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"Well Said" is a production of the Oregon Water Resources Department's Well Construction Program and is designed to inform the public about program activities and other items of interest.

Questions or suggestions concerning this newsletter can be directed to Rob Carter at (503) 378-8455 x283, or by e-mail: Robert.L.Carter@wrд.state.or.us.

The Water Resources Department began selling CD-ROMs containing well report information June 1, 1998. Each CD contains approximately 10,000 well logs so, as you can imagine, it takes quite a few CDs to cover the entire state. We have divided up the state into 12 geographic regions. People can purchase one or more of the regions depending on the amount of coverage they desire. Each region contains one to four CDs. We plan on producing a single product per year. We will then issue monthly updates of the new information received since the last yearly product. Our first product is based on data extracted from the GRID database during May, 1998.

The Department has a web page that provides information about the CD-ROMs, provides a map of the 12 regions, and also allows customers to order CDs. The address for this web page is:

<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/grided/index.html>

To order CDs, a customer indicates the set(s) they would like to purchase on the web page, prints out the invoice, attaches the required amount of money

and mails it to the Department. Upon receiving payment with the invoice, the Department will ship the CDs to the customer. Pricing is based on a per CD cost of \$20 plus shipping and handling. If a geographic region includes three CDs the price would be \$60 plus shipping and handling.

Pricing Information:

Each CD:	\$20 + shipping and handling
Monthly Update Subscription:	\$255 (includes shipping and handling and provides monthly updates for a full year)
Indiv. Month:	\$20 + shipping and handling
Shipping and Handling:	\$10 for 1-9 CDs \$12 for 10-18 CDs \$14 for 19+ CDs

Sample purchases:

Will. Valley	\$272 = \$260 (13 CDs) + \$12 (shipping and handling)
Entire State:	\$534 = \$520 (26 CDs) + \$14 (shipping and handling)

If you have additional questions, please contact Bob DeVyldere at (503) 378-8455 x325 or by e-mail at Bob.J.DeVyldere@state.or.us

Rulemaking Hearings Planned

The Department has scheduled three hearings in July to take public comments on proposed changes the water supply well construction rules. The specific rule in question is *OAR 690-210-030, Placement of Wells*. The proposed rule revision may change where wells can be placed on property. The Department is currently working with a rules advisory committee (RAC) made up of groups that could be effected by the modification. Once the RAC has completed its work and the Ground Water Advisory Committee has made comments, the draft modifications will be available for others to review. This is anticipated to occur in late June. Information will be sent to all licensed and bonded well constructors at that time.

The public hearings on the modifications are scheduled as follows:

July 14: 6pm Water Resources Department, Conference Room C 158 12th Street, Salem

July 15: 6pm Josephine County Courthouse, Room 157 NW 6th and C, Grants Pass

July 16: 6pm Deschutes County Office Bld., Assessor's Conf. Room 1340 NW Wall Street, Bend

Upon completion of the hearings for this rule modification effort, the Department will begin

discussing more broad-scope changes to the rules. This effort will likely involve the same rules advisory committee and will address changes to the water supply and monitoring well construction rules as well as the rules for geotechnical and other hole construction.

If you have any questions concerning these issues, please contact Rob Carter at (503) 378-8455 x283.

You May Find More Than Water Underground...

Just one call locates underground utilities and prevents accidents

Before starting a drilling project or even just digging in your yard, there is one very important call to make... The Oregon **One-Call Center** is a vital first step to drilling safely, and is available 24 hours a day at **1-800-332-2344**. Underneath your feet is buried a myriad of electric, natural gas, fiber-optic, telephone, cable-television, water, and sewer lines. One wrong move can cause death or injury due to an explosion or electric shock. Hundreds or thousands of residents might be cut off from heat, electricity, telephones, 911 calls, and other vital services. Before you start up the rig, pick up the phone! The **One-Call Center** incorporates a statewide database of underground utilities, allowing you to drill in safety.

Calling before you dig or drill not only prevents injury and accidents,

but is also the law! Oregon state law requires you to contact the **One-Call Center** at least two business days prior to drilling. For more information, call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at (503) 232-1987.

Utility Locate Checklist:

Have the following checklist ready before you call:

1. Caller name - Telephone number
2. Alternate name - Telephone number
3. Will work be taking place within 10 feet of overhead power lines?
4. Type of work
5. Who work is done for
6. City, County, State
7. Location of work/street address
8. Nearest intersecting street
9. Distance and direction from intersecting street
10. Extent of work
11. Special instructions for marking
12. Township, range and section (if possible)

REMEMBER... CALL BEFORE YOU DIG or DRILL! 1-800-332-2344

It's That Time of the Year Again!

Well constructor licenses expire June 30 of each year, unless you are on the 5 year plan. If you haven't checked in awhile now is a good time to pull your license out and see when it expires. If it expires 6/30/98 and you have not yet received a 'Renewal Form'

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from the Department, please call Tracy Eichenlaub at (503) 378-8455 x218 to request one. If your renewal form is postmarked after June 30, 1998, there is a \$50.00 late fee, no exceptions. So, it is worthwhile to take care of it now.

Owner Means Owner

When filing out your well reports, it is very important to list the actual owner of the physical property on which the well was drilled in the "Owner/Project" section of the well report. Even if the work is being done for another party, the true owner of the property is required. This insures that we send the "Well Ownership Information Form" to the proper party.

WRD Offices Move

Two Department region offices have moved recently. Their new address and phone numbers are listed below. Please make a note of the changes.

NC Region Office
116 SE Dorian
Pendleton, OR 97801
(541) 278-5456
FAX (541) 278-0287

SW Region Office
942 SW 6th St, Suite E
Grants Pass, OR 97526
(541) 471-2886
FAX (541) 471-2876

Please forward this information to others in your organization.
