

Well Said

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News from the Water Resources Department's Well Construction Program

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It has been about six months since I replaced Rob Carter as the Well Construction Specialist. What better time than to continue the tradition he started in publishing the Well Said newsletter. Rob is doing well and is progressing toward his goal of obtaining a teaching degree. I have enjoyed the challenge of the first six months and look forward to the future. I have not met as many people as I hoped to but plan on meeting many of you in the upcoming year. If you have any questions about the well construction program or would like to set up a meeting with me please don't hesitate to call. Mike McCord (503) 378-8455, extension 283

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE UPDATE

The Department will soon be reconvening the Rules Advisory Committee(RAC) to continue updating the draft Administrative Rules that pertain to both monitoring and water wells. As some of you may recall, this effort was started last year. After the RAC meetings, a proposed version of the rules will be circulated for public review. We will accept written comments on the proposed rules and also hold public hearings. If you wish to obtain a copy of the draft rules or find out when the public hearings will be held please contact me at (503) 378-8455, ext. 283. We anticipate having a draft set of rules available this spring.

"GRID" UNLOCKED

Our new year's resolution was to phase out GRID Online and make GRID WEB available to the public. Unlike most resolutions, we have been able to keep

this one. GRID WEB allows people to view well log images by using a standard web browser. It can be accessed through the Department's web page at www.wrd.state.or.us. GRID WEB offers more features, is easier to use and best of all it is *free*. If you need to access logs faster than a speeding modem, access logs offline or print batches of logs, then you may be interested in purchasing the GRID CD's. The CD's can be ordered online from the Department's Web Page. GRID Online is still available, but support for it will be limited to well drillers with an existing account who file well logs electronically. If you have any questions about the Department's GRID system please contact Kathy Geers at (503) 378-8455, ext. 313 or at Kathy.J.Geers@state.or.us

"Who's Who, What's What?"

The following is a brief list of not so common borings and the applicable standard.

<u>Boring</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Air Sparging	Geotech. Hole
Construction Hole	Other Hole
Dewatering Well	Water Well
Heat Exch. (closed)	Geotech. Hole
Heat Exchange (open)	Water Well
Inclinometer	Geotech. Hole
Observation Hole	Monitor Well
Piezometer Well	Monitor Well
Sump	Other Hole

For a complete listing of the applicable standard for different types of borings please contact Mike McCord.

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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 Mike McCord at (503) 378-8455 x283, or by e-mail: michael.l.mccord@ wrd.state.or.us.

SPECIAL STANDARDS

If you believe that a well cannot be constructed to meet the minimum standards then special well construction standards need to be obtained prior to construction. When a situation is encountered where special standards may be needed, please remember to call and discuss the situation prior to completing the construction. It is not the Department's policy to issue special standards after the fact. Special standards may be issued by Mike McCord, Dave Jarrett or the appropriate Regional Manager. If you are unfamiliar with how the special standard process works or need a current copy of the request form please contact any one of the individuals mentioned above.

Staff Changes

Larry McQueen is now working for the Department in the Well I. D. Program. He takes the place of Lisa Juul who is temporarily working in the adjudications division. Lisa's experience and knowledge are surely missed. However, Larry is a fast learner, very enthusiastic and a welcome addition to the agency. He can be reached at (503) 378-8455, ext. 260.

Other Enforcement Section

Staff are:

Dave Jarrett, Manager - ext.220

Tracy Eichenlaub, Licensing and

Compliance Officer ext. - 218

Laurie Norton, Well Log Information

Specialist - ext. 304

Landowner Name / Address on Well Reports

When completing Well Reports please be sure to 1) verify who the actual landowner of the property is, and 2) that the owners address is an actual mailing address. This is the address Larry uses for mailing the Well Ownership Information Form in

conjunction with the identification tag. It is important that both reach the landowner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regional Well Inspectors

Well Inspectors are located in each of the Department's five regional offices. In addition to their primary duty of inspecting wells, they can also answer questions pertaining to administrative rules and statutes. They also possess knowledge of their individual regions and can assist in addressing issues specific to their particular area.

The Well Inspectors are:

Northwest Region - Salem Water Wells

Richard Edwards (503)378-8455, x 221

Monitor Wells

Kris Byrd (503) 378-8455, ext. 226

North Central Region - Pendleton

Brian Mayer (541) 278-5456

South Central Region - Bend

Larry Carey (541) 388-6669

Mitch Raley (541) 388-6669

Southwest Region - Grants Pass

Dave Cowgill (541) 474-5385

Eastern Region - Baker City

Carrie Jones (541) 523-8224

Ground Water Data

Recent rumors claim that WRD has stopped collecting ground water data. Department staff currently measure water levels in about 900 wells around the state, including 342 state well net wells, more than 200 Willamette Basin study wells, approximately 275 Umatilla Basin wells and many other special project wells around the state. The Department also receives water level data from hundreds of other

permitted wells throughout the state.

WRD Watermaster Fax Numbers

Below is an updated listing of WRD Watermaster fax numbers by district:

Dist.	Fax Number
01 Tillamook	503 842-3680
02 Springfield	541 746-1861
03 The Dalles	541 298-2459
04 Canyon City	541 575-2248
05 Pendleton	541 278-0287
06 La Grande	541 963-9637
08 Baker City	541 523-7866
09 Vale	541 473-5522
10 Burns	541 573-8311
11 Bend	541 388-5101
12 Lakeview	541 947-6063
13 Medford	541 776-7189
14 Grants Pass	541 471-2876
15 Roseburg	541 440-6264
16 Salem	503 378-6203
17 Klamath Falls	541 885-3324
18 Hillsboro	503 693-4887
19 Coquille	541 396-6233
20 St. Helens	503 397-7257

Bold Indicates Regional Office
Please note that the District 2 office has moved from Eugene to Springfield. The new address is: Michael Mattick, Watermaster The Central Lane Justice Court 220 N 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477 The phone number there is (541) 746-1856

Please circulate this information with others in your organization.