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STAFF CHANGES

There have been lots of changes in the Enforcement Section. These are job rotations that are scheduled to go through December 2002. January 2003 everyone will shuffle back to their old position. For starters, Juno Pandian is now the manager of the section. She has worked for the Department for 24 years, including about 8 years in the Enforcement Section. Most recently she has been the watermaster in the Oregon City office. She brings a broad range of experience to the position and we are glad to have her. Mike McCord has moved on to experience life as a watermaster in Oregon City. We will miss him but wish him well. Tracy Eichenlaub has moved into Mike's old position as Well Construction Specialist. Tracy can now be contacted at (503) 378-8455 ext. 283. Laurie Norton can now be contacted at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218 as she will be doing licensing. Janet Halladey can still be found at (503) 378-8455 ext. 260 for questions regarding the well identification program and start cards.

WELL CONSTRUCTION RULES UPDATE

New well construction rules went into effect November 15, 2001. Both water supply well and monitoring well rules were revised. A copy of the rules in a binder was sent to every licensed

well constructor. We have had several rule binders returned to us, so if you have not received yours yet it would be a good idea to make sure we have your current mailing address. Mail for bonded constructors is sent to the company address. Mail for unbonded constructors is sent to the home address. Some envelopes have just come back unclaimed, so if we have your current address and you still don't have the rules, PLEASE ACCEPT THE PACKAGE. If you need extra copies, contact us at (503) 378-8455 ext. 260 or 218. Extra copies will be stapled as opposed to being in a binder.

The Department strongly recommends that you read the rules thoroughly. If you have questions about the new rules or are not a licensed well constructor and wish to obtain a copy of the new rules please contact Tracy Eichenlaub at (503) 378-8455, extension 283.

START CARD SUBMITTAL

According to the new rules, each start card shall be mailed or delivered during regular business hours to the Water Resources Dept. in Salem no later than the day construction, conversion, alteration, or abandonment is commenced. A legible copy must also be sent to the region office. Start cards will not go to watermaster office's now, they will go to the region office instead.

For example, if you are deepening a well in Harney County, you would send the yellow copy of the start card to the Salem office and a legible copy to the Eastern Region office in Baker City. If you are drilling in the Northwest Region, sending the yellow copy to the Salem office is sufficient. Region boundaries are shown on Table 205-1 and Figure 240-2 in your new copy of the rules. If you have questions regarding this, give Tracy a call.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

As required by SB 579, a Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee has been created to oversee the continuing education program and, in conjunction with the Department, develop rules for the continuing education program. The Committee consists of well constructors Terry Daugherty, Greg McInnis, and Floyd Sippel and Mike McCord from the regulatory community. All three well constructors hold both water supply and monitoring well licenses. Terry Daugherty is from Malheur County, Greg McInnis and Floyd Sippel are from the Willamette Valley. The Committee will be working on draft rules at their January meeting. We will keep you posted here as things develop.

RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Rules Advisory Committee for well construction rules met December 20, 2001, to decide and prioritize which rules will be

reopened for new rule making next year. Yes, we did just finish rule-making and got new and improved rules. However, there were some issues that did not get resolved and the Department agreed to reopen some of the rules and look at them. So, that is what this rule-making is. If you would like to be on the mailing list for this Committee, contact Day Marshall at daylene.l.marshall@wr.d.state.or.us. Please give her your e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number. If you have comments about this rule making contact either Juno Pandian ext. 262 or Tracy Eichenlaub ext. 283.

EXAM DATES

Well constructor examination dates for 2002 are: January 14, April 8, July 8, and October 14. They are held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Contact Laurie Norton at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218 to sign up for the exam or to request a study packet.

DISTRICT 20 WATERMASTER OFFICE MOVED

The new address and numbers for the District 20 watermaster office is:

1678 S Beaver Creek Road, Suite L
Oregon City Oregon 97045
telephone (503) 722-1410
fax (503) 722-5926

REGION OFFICE FAX AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Northwest phone (503) 378-8455
fax (503) 378-6203
Southwest phone (541) 471-2886
fax (541) 471-2876

South Central phone (541)
388-6669 fax (541)388-5101

North Central phone (541)
278-5456 fax (541) 278-0287

Eastern phone (541) 523-8224
fax (541) 523-7866

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS

Be sure the map you submit with your Monitor Well Report or Geotechnical Hole Report identifies the well or boring (for a well we suggest you use the start card or well identification number), is legible, corresponds with the information on the report, has an approximate scale, and has a North arrow.

If an unbonded well constructor works on a well, they are required to sign the well report along with the bonded well constructor.

Please do not assign a new well identification label when abandoning a well. If the well you are abandoning already has a label on it that number must be noted on the abandonment log. Please do not loan or give labels to others and do not reuse labels.

When filling out the well log remember that all water bearing formations and their respective static water levels need to be shown on the well log. Even if you have sealed off the zone during construction. This also applies to any water bearing formations that have water unsuitable for use.

Several constructors are still using outdated special standard request forms, please make sure you have the current version (new in Nov.

2000) and use that. If you need
one, call Tracy.

*Please share with others in your
organization*