

# Well Said

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**LICENSE EXAM LOCATION  
MOVING!**

The well constructor license exam location is moving effective January 13, 2003. Exams will be conducted at the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office, in the Mt Hood Conference Room, located at 4760 Portland Road NE, Salem, Oregon. Exam dates for 2003 are as follows: January 13, April 14, July 14, and October 13. To reserve a seat or for questions please contact Laurie Norton at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218.

**EXAM STUDY PACKETS ON  
OWRD WEB SITE**

The study packets for the well constructor licensing exams will be available on the Department's web site by the end of December 2002. Study packets will still be available from the Department for a fee of \$30 per packet. This will help the Department offset copying and postage costs. Contact Laurie Norton for additional information.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION  
UPDATE**

The public comment period for the Hearing Draft Rules for well constructor continuing education runs from November 1, 2002 through 5:00 p.m. December 20, 2002. A public hearing was held in Bend December 2, 2002, and in

Salem December 3, and 4, 2002. The Hearing Draft Rules and Notice can be found on the Department's web site at <<[http://www.wrd.state.or.us/cgi-bin/notices.pl?oar\\_notices](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/cgi-bin/notices.pl?oar_notices)>>.

**STAFF UPDATE**

The job rotation affecting the Enforcement Section Manager, Well Construction Specialist, Licensing & Compliance Officer, and Watermaster District 20 that was due to end December 31, 2002, has been continued at least through January.

As many of you know Richard Edwards, the water well inspector in the Northwest Region retired at the end of August this year. We wish him well in his retirement! Our monitoring well inspector, Kris Byrd, has moved into the Water Well Inspector position and can be reached at (503) 378-8455 ext. 226. Of course, this left the Monitoring Well Inspector position open. Dorothy Pedersen started in this position October 7, and can be reached at (503) 378-8455 ext. 244. Dorothy comes to the NW Region from the Water Rights Section of the Department. Prior to moving to Oregon, Dorothy worked for two years for the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Dorothy has a Associate of Applied Science degree in Environmental Laboratory Technology, and a



Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources with a major in Water Science. Dorothy has also completed some graduate coursework in water resources planning and management, including hydrology and hydrogeology. We welcome Dorothy to the NW Region!

### **RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) for well construction held its first meeting November 13, 2002. The RAC updated and revised the "laundry list" of topics. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2003, at the Salem office of OWRD. If you want to be placed on the mailing list, contact Day Marshall at [daylene.l.marshall@wrdd.state.or.us](mailto:daylene.l.marshall@wrdd.state.or.us).

### **DRILLERS ATTACHING WELL ID LABELS**

Drillers may attach a well identification label (tag) to an existing well that does not already have a tag. However, a completed "Well Identification Application Form" including the tag number with a note indicating who put the tag on the well must be submitted to the Department. The landowner should also be made aware that they will be receiving a "Well Information Form" from the Department which is to be recorded with their deed at the county clerk's office. Contact Janet Halladey with questions at (503) 378-8455 ext. 260.

### **WHERE OH WHERE DOES MY START CARD GO?**

We still have some watermasters receiving start cards. As of November 15, 2001, start cards are to be submitted to the region office, not to the watermaster office. Please refer to your Well Construction Standards for submittal procedures. A map showing region boundaries can be found on Table 205-1 and Figure 240-2 in the well construction rules and is also available on the Department's website at [www.wrd.state.or.us](http://www.wrd.state.or.us). If you have questions give your local well inspector or Tracy Eichenlaub a call. Tracy can be reached at (503) 378-8455 ext. 283.

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### **GRID**

If you've looked on GRID lately for a well log for a recently drilled well you may know that the Department has a backlog of logs to be entered into the system due

to staffing. They are catching up. At the time this article is being written they are current with water supply well logs and entering monitoring well logs received around the 25th of October. Geotechnical hole reports haven't been entered since the middle of September.

### **Water Fact:**

\*The U.S. is the largest water well market in the world with 15.9 million wells.

*\*Source: National Ground Water Association*

**Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to All of You from All of Us in Enforcement!**

