled or bored
   for studying and/or monitoring movement of landslide features, including water levels, or other
- mass-wasting features to detect zones of movement and establish whether movement is constant,
- accelerating, or responding to remedial measures. Hole(s) excavated, drilled or bored for the
- 35 purpose of slope remediation or stabilization shall be considered a slope stability geotechnical
- hole. Slope stability geotechnical holes are not monitoring wells, piezometers, or water supply
   wells.
- 38 (74[3]) "Sponsor" means an institution, professional organization, individual, or business that
- 39 offers continuing education courses to licensees. This term is synonymous with provider.

- (75[4]) "Static Water Level" means the stabilized level or elevation of water surface in a well not
   being pumped.
- 3 (76[5]) "Stratum" means a bed or layer of a formation that consists throughout of approximately
   4 the same type of consolidated or unconsolidated material.
- 5 (77[6]) "Sump" means a hole dug to a depth of ten feet or less with a diameter greater than ten 6 feet in which ground water is sought or encountered.
- 7 (78[7]) "Suspension" means the temporary removal of the privilege to construct wells under an
  8 existing license for a period of time not to exceed one year.
- 9 (79[8]) "Unconsolidated Formation" means naturally occurring, loosely cemented, or poorly
   10 indurated materials including clay, sand, silt, and gravel.
- (80[79]) "Underground Injection" means the emplacement or discharge of fluids to the
   subsurface.
- 13 (81[0]) "Underground Injection System" means a well, improved sump, sewage drain hole,
- subsurface fluid distribution system, or other system or ground water point source used for theemplacement or discharge of fluids.
- (82[1]) "Upper Oversize Drillhole" means that part of the well bore extending from land surface
   to the bottom of the surface seal interval.
- (83[2]) "Violation" means an infraction of any statute, rule, standard, order, license, compliance
   schedule, or any part thereof and includes both acts and omissions.
- 20 (84[3]) "Water Supply Well" means a well, other than a monitoring well, that is used to
- 21 beneficially withdraw or beneficially inject ground water. Water supply wells include, but are not
- limited to, community, dewatering, domestic, irrigation, industrial, municipal, and aquifer storage
   and recovery wells.
- 24 (85[4]) "Water Supply Well Constructor" means any person who has a current[, *effective*] water
- [supply] well constructor's license with a water supply well endorsement issued in accordance
   with ORS 537.747(3).
- 27 (86) "Water Supply Well Constructor's License" means a Water Well Constructor's
- License with a water supply well endorsement issued in accordance with ORS 537.747(3).
- (87[5]) "Water Table" means the upper surface of an unconfined water body, the surface of which
   is at atmospheric pressure and fluctuates seasonally. The water table is defined by the levels at
- is at atmospheric pressure and fluctuates seasonally. The water table is defined by the levels
   which water stands in wells that penetrate the water body. (See Figure 240-1)
- (88[6]) "Water Well Constructor's License" means a license to construct, alter, deepen,
- abandon or convert wells issued in accordance with ORS 537.747(3). Endorsements are
- 34 issued to the license and are specific to the type of well a constructor is qualified to
- 35 construct, alter, deepen, abandon or convert.
- 36 (89) "Well" means any artificial opening or artificially altered natural opening, however made, by
- which ground water is sought or through which ground water flows under natural pressure, or is artificially withdrawn or injected. This definition shall not include a natural spring, or wells
- drilled for the purpose of exploration or production of oil or gas. Prospecting or exploration for
- 40 geothermal resources as defined in ORS 522.005 or production of geothermal resources derived

- 1 from a depth greater than 2,000 feet as defined in ORS 522.055 is regulated by the Department of
- 2 Geology and Mineral Industries.
- 3 [ED. NOTE: Figures referenced are available from the agency.]
- 4 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 5 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 6 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 2-
- 7 1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert.
- 8 ef. 3-14-03; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04

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# 11 Delegation of Responsibility for Monitoring Wells, Geotechnical Holes and Other Holes

- 12 (1) The Director may, by memorandum of understanding, delegate to another state agency direct
- 13 control and management of monitoring wells, geotechnical holes and other holes when the other
- state agency implements these standards, as a minimum, for the construction, operation,
- 15 maintenance, and abandonment of monitoring wells, geotechnical holes and other holes.
- (2) Such delegation shall be revoked at such time as the agency intentionally or repeatedly fails toenforce the standards.
- 18 (3) The Water Resources Department shall provide notice to all Oregon licensed **M**[*m*]onitoring
- and W[w] ater S[s] upply W[w] ell C[c] onstructors and professional geologists and civil engineers
- registered in Oregon whenever authority is delegated to or revoked from another state agency.
- 22 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 23 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 24 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 2-
- 25 1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01

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# 28 Geotechnical Holes: General Performance and Responsibility Requirements

29 (1) A geotechnical hole is defined in OAR 690-240-0010(35). Geotechnical holes may be either

30 cased or uncased and are constructed to evaluate subsurface data or information (geologic,

31 hydrogeologic, chemical, or other physical characteristics). Geotechnical holes are not "wells"

- 32 because their construction and/or duration of use are different than wells and therefore are not
- subject to the same requirements as wells. Geotechnical holes are broken into the followingclassifications:
- 35 (a) Temporary (abandoned within 72 hours) geotechnical holes;
- 36 (b) Cased permanent geotechnical holes;
- 37 (c) Uncased permanent geotechnical holes; or
- 38 (d) Slope stability geotechnical holes.

