

Wyoming Water Well Contractor's Licensing News

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The Wyoming Water Well Association is holding their annual convention in Casper starting January 20th thru the 22nd. There should be some great classes. They are holding the Limited Electrical Class with the State Fire Marshall and Electrical Division

Office. Those who need to obtain their limited electrical license should try to attend. There will also be a presentation from a member of the State Engineer's Office as well as the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Registration is open so if

you are interested in attending please contact Karie Walker, Executive Secretary, at wywaterwell@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Notice of Intent!

The Water Well Contractors Board passed new rules requiring licensed contractors to file a "Notice of Intent" within 5 days when drilling a new well or installing a pump in a newly constructed well. To date there have only been a few licensed contractors

submitting these notices. The Board Office would like contractors to know that the 5 day requirement is flexible but that notice should be sent prior to commencing construction or installations. The form can be found on the website under the Forms

tab. The form can be printed, filled out and sent to the Board Office via fax, email, postal, or fill out the notice online on the website under the "Notice of Intent" (online submittal) tab.

Disciplinary Actions Taken!

Robert Robertson, Teton Water Works, Jackson, WY;

Violation: W.S 41-3-935(a) filing reports with State Engineer within 30 days after completion ...

W.S. 33-42-111, failure to follow rules and regulations of the Board and, Board's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 1(a) (iv) ... failure to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, or regulations

pertaining to the certificate holder's professional practice.

Discipline: Eight (8) additional hours of education, 1 year probation and Quarterly reporting of any and all well or pump contracting.

State Board of Examining Water Well Drilling Contractors and Pump Installation Contractors

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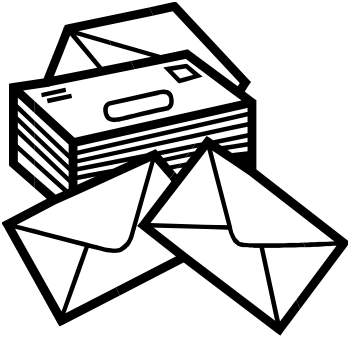
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Letter from the Executive Director



In September 2015 Governor Mead signed the Board's new Rules and Regulations into effect. The new rules require a five day notice of intent to drill a newly constructed well or install a pump in a newly constructed well. There has been a lot of calls from licensed contractors questioning the five day requirement. I wanted to let

all of you know that the Board will address all of the concerns that contractors have voiced at the next meeting on January 20, 2016. Currently the Board Office is accepting notices from contractors with a very flexible time frame. The Board understands that things change and that contractors cannot always be where they had planned due

to unexpected construction complications or weather. I believe at this next meeting the Board will adopt a policy allowing for the flexibility. I will be doing a presentation at the Water Well Convention on the 22nd of January. An update will be given to those in attendance. Until next time! Stay safe.

DID YOU KNOW!

New study maps Earth's hidden groundwater for the first time!

A new study has, for the first time, estimated the total volume of groundwater present on the Earth. The results show that we're using up the water supply quicker than it can be naturally replaced, while future research will seek to determine exactly how long it will be until modern groundwater runs dry. Groundwater is an extremely precious resource, being a key source of sustenance for humanity and the ecosystems we inhabit. It resides beneath the Earth's surface, ranges from millions of years to just months old, and exists in huge quantities – quite literally millions of cubic kilometers. While calculations back in the 1970s roughly estimated the global volume of groundwater, this new study represents the first detailed calculation of the exact quantity, and it could have big implications.

Read more at <https://Gizmag/Science.com>

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New Licenses Issued.

WELL & PUMP

None

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*Kirby Jolley, Option Drilling,
Cheyenne*

*Travis Gross, Gross Drilling,
Lyman*

*Danielle Dover, Dover Drilling,
Pinedale*

*Kevin Dover, Dover Drilling,
Pinedale*

Pump:

*Chris Odegard, Odegard LLC,
Arvada*

*Reuben Tarver, Wildcat
Welding & Operations, Gillette*

Calendar

Continuing education opportunities for March and April: The codes in the first column are as follows:

WWWA – Wyoming Water Well Association

NGWA – National Ground Water Association

NWDA – Nebraska Well Drillers Association

CWWCA – Colorado Water Well Contractors Association

WARWS – Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems

WWA- Wyoming Water Association

The topic, date, time and location are given. Please refer to each respective association's website for more information on how to register, and/or for future educational opportunities.

BIDP – Baroid Industrial Drilling Products

AGWT – American Ground Water Trust

SEDC – Shallow Exploration Drillers Clinic

ISWD – International School of Well Drilling

CPS - CPD Distributors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - February

AGWT	Educational Videos and Books	Website	www.AGWT.org
ISWD	International School of Well Drilling Online Courses	Website	welldrillingschool.com
WWWA	Annual Water Well Convention	Jan. 20-22, 2016	Casper
NGWA	Attracting Students to Groundwater Professions	Jan. 13, 2016	Online
NGWA	Advancing Groundwater Through Collaboration	February 3, 2016	Online

If you have any training opportunities you would like to be published in this newsletter please send them to the Board office.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2016, Parkway Plaza, Casper, at 10:00 am.

Professionalism is: the skill, competence, or character expected of a highly trained profession.

Be a professional, call yourself a professional, work like a professional, and demand the same from everyone in your profession!