

# Wyoming Water Well Contractor's Licensing News

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## Free well owner's manuals available!

The Water Systems Council has produced a 32-page Well Owner's Manual in hard copy and electronic form. It includes sections on water well systems, well maintenance, selecting a well contractor, protecting your wellhead, water well testing, and understanding water test results.

Copies are available from:

\* Rural Community Assistance Partnership regional offices: [RCAP.org](http://RCAP.org)

\* The Water Systems Counsel via email or online: [Watersystemscounsel.org/well-owners/well-owners-manual](http://Watersystemscounsel.org/well-owners/well-owners-manual)

Information is also available in PDF form on the Private Well Owner Tip Sheet for July 2016.

For more info visit NGWA's website: [wellowner.org](http://wellowner.org)

## General Liability Insurance!

Currently there are approximately 312 licensed contractors in Wyoming. Although some licensed contractors may not be actively conducting water well business, the numbers show that 85% of licensed contractors have expired general liability insurance.

Per the Board's Rules and Regulation Chapter 5, (a) (xii) "a license holder shall not provide services as a water well drilling contractor ..., or a water well pump installation contractor ..., if not covered under a three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000) or greater

general liability policy". Licensed contractors should notify their insurance companies to send a certificate of insurance to the Board Office each time it is renewed.

Thank you for your attention in this matter!

## New Licenses Issued.

### WELL & PUMP

**None**

### WELL:

**Steve Garret Hutchinson, CVIC, Casper, WY**

### Pump:

**None**

**Bruce Miller, Miller + Sons Drilling Co., LLC, Reno, NV**

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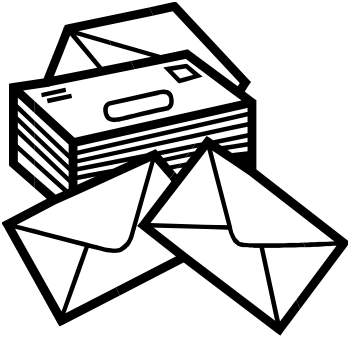
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## Letter from the Executive Director



Summer is a busy time of year for everyone in the water industries. It appears that a good number of licensed contractors are trying to keep up with the work and schedule their clients in a timely manner. Clients, on the other hand, seem to want their water quicker than they can get it. The Board Office has received a number of calls in reference

to licensed contractors not returning their calls for service or giving them a day and time of service. In an effort to lessen public complaints and to try and keep customers from calling me and/or another contractor, I ask that licensed contractors try to give the caller and estimated time frame for service. Not returning phone calls and/or telling clients "you

will get to them when you can" does not always create a harmonious outcome nor a happy consumer. It will also stop my phone from ringing and in turn stop me from calling on you.

I hope you all continue to be busy and prosperous!

Until next time! Stay safe.

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## DID YOU KNOW!

### High water mark: active marijuana ingredient found in U.S. town well!

DENVER | BY [KEITH COFFMAN](#)

Residents of a small farming community in eastern Colorado have been warned to avoid drinking the town's water after THC, the psychoactive agent in marijuana, was found in one of its feeder wells, authorities said on Thursday.

A public works employee in Hugo, a town of about 800 people 90 miles southeast of Denver, detected the chemical and health officials believe it is "marijuana THC-related," the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said in a Facebook posting. "At this time, investigators are assessing the situation with state and federal authorities," the sheriff's office said. "Bathroom usage is still safe, but until more information is known to us, out of an abundance of caution, avoid drinking Town of Hugo water."

Susan Kelly, the county's public health director, said there were no reports of anyone falling ill or otherwise being affected by the tainted water.

Colorado allows both medical and recreational marijuana use. But it was unclear how THC got into the water, as there are no legal marijuana cultivation sites or dispensaries in the area, according to the Colorado Department of Revenue, which regulates the state's cannabis industry.

Captain Michael Yowell of the sheriff's office said there was evidence that the well was tampered with, and that the FBI and Colorado Bureau of Investigation have joined the probe.

The initial screening was done with a "field testing kit," Yowell told reporters, and the state health department would conduct more through testing. The level of contamination detected was not specified. The Lincoln County health department said in an alert that residents should avoid drinking, cooking or bathing with the town's water for at least 48 hours.

"The contaminated well has been identified and shut down and the lines are being flushed," the alert said. "Fresh water will be coming into town for the public as soon as possible."

Peter Perrone, a chemist and owner of the state-licensed cannabis testing facility, Gobi Analytical in suburban Denver, said he was skeptical of the reports. "It's virtually impossible to find THC in water in concentrated levels because cannabinoids are not water soluble," Perrone told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Yowell said he understands that some are questioning how THC could be found in the water, but that does not explain why the tests came up positive for the chemical. "I wouldn't be doing my job for the community if we just wrote this off," he said.

Learn more at <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-colorado-marijuana-idUSKCN1020AC>

## 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

June

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|------|--|---------|--|
| AGWT | Educational Videos and Books                         | Website | <a href="http://www.AGWT.org">www.AGWT.org</a>                     |
| ISWD | International School of Well Drilling Online Courses | Website | <a href="http://welldrillingschool.com">welldrillingschool.com</a> |
| NGWA | Introduction to Groundwater Resources (#1012)        | Website | Online self-paced course   |

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 September 7, 2016, State Engineer's Office, Cheyenne, at 10:00 am.**

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