- 1 (2) A geotechnical hole report, signed by the responsible professional, must be submitted to the
- 2 department if any of the criteria listed in subsections (a) through (d) below is met. The
- 3 geotechnical hole is:
- 4 (a) Greater than 18 feet deep; or
- 5 (b) Within 50 feet of a water supply or monitoring well; or
- 6 (c) Used to make a determination of water quality; or
- 7 (d) Constructed in an area of known or reasonably suspected contamination.
- 8 (3) Geotechnical holes greater than ten feet in depth and less than eighteen feet in depth that do
- not meet any of the criteria spelled out in OAR 690-240-0035(2) shall have a professional person
   as described in OAR 690-240-0035(4)(c) responsible for the construction and abandonment of the
- 11 geotechnical hole but do not require a 'Geotechnical Hole Report' to be filed.
- 12 (4)(a) Although enforcement actions may be exercised against other parties, the landowner of the
- property where the geotechnical hole is constructed is ultimately responsible for the condition,
   use, maintenance, and abandonment of the geotechnical hole;
- (b) Conversion of a geotechnical hole to a water supply or monitoring well shall be considered by
   the Water Resources Department on a case by case basis;
- 17 (c) When a geotechnical hole report is required, or if it is between 10' and 18', any person
- 18 (professional) who is responsible for the construction, alteration or abandonment of a
- 19 geotechnical hole shall have one of the following certifications:
- 20 (A) A current Oregon Monitoring Well Constructor's License;
- 21 (B) A current Oregon Water Supply Well Constructor's License;
- 22 (C) Be registered by the State of Oregon as a Professional Geologist; or
- 23 (D) Be registered by the State of Oregon as a Professional Civil Engineer.
- (d) The professional shall show proof of license or registration and a current photo identificationto Department employees upon request.
- 26 (e) In order to protect the ground water resource, all geotechnical holes shall be constructed,
- operated, used, maintained, and abandoned in such a manner as to prevent contamination or waste
   of ground water, or loss of artesian pressure.
- (f) If the geotechnical hole is completed above ground, it shall have a minimum casing height of
  one foot above finished grade and a lockable cap with lock shall be attached to the top of the
  casing. If a geotechnical hole, except a slope stability hole, is completed flush with the land
  surface, a lockable watertight cap with lock, shall be attached to the top of the casing. A vault or
- monument designed to be watertight, level with the ground surface, shall be installed to prevent
- the inflow of surface water. The cover must be designed to withstand the maximum expectedloadings.
- 36 (5)(a) A 'Geotechnical Hole Report' shall be prepared for each geotechnical hole, including
- unsuccessful geotechnical holes, constructed, altered, converted, or abandoned if the hole meets
- any of the requirements of OAR 690-240-0035(2) above.
- (b) The 'Geotechnical Hole Report' shall be filed with the Department within 30 days of thecompletion of the geotechnical hole;
  - Language to be deleted is in italic and bracketed: [*example*] New language is in bold: **example**

- 1 (c) The report shall be prepared in triplicate on forms furnished or previously approved in writing
- 2 by the Water Resources Department. The original shall be furnished to the Director, the first copy
- 3 shall be retained by the professional, and the second copy shall be given to the landowner or
- 4 customer who contracted for the construction of the geotechnical hole;
- (d) In the event any drilling equipment or other tools are left in a geotechnical hole the
  professional shall enter this fact on the Geotechnical Hole Report;
- 7 (e) A copy of any special authorizations or special standards issued by the Director shall be

attached to the Geotechnical Hole Report. See OAR 690-240-0006 for information concerning
 special standards;

- 10 (f) The report of geotechnical hole construction shall include, as a minimum, the following:
- 11 (A) Landowner name and address;
- 12 (B) Started/Completed date;
- 13 (C) Location of the geotechnical hole by County, Township, Range, Section, tax lot number, if
- assigned, street address, or nearest address, and either the 1/4, 1/4 section or Latitude and
   Longitude as established by a global positioning system (GPS);
- 16 (D) Use of geotechnical hole;
- 17 (E) Type of geotechnical hole;
- 18 (F) Depth;
- (G) Map showing location of geotechnical hole on site must be attached and shall include an
   approximate scale and a north arrow;
- (H) General hydrologic and geologic information as indicated on the Geotechnical Hole Report;
   and
- 23 (I) Such additional information as required by the Department.
- 24 (6) Temporary geotechnical holes:
- 25 (a) Temporary geotechnical holes include but are not limited to: drive points, soil and rock
- 26 borings, temporary sample holes, permeability test holes, and soil vapor holes;
- (b) Temporary geotechnical holes shall be abandoned within 72 hours of initial construction;
- 28 (c) Any temporary casing that has been installed shall be removed as part of the abandonment.
- 29 (7) Cased permanent geotechnical holes:
- 30 (a) Cased permanent geotechnical holes include but are not limited to: gas migration holes,
- 31 cathodic protection holes, vapor extraction holes, and air sparging holes;
- 32 (b) If permanent casing is installed in a geotechnical hole, it shall meet the casing requirements in
- OAR 690-240-0430, 690-210-0210, or 690-210-0190 and the sealing requirements in OAR 690 240-0475.
- 35 (8) Uncased permanent geotechnical holes:
- (a) Uncased permanent geotechnical holes include but are not limited to: pneumatic and electrical
   piezometers;

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- 1 (b) Temporary casing can be used during the construction of the uncased permanent geotechnical
- 2 hole but must be removed prior to completion. Surface casing (5 feet maximum) may be installed
- 3 for placement of logging or recording equipment.
- 4 (9) Slope stability geotechnical holes.
- (a) slope stability geotechnical holes include but are not limited to: slope instrumentation holessuch as slope inclinometers, and slope remedial holes.
- 7 (b) Slope stability geotechnical holes are defined in OAR 690-240-0010(72). Such holes shall be
- 8 constructed, operated, used, maintained, and abandoned in such a manner as to prevent 9 contamination or waste of ground water.
- 10 (c) When a Geotechnical Hole Report is required under OAR 690-240-0035(2) for a slope
- 11 stability geotechnical hole that is constructed to facilitate water level measurements, an affidavit
- 12 from an engineer or geologist qualified to perform geotechnical investigations shall be attached to
- 13 the Geotechnical Hole Report. The affidavit shall have the qualified engineer or geologist's stamp
- 14 on it and shall certify that the slope stability geotechnical hole is on a landslide or a mass-wasting
- 15 feature.
- 16 (10) Geotechnical Holes abandonment:
- 17 (a) Geotechnical holes shall be abandoned so that they do not:
- 18 (A) Connect water bearing zones or aquifers;
- 19 (B) Allow water to move vertically with any greater facility than in the undisturbed condition
- 20 prior to construction of the geotechnical hole; or
- 21 (C) Allow surface water to enter the hole.
- (b) Temporary geotechnical holes constructed to collect a water quality sample shall beabandoned in accordance with OAR 690-240-0510.
- 24 Stat. Auth.: ORS 537.780
- 25 Stats. Implemented:
- 26 Hist.: WRD 2-1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-
- 27 2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04

