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RULE CAPTION

Well Construction Rules Regarding Special Area Standards, Definitions, Rule Clarifications, Setbacks, Dug Wells and Peizometers.

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

Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
4-22-15	5:00 p.m.	Mosier Grange, 900 4th Ave, Mosier, OR 97040	Kristopher Byrd
4-24-15	9:00 a.m.	North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St. NE, Room 124A, Salem, OR	Kristopher Byrd

RULEMAKING ACTION

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

ADOPT:

AMEND:

690-200-0020, 690-200-0028, 690-200-0050

690-205-0185

690-210-0030, 690-210-0130, 690-210-0140, 690-210-0150, 690-210-0155, 690-210-0190, 690-210-0220, 690-210-0230, 690-210-0270, 690-210-0270, 690-210-0320, 690-210-0380, 690-210-0400, 690-210-0410, 690-210-0420

690-215-0200

690-220-0115

690-240-0005, 690-240-0355, 690-240-0475, 690-240-0525

REPEAL:

690-215-0015

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

This rulemaking includes a number of changes regarding well construction. The changes include the following:

- Establishing special area standards for the Mosier area of Wasco County. The Mosier area has declining water levels due, in part, to improper well construction. These proposed rules address the construction of new wells in the Mosier area by requiring the licensed well

constructor responsible to consult with the Water Resources Department prior to the permanent installation of casing and seal material. In addition, the rules require an additional notice period prior to the start of construction activities to allow the Department time to research information regarding the location of the proposed well and to have discussions about the proposed construction methods. Also, the proposed rules require the installation of a dedicated measuring tube at the time of pump installation, repair or replacement so that the water level in the well can be determined at any time.

- Clarifying responsibilities regarding certain well and geotechnical hole construction, maintenance, alteration, conversion and abandonment activities.
- Clarifying the classification of injection wells installed for remediation purposes.
- Modifying the definition of silt so the definition in Division 200 matches the definition in Division 240.
- Correcting old and incorrect rule and table references and removing dates in rule that have expired.
- Clarifying the construction standards for dug wells.
- Establishing setback standards from permanent structures for new water wells in order to allow access for drilling equipment.
- Clarifying the protection methods for piezometers.
- Clarifying the location where constructor information is placed on a drilling machine.

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

<u>04-24-2015 5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Joshua Spansail</u>	<u>joshua.a.spansail@wrd.state.or.us</u>
Last Day (m/d/yyyy) and Time for public comment	Rules Coordinator Name	Email Address

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