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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.

Questions or suggestions concerning this newsletter can be directed to Tracy Eichenlaub at (503) 378-8455 x283, or by e-mail: tracy.l.eichenlaub@wrд.state.or.us.

WELL LOG FORMS

The water supply well report, both monitoring well reports, and the geotechnical hole report forms are now available in fill-in-able pdf form!! They can be found at (<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/index.shtml>) and at (<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/publication/otherforms/index.shtml>). This allows you to complete the report on the computer, save it for your records, print it out (sign it) and mail it to the Dept.

REVISED SPECIAL STANDARD/VARIANCE FORM

Enclosed is the latest (and greatest) version of the special standard form. Please discard all other versions you have and make copies of this one for use effective immediately. This form is also now available on the Dept.'s website at the same addresses as the well log forms (above).

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 several times to draft rules for the continuing

education program. Hearing draft rules should be ready by October 1, 2002. The timeline has changed and rather than taking the proposed rules to the Commission for approval in October the Dept. will take them before the Commission in February 2003. 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@wrд.state.or.us.

REVISED START CARD AND LANDOWNER PERMIT RULES

The Water Resources Commission adopted draft rules amending the start card and landowner permit rules on August 8, 2002. The rules will be effective when filed with the Secretary of State's Office. The Dept. will send out the new & revised rules for your binders after they become final. The main changes in both OAR 690-205-0070 and OAR 690-240-0090 are: the start card sent to the regional office shall be sent before commencing construction; if a start card has been timely filed and additional well(s) are required on the same or contiguous tax lot and for the same landowner, then start card(s) for additional wells shall be filed no later than the day work begins; landowners constructing wells under a landowner permit will be required

to pay the \$75 start card fee. Under OAR 690-205-0050 and 690-240-0082, the main changes are: as part of their application for a landowner permit the applicant must submit a well design plan; landowner permits expire after six months but the landowner may reapply for another permit; the Dept. may deny a landowner permit if it is determined that the well/proposed well is a health threat, health hazard, source of contamination, or a source of waste of the ground water resource.

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. The next well constructor examination is 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.

GRID REPORT

Well Logs To Go

In addition to offering well logs on our web page (http://deschutes.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gw/well_log/), the Department also offers a set of CD ROMs with well log information for faster and more mobile access. Although a full statewide set is 37 CDs (we now have over 300,000 well logs on file) the set is divided into 20

different regions so you can purchase just the specific CDs for your area of business.

The search engine included on each CD, allows access by location, constructor, name, and dates. An improvement from the first version of the CD search engine is the ability to copy the well logs from the CDs to a directory on your hard drive. By copying the logs to your hard drive, performance will improve and you will not have to swap CDs when using a multi-CD set.

Each May, we produce a set of CDs containing all well logs that have been received. The search engine is included with all CDs so there is no need for additional software. In addition, we also offer a subscription service that entitles you to a monthly update CD that will keep your data set current. Each month's update includes all the well logs filed since the last statewide set was produced. So the December update would include all logs filed between May 2002 and December 2002. This method allows someone to purchase an individual month's update anytime during the year that will bring your dataset up to date.

You may order CDs online through our web page at <http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/gridcd.html> or by contacting Bob DeVylde: Bob.J.DeVylde@wrds.state.or.us Ph.503-378-8455 ext. 325. When ordering online, print the invoice, attach payment and we will get the

CDs out to you right away. CDs cost \$12 each with a \$10-\$14 shipping/handling charge depending on the number purchased.

ATTACHING WELL IDENTIFICATION LABELS

We want to remind you of the accepted methods for attaching the well identification label (tag).

Tags should be placed in an accessible and visible location.

For water supply wells: Tags should be placed at least 6 inches above ground level (not where the cement pad will be poured).

Attach tags to permanent items such as well casing or monuments, not to pumps, pump equipment, water delivery lines, or sanitary well seals/caps. Strap the tag to the well casing or access port. Stainless steel bands or large hose clamps designed for exterior use are recommended. Or rivet or bolt the tag to the well casing, stainless steel rivets may be used. Do not weld the tag. All in all you are doing a great job.

For monitoring wells: flush grade completion: rivet or bolt the tag to the inside of the monument skirting; band or strap the tag to the well casing; or insert the strap or band into the concrete in the bottom of the vault (so the tag is easily visible when the monument cap is removed). For above ground completion: Attach the tag to the outside of the protective casing; same as for water wells.

If you get a letter from Janet Halladey regarding a well with no tag or a duplicate tag please respond in a timely manner as the Department cannot send the

required paperwork to the owner
until the tag issue is resolved.