### 29 **690-240-0055**

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# 30 License Required to Construct Monitoring Wells

- 31 (1) Unless otherwise provided in these rules, any person who constructs, alters or abandons
- monitoring wells for another person shall have a Monitoring Well Constructor's License or work
   under the supervision of a licensed Monitoring Well Constructor.
- 34 (2) If a person advertises services [*and*/]or enters into contracts for the construction, alteration or
- abandonment of monitoring wells for another person, that person shall furnish a \$10,000 Water
- 36 [*Monitoring*] Well Constructor's Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit to the Water Resources
- 37 Commission and must be a licensed M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor. [*This bond or letter*
- 38 *of credit is separate from the bond or letter of credit required for construction of water supply*
- 39 wells.]

- 1 (3) A property owner who constructs, alters, or abandons a monitoring well on their own property
- shall have a Landowner Well Permit as described in OAR 690-240-0340 for each monitoring well
   on which work is done.
- 4 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 5 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 6 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 7 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-
- 8 15-04

## 10 **690-240-0060**

## 11 Monitoring Well Constructor License Examination

- 12 (1) The Water Resources Department administers the written examination required under ORS
- 13 537.747. Separate examinations are administered for each license [*type*] endorsement. The
- 14 Department schedules the examination on the second Monday during the months of January,
- 15 April, July and October. [Only one examination may be taken during each testing period.]
- 16 Examinees must pay a \$20 exam fee. Special accommodations may be given to those individuals

17 who cannot attend the regularly scheduled examination dates. Requests shall be considered on a

- 18 case-by-case basis. The examination tests the applicant's knowledge of:
- 19 (a) Oregon laws and administrative rules on the use of ground water, monitoring well constructor
- 20 licensing requirements, the construction of monitoring wells and/or geotechnical holes, and the
- 21 preparing and filing of Start Cards and Monitoring Well Reports;
- (b) Hydrogeology, the occurrence and movement of ground water and contaminants, and thedesign, construction and development of monitoring wells; and
- (c) Types, uses, and maintenance of drilling tools and equipment, drilling problems and corrective
   procedures, repair of faulty monitoring wells, sealing of monitoring wells, and safety rules and
   practices.
- 27 (2) An applicant who fails to pass [*the*] **an endorsement** examination may retake **an** [*the*]
- examination for the same endorsement after three months and the payment of another
- examination fee.
- 30 (3) Passing examination scores are valid for three years from the date of the examination.
- 31 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 32 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 33 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 34 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01
- 36 **690-240-0065**

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### 37 Monitoring Well Constructor's License, Experience Requirements and Trainee Card

- 38 (1) License. To qualify for a Monitoring Well Constructor's License, a person shall:
- 39 (a) Be at least 18 years old;
- 40 (b) Pass a written examination;

- 1 (c) Have a minimum of one year experience [(52 weeks)], during the previous 36 month period, in
- 2 monitoring well construction, alteration, or abandonment. This experience shall include the
- 3 operation of well drilling machinery for monitoring well construction, alteration, conversion, or
- 4 abandonment on a minimum of fifteen monitoring wells or a demonstration of equivalent
- 5 experience in the operation of well drilling machinery. The following are acceptable as evidence
- 6 of experience:
- (A) Monitoring well reports or rough well logs with applicant's name entered for each of the 15
   wells. The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the construction of
- 9 each monitoring well shall be included on each report or log;
- 10 (B) Income tax returns showing source of drilling income for a period of time, or worker's
- compensation account information or the equivalent may be established to satisfy the one year of
   active construction requirement;
- 13 (C) Any other evidence the Director may deem suitable;
- 14 (D) A license held in another state shall not substitute for required evidence of experience.
- 15 (d) Pay a license fee.
- 16 (2) Trainee. If an applicant passes the written M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor's License
- 17 examination, but cannot meet the experience requirement the Commission may issue a trainee
- 18 card. To qualify for a M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor T[t] rainee C[c] ard, a person must:
- 19 (a) Be at least 18 years old;
- 20 (b) Pass a written examination; and
- 21 (c) Be supervised by a person who holds a **valid** Monitoring Well Constructor's License.
- (3) [A] T[t]rainee C[c]ard. A Trainee Card is valid for three (3) years from the date the
   examination was passed.
- (4) Supervision. Supervision as it relates to any person who holds a Monitoring Well Constructor
   Trainee Card:
- (a) A  $\mathbf{T}[t]$  rainee may operate a cable tool monitoring well drilling machine without a licensed
- 27  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor physically present at the well site only if:
- (A) The licensed constructor can reach the well site within two hours if so requested by an
   authorized representative of the Department; and
- (B) The licensed constructor has signed the rough drilling log within eight working hours prior to
   the representative's visit.
- (b) A licensed Monitoring Well C[*c*]onstructor must physically be on the site at all times when a
   cable tool drilling machine is:
- 34 (A) Drilling within a flowing artesian well;
- 35 (B) Setting or advancing casing;
- 36 (C) Setting liner;
- 37 (D) Perforating casing;
- 38 (E) Setting well screens;

