

MEETING MINUTES
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)
September 23, 2008
Teleconference hosted at Detroit Conference Room
North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A
Salem, Oregon 97301

GWAC Members Present		Staff Present	Others
Lynne Paretchan	Bob Jones	Doug Woodcock	Jerry Rodgers
Jim Mack Sr	John Stadel	Kris Byrd	Ivan Gall
Tim Smith	Nitin Joshi	Donn Miller	
Greg Kupillas			
(Marilyn Reeves - excused absence)			

I. **Call to Order** – Tim Smith, Chair

II. **Approval of Minutes for the 8/15/08 Meeting**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

III. **Advice on Proposed Well Construction Rule Changes**

Jerry Rodgers, Administrator for the Technical Services Division, presented this item. Jerry said that a rules advisory committee (RAC) assisted the Department in the current rulemaking. The RAC met four times in July and August, resulting in draft rules that seek changes in five rule divisions of OAR 690. The Department recently held hearings on the proposed rule changes in Pendleton, Bend, and Salem. No testimony was given.

The proposed rule changes address numerous issues. Jerry pointed out that the proposed definition of “Altering a Well” is clarified and notes that pitless adapter installation would no longer be an alteration. The proposed rules also provide for the use of bentonite to abandon water supply wells. Greg asked if these provisions could apply to the abandonment of monitoring wells. Doug said that such changes would require another round of rulemaking since the appropriate rule division for such changes was not referenced in the public notice.

GWAC identified the need for two corrections in the proposed rules. John pointed out that there was a misspelling in OAR 690-240-0010(3). The word spelling should be re-perforating. Greg asked about the meaning of a statement in OAR 690-220-0115(12). Doug said that there was an error and the proposed language should read “...Hydration shall be limited to a minimum depth of 50 feet below land surface.” The reference to maximum was incorrect.

GWAC voted to approve the proposed rules as corrected by the two changes.

IV. **Public Comment** – None given

Audio-files of the meeting are available.