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**Well Said**

Oregon Water Resources  
Department

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE**

At their February 14, 2003, meeting, the Oregon Water Resources Commission approved adoption of the Proposed Final Rules regarding continuing education for well constructors. These rules were filed with the Secretary of State's Office and became effective March 14, 2003. The new rules are now available on the Department's website at <<[http://www.wrd.state.or.us/cgi-bin/notices.pl?new\\_oars](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/cgi-bin/notices.pl?new_oars)>>. See the enclosed cover letter for further information.

**WELL RULES APPENDICES, TABLES & FIGURES ON OWRD WEB SITE**

The appendices, tables and figures referenced in the water supply well construction rules and in the monitoring well construction rules are now available on the Department's website at <<[www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/index.shtml](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/index.shtml)>>.

As a reminder, the current special standard/variance request form is also available on our website.

**RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) for well construction has had 3 meetings. Draft language allowing the use of Latitude and Longitude (GPS) instead of

Township, Range, Section, and 1/4 1/4 on well logs has been drafted. The RAC is also trying to clarify the slope stability geotechnical hole portion of the monitoring well rules. All draft language will go to public hearing where written or verbal comments may be submitted. No hearing dates have been set yet. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2003, at the Salem office of OWRD. If you want to be on the mailing list, contact Tracy Eichenlaub at [tracy.l.eichenlaub@wr.d.state.or.us](mailto:tracy.l.eichenlaub@wr.d.state.or.us) or by phone at (503) 378-8455 ext. 283.

**LICENSE EXAM LOCATION MOVED!**

The well constructor license exam location has moved to the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office, in the Mt Hood Conference Room, located at 4760 Portland Road NE, Salem, Oregon. Remaining exam dates for 2003 are as follows: April 14, July 14, and October 13. To reserve a seat or for questions please contact Laurie Norton at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218 or by e-mail at [laurie.k.norton@wr.d.state.or.us](mailto:laurie.k.norton@wr.d.state.or.us).

Exam study packets are available on our website at <<<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/groundwater/index.shtml>>>.

**GRID**

In the last WellSaid issue the



Department noted a backlog of well logs to be entered in GRID. That is no longer the case. Well logs are generally entered into GRID within two working days of being received. However, there is still a backlog of geotechnical hole reports to be entered into GRID.

### 2002 Well Construction Numbers

Logs received:

water supply wells: 5,723  
 monitoring wells: 1,709

New well construction:

water supply wells: 4,154  
 monitoring wells: 1,035

Water supply wells:

abandonments: 522  
 alterations: 283  
 deepenings: 351

New water supply wells by region:

Northwest 42%  
 Southwest 25%  
 South Central 21%  
 North Central 6%  
 Eastern 6%

Most new water supply wells by county:

Lane 391  
 Deschutes 390  
 Jackson 337  
 Josephine 334  
 Klamath 241

### CONVERTING

As a reminder, if an 'other hole' will be used as a water supply well, monitoring well, or geotechnical hole or a geotechnical hole will be used as a water supply well or monitoring well, a driller must submit the

proper documents for conversion. Conversion of an 'other hole' is addressed in OAR 690-240-0030(2)(c). Conversion of a geotechnical hole is addressed in OAR 690-240-0035(4)(b). Conversion of a monitoring well to a water supply well is addressed in OAR 690-240-0100(2). All of the above are considered on a case by case basis through the special standard process. If you have questions regarding conversion, please contact Tracy Eichenlaub at (503) 378-8455 ext. 283 or at [tracy.l.eichenlaub@ wrd.state.or.us](mailto:tracy.l.eichenlaub@ wrd.state.or.us).

### MOVING?

Current mailing addresses (home and business) needs to be reflected in your driller file. Please contact Laurie Norton at [laurie.k.norton@ wrd.state.or.us](mailto:laurie.k.norton@ wrd.state.or.us) or by phone at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218 to update this information. (See OAR 690-205-0020(6)(a)(D) and/or OAR 690-240-0065(6)(a)(D))

### PHOTO FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ☺

When you submit your license renewal, you **need** to send a photo of yourself, if we don't already have one. The photo should be like your driver's license picture (head & shoulders) and needs to be a minimum of 2 inches by 2 inches. We cannot send you a photo license without a photo. (Of course if you don't send a picture we could find one for you!) You may also make an appointment at one of the Department's region offices and have your picture taken at no charge. If you have questions regarding the photo,

please call Laurie Norton at (503) 378-8455 ext. 218.

### 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  
 East phone (541) 523-8224  
 fax (541) 523-7866

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, OR DRILL

Before starting a drilling project or just digging in your yard, there are four important steps you should always follow to Dig (or drill) Safely: 1) call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at least two business days before beginning at 1-800-332-2344. 2) wait for the lines to be marked with color-coded paint 3) respect the marks 4) dig/drill with care. This is a free service provided by utility companies statewide. This is not just a good idea, it is the law. For more information, visit the website <<[www.DigSafelyOregon.com](http://www.DigSafelyOregon.com)>> or call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at (503) 232-1987. You can't see them, but a complex system of pipes and cables lie buried under lawns, driveways, and sidewalks. Accidental contact with underground facilities may cause hundreds or thousands of residents to be cut off from electricity, gas,

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telephones, 911 calls, water and other vital services. Even worse, contact with these lines can cause serious injury. Drill Safely!

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