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# Wyoming Water Well Contractor's Licensing News

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#### June is National Safety Month!

With temperatures rising in the summer months knowing how to work safely can help prevent heat stress and heat stroke, the two most serious heat related disorders.

The best way to keep workers safe in hot conditions is to plan for heat related emergencies and act quickly.

Signs of heat stroke are:

- \* Confusion
- \* Loss of consciousness
- \* Seizures

Heat stroke is a medical emergency that can result in death, it is important to take action:

- \*Call 911
- \* Place worker in shady,

cool area.

- \* Loosen clothing, remove outer clothing
- \* Place cold packs in armpits, if available.
- \*Wet worker with cool water.
- \* Provide fluids, preferably water.

For more info visit: NGWA.org/Safety

#### **New Fax Number!**

The fax number has changed to a toll free number. Several people in certain areas of the state we not able to fax to the 307-316-0466 number.

The new fax number is toll

free and seems to be working for everyone thus far. Please note the change and start using the new number 1-888-988-1322. Starting June 15, 2016 the old

Starting June 15, 2016 the old number of 307-316-0466 will no longer work. If you have

problems with the new number please call or email the Board Office.

Thank you for your attention in this matter!

## Water Well Agreements and Contracts!

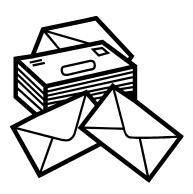
If two parties agree to a price and a product, they create a contract. An oral agreement is a contract, and many disputes end up in court because persons do not realize that courts applying contract law might enforce any such agreement.

Thus, the purpose of drafting a written agreement is to make sure that all parties understand exactly to what they are agreeing. All changes to the Agreement should be in writing, and the parties should agree that any oral agreements simply shall not be enforced. The goals of the

agreement should be:

- 1. To provide a simple complete contract for use with homeowner.
- 2. Allow for flexibility in following state and local laws.
- 3. Use basic terms to help orient the homeowner with the proper language used for construction and techniques.

## Letter from the Executive Director



Well it appears that summer is finally upon us. The weather in Fremont County has been beautiful and is welcomed after the vast amount of rain and flooding we had last month.

The Wyoming Water Well Association held two continuing education classes last month in Casper and Gillette. It looks like they had

any of you have ideas for classes I'm sure they be happy to hear from their members.

This past month, the Board Office received several calls from public members relating to well water being contaminated or non-potable. The common thread for the majority of them is high nitrates. Needless to say I have done a great

a good number of attendees. If amount of research and found that these issues can be remedied but only if the water well is still in good working condition. A big Thank You! goes out to those pump installation contractors who have helped these public members find solutions. You definitely make my job much more interesting and meaningful. Until next time! Stay safe.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW!**

#### Staying on Top of Water Quality to become easier!

It is now easier for water well owners to protect water quality using the new, free Water Well App and corresponding website. These tools help well owners with a major challenge: finding the basic information they need when and where they need it.

"Research has shown that a lack of knowledge and inconvenience are two significant barriers to private well owners acting to protect their water quality," said Cliff Treyens, National Ground Water Association (NGWA) director of general public outreach. "The new app and website are specifically designed to address both issues." The app overcomes these barriers by making key information available when and where the well owner needs it through the portability of smartphones or webaccessible devices. Content is easy to understand and simple to navigate. Another key feature of the app and website is the ability of well owners to create automatic reminders to test their water, get well maintenance check-ups, and conduct groundwater protection surveys of their well systems and property. More specifically, a well owner will be able to schedule a reminder to test for bacteria, nitrate, or any contaminant of local concern. While NGWA recommends that well owners test annually for these things, the well owner can schedule the reminder to occur more frequently or less frequently.

The website mirrors the Water Well App in appearance and function. This enables persons without smartphones to schedule automatic water quality reminders via email as well as access basic information on maintaining water quality.

The app and website can be accessed through:

Google Play, Soon to be on Apple ITunes, and at www.waterwellapp.com

Learn more at NGWA's website: wellowner.org June 2016

## New Licenses Issued.

**WELL & PUMP** 

None

Pump: None

None

### 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

AGWT	Educational Videos and Books	Website	www.AGWT.org
ISWD	International School of Well Drilling Online Courses	Website	welldrillingschool.com
NGWA	The Force from the Ground, New ANSI/CSA Binational		
	Standard for Ground Source Heat Pumps	June 21, 2016	Online
NGWA	Thriving in a Water-Stressed World	June 28, 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 September 7, 2016, State Engineer's Office, Cheyenne, 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!