

Wyoming Water Well Contractors' Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



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Hello Everyone-

Welcome to summer 2019 where we see mid 40's for most of us and even snow for some on the official first day of summer! Hopefully everyone is busy and profitable with a full calendar of work for the rest of the summer.

I wanted take a moment to thank all of you who have taken time to submit their Notices of Intent since my first newsletter last month. I have definitely started seeing some new names as I log the notices in our system. Also, we have "the regulars", who I know their license numbers by heart already because they never miss a NOI on any of their jobs! I truly appreciate all of your time and again to those who still are not submitting them, let me know how I can help find a way to get this going for your license. If you think nobody is taking the time or has the time to submit these, I can assure you I spend most of my mornings entering them from your colleagues.

Also, thank you to all the contractors I have been able to meet and visit with over the last month. A couple of you have taken the time to call and welcome me to the position, and I really appreciate it. I have made it a point to get out and stop by many of the contractors close to Powell and plan to expand out this month.

Everyone have a great summer and a safe and happy 4th of July!



Governor Appoints new WWCB Board Member -

On June 6th, 2019 the Water Well Contractors Licensing Board was informed that Governor Mark Gordon had appointed its newest member to fill the vacant position. Please join me in congratulating Aaron Wilson as your newest Board Member! I have spoken with Aaron and can assure you he is passionate about this industry, and is someone who will work hard to assure its success in Wyoming. Aaron operates A & A Earthworks out of Wheatland Wyoming, and has also previously served as the President of the Wyoming Ground Water Association.

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

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WWCB Monthly Report

The Water Well Contracting Board will hold its next Board meeting on September 4th, 2019 10:00am. at the State Engineer’s Conference room, Herschler Building, in Cheyenne.

The Board has continued it’s contract with inLumon to create a Water Well Contractors Licensing software. The expectation is to have the program operational by the end of summer 2019.

June 6th, 2019- New Board member Aaron Wilson was appointed by Governor Gordon.

June 3, 2019-

The Board issued an order in the disciplinary hearing against R. Brandon Dreiling of John’s Pump Service. In the order, the Board suspended Mr Dreiling’s Well Driller and Pump Installer’s licenses for a period of 24 months. 6 months of the suspension arose from several instances of Mr. Dreiling not conforming to the State’s minimum construction standards, while 18 months of the suspension arose from Mr. Dreiling’s lack of cooperation with the Board’s investigation and failure to adhere to a previous settlement agreement between the Board and Mr. Dreiling.

The Board would like all contractors to know that this was not an easy decision for them to make. Given the evidence that was presented by the state Attorney General’s Office and Mr. Dreiling over the course of 2 days of hearings, the Board feels the decision was necessary and appropriate.

The Water Well Contractors Licensing Board is tasked with maintaining licensed contractors in the state of Wyoming including disciplinary actions when necessary.

W.S.33-42-111. Denial, revocation or suspension of license; hearing.

(a) *The board may withhold, deny, revoke or suspend any certificate or license issued or applied for in accordance with the provisions of this act upon proof that the certificate or license holder or applicant:*

(i) *Has used fraud or deception in applying for a certificate or license or in the taking of the examination;*

(ii) *Has willfully or negligently violated any of the provisions of this act, the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act or the statutes or rules and regulations of the state pertaining to underground water; or*

(iii) *Has failed while engaging in the business of water well construction contracting or water well pump installation contracting to comply with the state water well minimum construction standards.*

You can find a copy of the Boards order on our website wwcb.state.wy.us under the link “Orders”



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Rain water entering water wells-

Much of Wyoming is experiencing above average rainfall so far this year. With the extra rain, and in some cases flooding keep in mind the importance of a properly installed well cap.

Section 3 of the State Minimum Construction Standards;

-All new and old wells (including hand-dug) shall be capped or sealed so that they do not present a hazard and to prevent the unintended entry of contaminant matter, surface water, animals, or foreign objects, by utilizing either a welded plate or a sanitary well cap. All vents installed in the well casing shall open downward and be screened to prevent the entrance of foreign material. Wells shall be equipped with a minimum ½-inch diameter access port for water level and drawdown measurement (unless a flowing well).

Also keep in mind well location and casing height Section 1;

Water wells shall be located such that there is adequate surface drainage away from the well and situated such that the well is easily accessed for repairs, maintenance, and inspection. For all wells, the top of the casing shall extend at least 18 inches above the finished land surface grade.

NDA	On-Line Certification Exams	Website	https://nda4u.com
AGWT	Educational Videos and Books	Website	www.AGWT.org
ISWD	International School of Well Drilling Online Courses	Website	welldrillingschool.com
NGWA	Safe Practice in the Groundwater Industry (#1014)	Website	Online self-paced course
TLC	Technical Learning College	Website	Self-paced courses
WWWCB September Board Meeting		State Engineers Office Cheyenne, WY	September 4, 2019 10:00 A.M.
NDA	NDA 2019 Convention www.nda4u.com/convention for registration & details	Herndon, VA	September 26-27, 2019
NGWA	Ground Water Week-Convention www.groundwaterweek.com for registration & details	Las Vegas, NV	December 3-5, 2019
WGWA	WGWA 2019 Convention www.wywaterwell.org/convention for registration & details	Ramkota Casper, WY	January 15-17, 2020



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WGWA – Wyoming Ground Water Association
 NDA – National Drilling Association
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 NWDA – Nebraska Well Drillers Association
 CWWCA – Colorado Water Well Contractors Association
 WARWS – Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems
 WWA- Wyoming Water Association
 WWQ & PCA – Wyoming Water Quality & Pollution Control Association
 WWWCB – Wyoming Water Well Contractors Licensing Board

BIDP – Baroid Industrial Drilling Products
 AGWT – American Ground Water Trust
 SEDC – Shallow Exploration Drillers Clinic
 IGWA – Idaho Ground Water Ass. Inc.
 ISWD – International School of Well Drilling
www.welldrillingschool.com
 CPS - CPS Distributors
 Goulds - Goulds Water Technology Factory
 School WebEx Training
 Technical Learning College
www.abctlc.com

For continuing education opportunities please refer to each respective association’s website for additional information.

2019 License Renewals-

On my first day of training for this position I was informed that I would be responsible for issuing new licenses along with renewing existing licenses. The first thing I noticed after looking into the contractor license list was how many of you have expiring licenses the end of this year. In an effort to try and efficiently process and issue all your license renewals, I have prepared renewal packets for every license that expires in 2019. Some of you may have already received your packet and if so I want you to know you are still licensed through December 31, 2019. I am hopeful some of you will send in your renewal applications in prior to mid December, so that I can get them all processed and mailed back to you before your license does expire.

If you have not received your packet yet, don't worry I still have more going out in the next month. I appreciate your help with this if your license does need renewed this year. If you are retired or do not plan on renewing your current license, please let me know and I won't bug you as we get closer to December.

Please keep in mind per the legislation passed in 2008; "It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, alter or rehabilitate a water well or install pumping equipment in a water well without a license as provided by this act unless the activity is exempted from the licensing requirements of this act".

If you have any questions about the renewal process, or are not sure of your license status don't hesitate to contact me.

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