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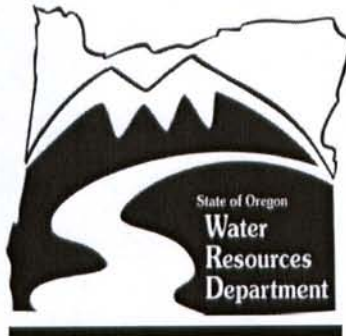
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"Well Said" is a production of the Oregon Water Resources Department's Well Construction Program and is designed to inform the drilling industry and the public about program activities and other items of interest.

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**WELL CONSTRUCTION
RULES UPDATE**

If you have been reading this newsletter in the past you are aware that the Department has been working with a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) to develop updated well construction administrative rules (OAR 690-200 through 240). The Department accepted public comment on a hearing draft of the rules in April of this year. The comments received prompted the Department to continue working with the RAC and then accept additional public comment. The revised hearing draft of the rules is now available for public review and comment. The draft rules may be viewed at the Department's website. The address is www.wrd.state.or.us. Click on the water law icon, then click on rulemaking notices. Copies of the revised hearing draft of the rules can be obtained by contacting Mike McCord at (503) 378-8455, ext. 283. The deadline for submitting public comments is 5:00 p.m., June 29, 2001. Comments should be sent to:

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Comments may also be faxed to (503) 378-8130.

WELL LOG INFORMATION

If the Department receives an incomplete well log it will be sent back

to the bonded driller for completion. It is important that the information be written on the well log itself, not on post-it-note or some other piece of paper.

In some cases there is no physical address at a site where a new well is being drilled. There are several options that can be used in cases such as this. One can indicate the distance from a nearby address, mile post marker, road intersections, or other prominent feature. In any case, something more than a post office box or "no address" needs to be put on the well log and start card.

When filling out geotechnical hole reports, please remember that abandonment materials need to be shown in section 12 of the report. The Department has received numerous reports where this information is either left off or put somewhere else on the report. In addition, the starting and completion date must be noted on the report.

MONITORING WELL MAPS

It is a requirement that a map must be submitted with the monitoring well log. This map must show the location of the monitoring well on the site, have an approximate scale, and a north arrow. It is not uncommon to receive maps that do not live up to these minimum standards. Please remember that the map needs to show where the well is on the site. In addition, if there are multiple wells at a site, the map needs to identify the individual wells.

Please circulate this information with others in your organization

WELL I. D. LABELS

It has come to the Department's attention that some well constructors believe that they need to assign a well identification number to a well when they abandon it. It is true that if there is a well identification number previously assigned to a well it must be noted on the abandonment log and the label must be disposed of. However, it is not necessary to assign an identification number to a well that does not have one at the time it is abandoned. As always, keep a sufficient number of identification labels on hand. Please do not loan labels to other drillers and do not reuse labels.

NEW INSPECTOR IN EASTERN REGION

Bob Maynard has accepted the Well Inspector position in the Department's Eastern Region. He has quite a bit of ground to cover since this region is made up of Baker, Harney, Malheur, Union, and Wallawa counties. He replaces Carrie Jones who has accepted another position within the Department. Bob has many years of drilling experience which is quite an asset to someone in his position. He is based in the regional office in Baker City. His phone number is (541) 523-8224, extension 22.

PHOTO LICENSES

The Department is still considering having photo licenses for well drillers. If you have any

questions or comments about this please contact Tracy Eichenlaub at (503) 378-8455, extension 218.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Oregon Ground Water Association (OGWA) sponsored a bill this Legislative session that will require continuing education for well constructors (Senate Bill 579). The Department supports the bill. The bill has passed out of the Senate and the House and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill becomes effective upon the Governor's signature. Under the bill, proof of continuing education credits will be required to renew licenses that expire on or after June 30, 2005. Another major change brought about by the bill is that license durations will change from your choice of a one year or five-year license to everyone going to a two-year license. The fee for a two-year license will be \$150.00. Finally, the bill requires the Department, by July 1, 2006, to adopt a single water well constructors license that may specify the types of wells, types of construction, or type of drilling machine for which the water well constructor is qualified. We look forward to working with you to implement these exciting changes. Stay tuned for further information on this subject.

WELL DEEPENING

With the current drought or near drought conditions there is most likely going to be an increase in

the number of wells deepened. Please keep in mind that if a well is deepened it may not be done so in a way that commingles aquifers. If a well deepening results in going into a different aquifer, the upper aquifer, even if it is low yielding, must be cased and sealed off. Older wells that were constructed without a surface seal may not be good candidates for deepening. Please contact a Department representative prior to commencement if you have any questions about deepening a well.

WATERMASTER FAX NUMBERS

Below is a current list of the district offices and the fax numbers.

Dist.	Fax Number
01 Tillamook	503 842-2722
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	541 774-6187
14 Grants Pass	541 471-2876
15 Roseburg	541 440-6264
16 Salem	503 378-6203
17 Klamath Falls	541 885-3324
18 Hillsboro	503 846-4887
19 Coquille	541 396-6233
20 Oregon City	503 657-2188
21 Condon	541 384-2167

Bold Indicates Regional Office

NOTE: Start cards for District 12 should be sent or faxed to the Bend office until further notice.

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