- 1 (F) Placing packers;
- 2 (G) Drilling into, through, or below ground water suspected or known to be contaminated; and
- 3 (H) Placing casing seals.
- 4 (c) A **Monitoring Well Constructor** trainee may operate a non-cable tool monitoring well
- drilling machine without a licensed  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor physically present at the well site only during removal of the drill stem from the monitoring well.
- 7 (d) Activities under subsection (3)(c) of this rule shall proceed only if:
- 8 (A) The licensed **Monitoring Well C**[*c*]onstructor can reach the site within one hour if so 9 requested by an authorized representative of the Department; and
- (B) The licensed Monitoring Well C[c]onstructor has signed the rough drilling log within eight
   working hours prior to the representative's visit.
- (e) An authorized representative of the Department in whose jurisdiction the monitoring well isbeing constructed has the authority to:
- (A) Grant an extension to the time limits stated above when a request, showing good cause, is
   received from the bonded constructor in advance for each particular well; and
- 16 (B) Place additional restrictions on the trainee, including requiring the constructor to be on the
- site at all times while the drilling machine is operating, when the Department representative
- 18 determines that either the drilling environment or the knowledge and/or experience of the trainee
- 19 warrant closer supervision.
- 20 (f) For a **Monitoring Well Constructor** trainee to operate a monitoring well drilling machine
- without a licensed M[m] onitoring W[w]ell C[c] onstructor present, the trainee's card must be endorsed with the name of the bonded M[m] onitoring W[w]ell C[c] onstructor responsible for the construction of the monitoring well.
- 24 (5) Other supervision requirements for persons not licensed or permitted to construct monitoring 25 wells, or who do not hold a  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell **Constructor** trainee card:
- 26 (a) Persons who are in the act of constructing, altering, converting or abandoning monitoring
- wells must be supervised by a licensed Monitoring Well Constructor who is physically present at the well site at all times during construction, alteration, conversion, or abandonment activity.
- (b) The supervising Monitoring Well Constructor is responsible for all applicable statutes and
   rules in construction, alteration, conversion, or abandonment of the monitoring well.
- 31 (6) Persons who satisfy all requirements of ORS 537.747(3) shall be issued a Monitoring Well
- 32 Constructor's License. The responsibilities for **issuing and** securing [*and issuing*] a Monitoring
- 33 Well Constructor's License or trainee card are listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
- (a) The  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense applicant is responsible for:
- 35 (A) Completing an application or renewal form for a new or renewed license or trainee card;
- (B) Submitting the application or renewal form to the Water Resources Department along with
   the required fees;
- (C) Carrying the license or trainee card whenever constructing, altering, converting, or
   abandoning any monitoring well; and

- 1 (D) Providing the Water Resources Department, within 30 days, notification of any change of 2 mailing address.
- (E) Providing the Water Resources Department documentation satisfying the continuing
   education requirements set forth in OAR 690-240-0200 through 690-240-0280.
- 5 (b) The Water Resources Department is responsible for:
- 6 (A) Designing and providing Monitoring Well Constructor license(s) and trainee cards;
- (B) Designing and providing application forms and renewal forms for licenses and application
   forms for trainee cards;
- 9 (C) Processing applications and renewals for licenses and applications for trainee cards; and
- 10 (D) Returning incomplete application and renewal forms to applicants for completion.
- 11 (E) Sending new and renewed licenses to applicants who have completed the application or
- 12 renewal form and submitted the required fee. This does not preclude refusal to renew as outlined 12 in OAB 600, 240, 0070(4)
- 13 in OAR 690-240-0070(4).
- 14 (7) Bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor. For a person to possess a bonded Monitoring
- 15 Well Constructor's License, the person shall provide to the Department a properly executed
- 16 [monitoring] Water W[w]ell C[c] onstructor's B[b] ond or I[i] revocable L[l] etter of C[c] redit.
- 17 The Water Resources Department shall indicate on the constructor's license a bonded 18 classification.
- 19 (8) Representatives of the Water Resources Department may ask anyone constructing, altering, or
- abandoning a monitoring well to present their license or trainee card as proof of eligibility to
- 21 construct, alter, convert, or abandon monitoring wells in the State of Oregon. Licensed
- 22 individuals shall display their license or trainee card and photo identification when they are
- 23 requested to do so by Water Resources Department personnel or other agency personnel to whom
- 24 monitoring well regulation has been delegated.
- 25 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 26 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 27 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 28 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03

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### 31 Terms of Monitoring Well Constructor License and License Fees

- (1) The Department issues all M[m]onitoring W[w]ell C[c]onstructor licenses. License fees are
   established by ORS 537.747. A penalty applies to late renewals.
- 34 (2) Fees for new licenses and renewal licenses are the same. The fee for a two year license is
- 35 \$150. All licenses expire on June 30 of the second year.
- 36 (3) A \$100 penalty applies when a licensee renews a license [*after*] within 12 months of the
- 37 expiration date. There is no charge for a Trainee Card.
- 38 (4) Monitoring W[w]ell C[c] onstructors who have not made arrangements with the Water
- 39 Resources Department to pay civil penalties which are assessed against them shall not be issued a
- 40 license renewal or a new license until after arrangements for payment have been agreed to by the

- 1 Department. Monitoring W[w]ell C[c]onstructors who have made arrangements for payment of
- 2 civil penalties and have failed to meet the terms of the agreement, except in certain cases of
- 3 bankruptcy, may not have their license renewed or a new license issued until all outstanding civil
- 4 penalties owed to the Department have been paid.
- 5 Stat. Auth.: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 6 Stats. Implemented: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 7 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01
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## 10 **Documentation**

- 11 (1) Each licensee is responsible for maintaining their continuing education records. Except as
- 12 provided in OAR 690-240-0270(2), each licensee shall provide the Department with evidence of
- 13 compliance with the continuing education requirement on a form approved by the Continuing
- 14 Education Committee prior to or at the time of license renewal.
- 15 (2) Licensees who do not provide documentation of completion of the continuing education
- requirement or receive a waiver shall not have their license(s), or appropriate endorsement(s),
   renewed until this requirement is satisfied.
- 18 (3) Licensees who provide documentation of completion of the continuing education requirement
- 19 within the 12 months after their license [*or endorsement*] expires may either pay the \$100 late
- 20 penalty fee or requalify for a new M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor's L[l] icense or
- endorsement in accordance with ORS 537.747(3). If a licensee fails to provide documentation of
- 22 completion of the continuing education requirement within 12 months after expiration of their
- license or endorsement the person must comply with the requirements of ORS 537.747(3) for a
- new  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense or endorsement.
- (4) CECs acquired during a renewal period in excess of the minimum CECs required may not beapplied to future licensing periods.
- (5) When an individual obtains a new  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense that
- expires within 14 months or less, the continuing education requirement shall be prorated such that
- only seven (7) CECs are required at the first renewal. Of the seven (7) required CECs:
- 30 (a) A maximum of two (2) CECs may be in Hazardous Materials training;
- 31 (b) A maximum of two (2) CECs may be in safety/first aid/CPR; and
- (c) A minimum of one (1) CEC shall pertain to ground water and well construction statutes under
   ORS 537.505 to 537.795 and 537.992, and administrative rules under OAR 690-200 through 690 240
- 34 240.

