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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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GRID REPORT

During the Spring OGWA conference in Springfield, Ken Smith demonstrated software for filing well logs electronically. This software is free from the Department and allows offline creation of the well log and then connects to the Internet when you are ready to file. An additional benefit of using the software is that it allows you to build a Microsoft Access database of your well logs on your own machine.

During the presentation, one of the companies using the software mentioned that some of the fields on the final report would get rounded if decimal values were entered. We have reviewed the software and determined that the data was stored as decimal values but the report that was generated was rounding to save space. We have updated the report and are sending the new version to those companies that are using the software.

If you would like to receive the software to electronically file well logs, you can order it through our web page (<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/gridonline.html>) or you can contact Ken Smith by e-mail at: Kenneth.L.Smith@state.or.us or by phone at 503-378-8455 ext. 312.

LICENSE RENEWAL

Yes, license renewal time is coming up fast. Renewal notices went out mid-March to all well constructors whose license expires on June 30, 2002. If your license expires June 30, 2002, and you did not receive a renewal notice, contact Laurie Norton at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218.

Please notify the Department within 30 days, of any change of mailing address. Send address updates to Laurie's attention.

The Department is now issuing photo licenses. When you send in your renewal notice you need to provide a passport type picture of yourself. The picture must be at least 2"x 2" and can either be mailed, sent as an e-mail attachment in jpg format (send to laurie.k.norton@wrд.state.or.us), or you may contact a OWRD region office and make arrangements to have your picture taken there.

The renewal fee is \$150.00 for a two year renewal. A \$100 late penalty applies to license renewals postmarked after June 30, 2002.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

As required by SB 579, a Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee (Committee) has been appointed by the OWRD Director to make recommendations to the Water Resources Commission

(Commission) for the continuing education program. The Committee has met three times and is in the process of drafting rules for Commission approval. We should have draft rules ready to go to rulemaking by mid-July. If you would like to be on the mailing list for the draft continuing education rules contact Tracy at (503) 378-8455 ext. 283 or by e-mail at tracy.l.eichenlaub@wrdd.state.or.us.

2001 WELL CONSTRUCTION NUMBERS

Logs Received:

Water Wells 6,159
Monitor Wells 2,143
Geotechnical Holes 5,036

New Construction:

Water Wells 4,544
Monitor Wells 1,370

Water Wells:

Abandonments 532
Alterations 283
Deepenings 413

New Water Wells by Region:

Northwest 40%
Southwest 29%
South - Central 18%
North - Central 6%
Eastern 7%

Well Inspections:

New Well Inspections 1,404
% of New Wells Inspected 24%

START CARD SUBMITTAL

According to the new rules, adopted November 15, 2001, 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 shall also be mailed to the region office, not to the wmaster office. For example, if you are abandoning a well in Hood River County, you send the yellow copy of the start card to the Salem office and a legible copy to the North Central Region office in Pendleton. If you are drilling in the Northwest Region, sending the yellow copy to the Salem office is sufficient. A map showing region boundaries can be located on Table 205-1 and Figure 240-2 in the well construction rules and is also available on the Department's website at www.wrdd.state.or.us. If you have questions, give Tracy or your local well inspector a call.

RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Rules Advisory Committee for well construction rules has now met three times and the next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2002, at the Salem office of OWRD. If you have comments, or want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Day Marshall at daylene.l.marshall@wrdd.state.or.us.

LICENSE EXAMS

Due to limited seating, please submit your application for the well constructor's exam and exam fee in advance. Mail exam

application and fee to: Oregon Water Resources, Attn: Laurie Norton, 158 12th Street NE, Salem OR 97301-4172. Make checks payable to the Oregon Water Resources Dept. Remaining well constructor examination dates for 2002 are: April 8, July 8, and October 14. Exams are held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Contact Laurie at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218 to request an application or study packet.

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

HEAT SYSTEMS

FYI: Closed loop heat exchange systems are classified as geotechnical holes in OWRD's rules. However, they also fall into the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program which is administered in Oregon by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and must be "rule authorized" by DEQ. Open loop heat exchange systems are water supply wells and must go through OWRD's process and DEQ's WPCF process. For more information on DEQ's processes, please log on to DEQ's internet site at www.deq.state.or.us and click on the UIC icon or call Barbara Priest of DEQ at (503)

229-5945.

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