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- 35 Stat. Auth.: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 36 Stats. Implemented: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 37 Hist.: WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03
- 39 **690-240-0280**
- 40 Waivers

- 1 (1) The Director may waive the continuing education requirements for a licensed  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring
- 2 **W**[*w*]ell **C**[*c*]onstructor upon written request demonstrating inability to attend continuing
- education courses because of health, military duty or other circumstances beyond the control of
   the constructor.
- 5 (2) Licensees who are denied a waiver may appeal to the Commission by filing a written
- 6 exception with the Department within 60 days of service of the Director's order.
- 7 Stat. Auth.: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 8 Stats. Implemented: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 9 Hist.: WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03
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# 12 **Contracting for Services**

- 13 Only Oregon licensed and bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructors may advertise services
- 14 or enter into a contract, either written or oral, to construct, alter, convert, or abandon a

15 monitoring well. Any written bid for a project which includes the construction, alteration,

- 16 conversion, or abandonment of a monitoring well must provide:
- 17 (1) A bid or estimate for the work associated with monitoring well construction signed by a
- 18  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor, who is licensed and bonded in the State of Oregon.
- 19 (2) A statement by the licensed and bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor that the work
- 20 will be completed in accordance with Oregon Ground Water Law (ORS chapter 537) and the
- 21 Rules for the Construction, Maintenance, Alteration, Conversion, and Abandonment of
- Monitoring Wells, Geotechnical Holes, and Other Holes in Oregon (OAR chapter 690, division 240).
- 24 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 25 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 26 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 27 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 28 0075

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# 30 **690-240-0330**

# 31 Monitoring Well Constructor and Landowner Well Bonds or Letters of Credit

- 32 (1) The Water Resources Department shall accept bonds only from corporations licensed by the
- 33 Oregon Department of Insurance and Finance to issue fidelity and surety insurance. The Water
- Resources Department shall accept irrevocable letters of credit only from a bank as described in OPS 706 008
- 35 ORS 706.008.
- 36 (2) If the issuing corporation cancels a bond, the corporation shall provide notice of cancellation
- to the Water Resources Department by registered or certified mail. If the issuing bank cancels a
- 38 letter of credit, the bank shall provide notice of cancellation to the Water Resources Department
- by registered or certified mail. The cancellation shall not take effect earlier than the 30th day after
- 40 the date of mailing in accordance with ORS 742.366(2).

- 1 (3) When issuing a final enforcement order that may place a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in
- 2 jeopardy, the Director may mail a copy of the order to the address of record of the surety
- 3 company issuing the bond, or the bank issuing the irrevocable letter of credit.
- 4 (4) All [monitoring] wells shall be constructed under a bond or irrevocable letter of credit. The
- 5 bond or letter of credit shall cover construction, alteration, conversion, or abandonment for each
- 6 well under that bond or letter of credit for a period of three years after the date the well report is
- filed with the commission, whether or not the bond or letter of credit has been subsequently
   canceled.
- 9 [(5) Water supply wells and monitoring wells are covered under separate bonds.]
- 10 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 11 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 12 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 13 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 14 0080

## 16 **690-240-0340**

# 17 Landowner Well Construction Permit, Fee and Bond

- 18 (1) The Water Resources Commission requires a permit, permit fee, and bond or irrevocable letter
- 19 of credit, for each monitoring well constructed, altered, converted, or abandoned by a landowner,
- unless the landowner is a licensed and bonded M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor. The

# 21 landowner permit and bond shall be obtained prior to beginning work on a well.

- 22 (2) To receive a Landowner Well permit, a person must submit the following to the Director:
- 23 (a) A completed application form provided by the Commission, containing, as a minimum:
- 24 (A) The property owner's name, address and telephone number;
- 25 (B) The surety company's name, address and telephone number;
- (C) The proposed location of the well by township, range, section, tax-lot number if assigned, and
   street address;
- 28 (D) The proposed use of the monitor well; and
- 29 (E) The type of proposed work; and
- 30 (F) Well design plan on form approved by the Department.
- (b) A properly executed L[l] and owner's [monitoring] Water W[w] ell B[b] ond or I[i] revocable
- 32  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  etter of  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  redit for \$5,000 to the State of Oregon; and
- 33 (c) A \$25 permit fee.
- 34 (3) Only the owner of record, a member of the immediate family of the owner of record, or a full
- time employee of the owner of record, (whose main duties are other than the construction of
- 36 wells), may operate a well drilling machine under a landowner's permit.
- (4) A landowner permit issued pursuant to these rules shall expire six months from the date ofissuance.

- 1 (a) A monitor well report shall be submitted within 30 days of expiration of the landowner permit, 2 or within 30 days of completion of the well, whichever occurs first.
- (5) If the landowner permit expires, a landowner may reapply for a new landowner permit by
   complying with the requirements described in sections (1), (2) and (3) of this rule.
- 4 comprising with the requirements deserved in sections (1), (2) and (3) of this fulle.
- 5 (6) The Department may deny a landowner permit if it is determined that the construction,
- alteration, abandonment, or conversion of the proposed well is a health threat, a health hazard, a
   source of contamination, or a source of waste of the ground water resource.
- 8 Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, 536, 537 & 540
- 9 Stats. Implemented:
- 10 Hist.: WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 2-2002, f. & cert. ef. 9-6-02; WRD 1-2003, f.
- 11 & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-0082; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04
- 12 13 **690-240-0355**

## 14 Monitoring Well Drilling Machines

- 15 (1) All monitoring well drilling machines being operated, other than under a landowner's permit,
- shall be plainly marked either with the bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's license
- 17 number, the name of the bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor, or the name of the well
- drilling business. The markings shall be permanently affixed on each side of the vehicle. Good
- 19 quality paint or commercial decal numbers shall be used in placing the identification information
- 20 on the drilling machine. In no case shall the constructor's license number, name, or business
- name, be inscribed with crayon, chalk, marking keel, pencil, or other temporary markings.
- (2) In all cases, the license number, name, or business name, of the bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring
- 23 W[w]ell C[c]onstructor shall be removed from the drilling machine immediately upon change of 24 ownership or change of control of the drilling machine.
- 25 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 26 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 27 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 28 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 29 0085

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# 31 **690-240-0375**

# 32 Monitoring Well Construction Notice Required (Start Card)

- 33 (1) Each bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor licensed to operate in the State of
- 34 Oregon and each landowner holding a landowner's permit shall provide notice as required in ORS
- <sup>35</sup> 537.762 before commencing the construction, alteration, or abandonment of any monitoring well
- or conversion of any other hole, geotechnical hole, or water supply well to a monitoring well. The
- 37 start card shall contain the following information:
- 38 (a) Name and mailing address of the landowner;
- 39 (b) Street address of the well;
- 40 (c) The approximate location of the monitoring well; and
- (d) The proposed depth, diameter, and purpose or use if the well is new, altered, or converted.
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   New language is in bold: **example**

- 1 (2) All start cards for new monitoring wells, deepening a well, or conversion of other holes,
- 2 geotechnical holes, or water supply wells shall be submitted with a \$125 start card fee. A start
- 3 card fee is not required to abandon a monitoring well. OAR 690-240-0340 shall apply to
- 4 landowners who construct, alter, convert, or abandon a monitoring well.
- 5 (3) Forms for making these reports and submitting fees shall be furnished by the Water Resources6 Department.
- (4) Each start card shall be mailed, hand-delivered during regular business hours or transmitted by
   Department-approved electronic submittal to the Water Resources Department in Salem no later
- 9 than the day construction, conversion, alteration, or abandonment is commenced.
- (a) Start cards submitted electronically shall be submitted before commencing construction,
   alteration, conversion or abandonment of any monitoring well.
- 12 (5) In addition to the start card required under section (4) of this rule, the constructor shall
- provide a legible copy of the start card to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
- region office within which the monitoring well is being constructed, altered, converted or
- abandoned before commencing the construction, alteration, conversion or abandonment of anymonitoring well, using one of the following options:
- (a) By regular mail no later than three (3) calendar days (72 hours) prior to commencement ofwork; or
- (b) By hand delivery, during regular office hours, before commencing the construction, alteration,
   conversion or abandonment of any monitoring well; or
- 21 (c) By facsimile transmission (FAX) before commencing the construction, alteration, conversion
- or abandonment of any monitoring well. If this method is used, a legible copy of the start card
   shall also be mailed or delivered to the appropriate OWRD region office no later than the day
- 24 work is commenced.
- (d) Start cards submitted electronically under Section (4)(a) of this rule have satisfied the
   notification requirement to the OWRD region office.
- (6) If a start card has been filed under section (4) and (5) of this rule and additional wells are
  required on the same or contiguous tax lot and for the same landowner, then start cards for the
  additional wells shall be filed no later than the day work begins.
- 30 (7) The Director or region office may provide an alternate means of notification. If an alternative 31 means of notification is used, the start card shall be mailed or delivered to the region office within 32 one week of beginning work on the monitoring well. A  $\mathbf{M}[m]$ onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$ ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$ onstructor
- 33 whose license has been restricted by order shall provide notice as stipulated in the order.
- (8) Once received by the Department, the start card shall be confidential for a period of one year
   after it is received or until the monitoring well report required by OAR 690-240-0395 is received,
   whichever is shorter.
- 37 (9) The start card may be used in an administrative enforcement action at any time, including the
- 38 period of confidentiality. Once the start card is used for enforcement reasons, it is no longer
- 39 confidential.
- NOTE: Region office fax and telephone numbers are listed in Table 240-2. Water Resources
   Department Regional boundaries are shown in Figure 240-2.
  - Language to be deleted is in italic and bracketed: [*example*] New language is in bold: **example**

- 1 [ED. NOTE: Tables and Figures referenced are available from the agency.]
- 2 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 3 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 4 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 2-
- 5 1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 2-2002, f. & cert.
- 6 ef. 9-6-02; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-0090; WRD 4-2004,
- 7 f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04

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# 10 Monitoring Well Report Required (Monitoring Well Log)

- 11 (1) A monitoring well report shall be prepared for each monitoring well constructed, altered,
- 12 converted, or abandoned including unsuccessful monitoring wells. The log shall be certified as
- 13 correct by signature of the M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor constructing the monitoring
- 14 well. The completed log shall also be certified by the bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell
- 15 C[c] onstructor responsible for construction of the monitoring well. A monitoring well report must
- 16 be submitted by each bonded constructor (if drilling responsibility is shifted to a different bonded
- 17 constructor), showing the work performed by each bonded constructor.
- 18 (2) The log shall be prepared in triplicate on forms furnished or previously approved in writing by
- the Water Resources Department. The original shall be furnished to the Director, the first copy shall be retained by the  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor, and the second copy shall be
- 21 given to the customer who contracted for the construction of the monitoring well.
- (3) The bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor shall file the monitoring well log with the Director within 30 day after the completion of the construction, alteration, conversion, or
- abandonment of the monitoring well.
- 25 (4) The trainee or  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor operating the monitoring well drilling
- 26 machine shall maintain a rough log of all geologic strata encountered and all materials used in the
- 27 construction of the monitoring well. This log shall be available for inspection by the Watermaster
- or other authorized agent of the Water Resources Department or other delegated agency
- representative at any time before the monitoring well report is received by the Department. The
- 30 rough drilling log shall be in handwritten or electronic form, or a voice recording.
- (5) In the event a constructor leaves any drilling equipment or other tools in a monitoring well
   this fact shall be entered on the monitoring well report.
- (6) A copy of any special authorizations or special standards issued by the Director shall be
   attached to the monitoring well report.
- 35 (7) The report of monitoring well construction required in section (1) of this rule shall be
- recorded on a form provided or previously approved in writing by the Department. The form shall
   include, as a minimum, the following:
- 38 (a) Name and Address of Landowner;
- 39 (b) Started/Completed date;

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- 1 (c) Location of the well by county, Township, Range, Section, tax lot number, if assigned,] street
- 2 address, or nearest address, and either the 1/4, 1/4 section or Latitude and Longitude as
- 3 established by a global positioning system (GPS);
- 4 (d) Start card number;
- 5 (e) Well identification label number (well tag number);
- 6 (f) Use of well;
- 7 (g) Type of work;
- 8 (h) Type and amount of sealant used and measured weight of the grout slurry as required in OAR
  9 690-240-0475(2)(g);
- 10 (i) Temperature of water;
- (j) Map showing location of monitoring well on site, must be attached and shall include an
- 12 approximate scale and a north arrow;
- 13 (k) Such additional information as required by the Department.
- 14 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 15 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & 537.505 537.795
- 16 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 17 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 18 0095; WRD 4-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04

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### 21 Monitoring Well Development

- 22 (1) The monitoring well development shall not affect the integrity of the casing or seal.
- 23 Monitoring well development shall not occur prior to 24 hours after annular seal placement if
- cement grout or a bentonite grout slurry is used, or 12 hours after annular seal placement if dry
- 25 bentonite is used. The well may be developed prior to placement of the annular sealing material.
- 26 (2) The monitoring well development should:
- 27 (a) Remove any water or drilling fluid introduced into the well during drilling;
- 28 (b) Stabilize the filter pack and formation materials opposite the well screen;
- 29 (c) Minimize the amount of fine-grained sediment entering the well; and
- 30 (d) Maximize well efficiency.
- 31 (3) As long as the well is not altered, the monitoring well development may be performed by
- 32 other than a licensed and bonded M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor.
- 33 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 34 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 35 Hist.: WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-
- 36 2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-0131

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### 39 **Completion of Monitoring Wells**

- 1 (1) A  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor or permitted landowner constructing their own well
- 2 shall not remove the drilling machine from a monitoring well site, unless it is immediately
- 3 replaced by another monitoring well drilling machine in operating condition, prior to completion
- 4 or abandonment of the monitoring well in compliance with OAR 690-240-0005 through 690-240-
- 5 0540.
- 6 (2) Installation of the protective metal posts does not require a M[m] onitoring W[w] ell
- 7  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense, providing the surface seal is not disturbed.
- (3) Installation of the protective posts described in OAR 690-240-0420 shall be completed within
   one week of placement of the seal.
- 10 (4) If installation of the protective measures as described in OAR 690-240-0420 are not
- 11 completed within 24 hours of seal placement, the monitoring well shall be marked using one of
- 12 the following methods:
- 13 (a) Placement of three stakes around the well connected with fluorescent survey tape;
- 14 (b) Placement of construction barricades around the well; or
- 15 (c) Use of other protective measures as approved by the Water Resources Department.
- 16 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 17 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 18 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 19 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 20 0132
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# 23 Abandonment of Monitoring Wells

- Proper abandonment of monitoring wells will prevent both vertical movement of water within the well bore and infiltration of surface water into the well:
- 26 (1) In areas where ground water contamination has been identified, except as described in number
- (4) below, abandonment shall require the borehole to be completely redrilled to a minimum of the
  original diameter. All casing, screen, annular sealing material, drill cuttings, debris, and filter
  pack material shall be removed prior to sealing.
- 30 (2) In areas where ground water contamination has not been identified, if it can be verified that
- the monitoring well was constructed in accordance with these rules, it shall be abandoned by
- filling the well from the bottom up with an approved sealant as described in OAR 690-240-0475.
- 33 The casing shall then be removed below grade, as compatible with local site conditions and land
- 34 practices. The following are acceptable methods of original well construction verification:
- 35 (a) A well report in accordance with OAR 690-240-0395;
- 36 (b) Well construction information submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;
- 37 (c) Information obtained through down-hole geophysical logging; or
- 38 (d) Other information as approved by the Water Resources Department.

- 1 (3) In areas where ground water contamination is not present, and if the monitoring well
- 2 construction cannot be verified by means listed in section (2) of this rule, the well shall be
- 3 abandoned according to section (1) of this rule.
- 4 (4) In contaminated areas where remediation has occurred, an approved special standard is
- 5 required to abandon a well unless it is abandoned according to section (1) of this rule.
- 6 Abandonment procedures will be considered on a case by case basis. The Department will consult
- 7 with the state or federal agency that supervised the remediation in determining the appropriate
- 8 abandonment method. In cases where there was no agency oversight, the Department will
- 9 consider any information supplied by the licensed and bonded  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell
- 10 **Constructor** [driller] in determining the appropriate abandonment procedure.
- 11 (5) Grout slurries shall be placed from the bottom up by a grout pipe to avoid segregation or
- 12 dilution of the sealant. The discharge end of the grout pipe shall be submerged in the grout to
- avoid breaking the seal while filling the annular space. Grout slurries used to abandon monitoring
- 14 wells shall conform to the requirements of OAR 690-240-0475.
- 15 (6) The abandonment procedure shall be recorded on a form provided by or previously approved
- in writing by the Department. The form shall include, as a minimum, all the requirements as listed
   in OAR 690-240-0395, plus:
- 18 (a) Method of abandonment;
- (b) If assigned, the well identification number, original start card number, and owner's wellnumber of the abandoned well.
- 21 (7) When abandoning artesian monitoring wells, in addition to sections (1)-(6) of this rule, the
- flow shall be confined or restricted by cement grout applied under pressure, or by the use of a
- suitable well packer, or a wooden plug placed at the bottom of the confining formation
- immediately above the artesian water bearing zone. An approved sealant shall be used to fill thewell to land surface as specified in OAR 690-240-0475.
- (8) Monitoring wells that were constructed under special standards will require the abandonment
   method to be approved by the Department.
- 28 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 29 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 30 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 31 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 32 0135 33
- 34 **690-240-0560**

# 35 Investigation of Alleged Violations

- 36 (1) The Water Resources Director, upon the Director's own initiative, or upon complaint alleging
- 37 violation of statutes, standards or rules governing licensing of M[m] onitoring W[w] ell
- C[c] onstructors and/or, construction, alteration, conversion, maintenance, or abandonment of
- 39 monitoring wells, geotechnical holes or other holes may cause an investigation to determine
- 40 whether a violation has occurred. If the investigation indicates that a violation has occurred, the
- 41 Director shall notify the persons believed responsible for the violation including but not limited
- 42 to:

- 1 (a) Any  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor involved;
- 2 (b) The landowner, if the violation involves construction, alteration, conversion, maintenance,
- 3 operation or abandonment of a well, geotechnical hole, or other hole;
- 4 (c) The agency that has been delegated authority over a particular class of wells, geotechnical
   5 holes, or other holes and/or
- 6 (d) Any registered geologist or civil engineer in construction, alteration, or abandonment of a
   7 geotechnical hole.
- 8 (2) Enforcement and civil penalty assessment for "other than well constructors" is described in
  9 OAR 690-260.
- 10 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.7952
- 11 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 12 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 2-
- 13 1995, f. 5-17-95, cert. ef. 7-1-95; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert.
- 14 ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-0150
- 16 **690-240-0580**

#### 17 Enforcement Actions

- 18 (1) If, after notice and opportunity for hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.550 the Director
- determines that one or more violations have occurred, the Director may impose one or more of thefollowing:
- 21 (a) Provide a specified time for remedy;
- (b) Assess a civil penalty in accordance with the schedule of civil penalties in OAR 690-240 0640;
- (c) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license(s) when one or more persons responsible for the violation hold a  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor's  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense;
- 26 (d) Require that a person whose license has been refused renewal pass the M[m] onitoring
- 27 W[w]ell C[c]onstructor's License examination before a new license is issued or the current
- 28 license is renewed;
- (e) Impose any reasonable conditions on the M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor's L[l] icense
- to ensure correction of the violation and future compliance with the law. These conditions may include but are not limited to:
- (A) Fulfilling any outstanding obligations which are the result of administrative action before the
   constructor can offer any services or construct, alter, convert, or abandon any monitoring well;
- (B) Requiring additional advance notice to be given to the Department of construction, alteration
   or abandonment of any monitoring well;
- 36 (C) Requiring a seal placement notice be given to the Department up to 72 hours in advance of
   37 placing the seal; or
- 38 (D) Any other conditions the Director deems appropriate.

- 1 (f) Order the landowner to repair or meet other conditions on use of the well, or order
- 2 discontinuance of the use and order proper abandonment pursuant to ORS 537.775;
- 3 (g) Make demand on the Water [monitoring] W[w]ell C[c]onstructor's bond or the
- 4  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  and owner's Water Well  $\mathbf{B}[b]$  ond. This may occur only if the Director has given the notice
- 5 required in OAR 690-240-0560 to the persons responsible for the violation within three years
- 6 after the date the monitoring well report is filed with the Department. If no monitoring well report
- 7 has been filed, the three year limitation shall not apply until such time as a well report is filed; or
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- 9 (h) Take any other action authorized by law.
- 10 (2) An order may specify a schedule of escalating or cumulative sanctions to be assessed on
- 11 specified dates until the violation has been satisfactorily corrected.
- 12 (3) Any  $\mathbf{M}[m]$  onitoring  $\mathbf{W}[w]$  ell  $\mathbf{C}[c]$  onstructor whose license is suspended or revoked shall **not**
- 13 contract for well construction services or operate well drilling machines in the State of
- 14 **Oregon** [*be considered not licensed*] during the [*period of*] suspension or revocation **period**. [*The*
- 15 appropriate provisions of OAR 690-240 shall apply.]
- 16 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 17 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 18 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 19 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 20 0155

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# 23 Change in Enforcement Status

- (1) In the interest of achieving compliance, the Director at any time may reevaluate the status of
   the violation(s) and take appropriate action, including reduction of the enforcement level or
   remission of all or part of any civil penalties assessed.
- 27 (2) The Director may terminate proceedings against a M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor if 28 the constructor provides acceptable evidence that:
- (a) The landowner does not permit the constructor to be present at any inspection made by theDirector; or
- 31 (b) That the constructor is capable of complying with recommendations made by the Director, but
- 32 the landowner does not permit the constructor to comply. In such cases, the landowner is
- responsible for bringing the well into compliance pursuant to ORS 537.535, and if the landowner
- 34 was not a party to the original enforcement proceeding the Director may initiate a proceeding to
- 35 ensure that the landowner does so.
- 36 Stat. Auth.: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 37 Stats. Implemented: ORS 537 & ORS 742
- 38 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 7-2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f.
- 39 & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-0170
- 40 41 **690-240-0640**

#### 1 Schedule of Civil Penalties

- 2 (1) The amount of civil penalty shall be determined consistent with the following schedule:
- (a) Not less than \$25 nor more than \$250 for each occurrence defined in these rules as a minor
   violation;
- 5 (b) Not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 for each occurrence defined in these rules as a major 6 violation;
- 7 (c) First occurrence, in a calendar year, of a missing or late start card fee shall be \$150;
- 8 (d) Second occurrence, in a calendar year, of a missing or late start card fee shall be \$250; and
- 9 (e) Third, and each subsequent, occurrence, in a calendar year, of a missing or late start card fee
- shall be \$250 and may include suspension of the M[m] onitoring W[w] ell C[c] onstructor's
- 11  $\mathbf{L}[l]$  icense, and any other action authorized by law.
- 12 (2) For purposes of assessing a civil penalty, the start card fee referred to in subsections (1)(c),
- 13 (d), and (e) of this rule shall not be considered late if it is received in the Salem office of the
- 14 Water Resources Department within five days of the receipt of the start card, provided the start
- 15 card was submitted in a timely manner as defined in OAR 690-240-0375.
- 16 (3) Table 240-3 lists minor violations related to monitoring well construction and geotechnical
- 17 holes. All other violations are declared to be major.
- 18 [ED. NOTE: Tables referenced are available from the agency.]
- 19 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 20 Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.090 & ORS 537.505 ORS 537.795
- 21 Hist.: WRD 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-90; WRD 8-1993, f. 12-14-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; WRD 7-
- 22 2001, f. & cert. ef. 11-15-01; WRD 1-2003, f. & cert. ef. 3-14-03; Renumbered from 690-240-
- 23 0180