

Wyoming Water Well Contractors' Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



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Hello Everyone,

My name is Jimmy Gordon and I just recently joined the State Engineer's Office as the new Executive Director of the Water Well Contractors and Pump Installation Contractors Licensing Board. I'm very excited to join the Board and can't wait to start contributing to its success. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the near future as I settle in and learn more about each of you, and your companies. My wife and two children (ages 9 & 5) moved to Wyoming January of this year. After years of vacations to the Powell area we decided why not live here since we love it so much? Before moving I operated my own business for the last 11 ½ years in Kansas City, Missouri. I am very cognizant of the challenges and opportunities operating a business can entail. I am particularly interested in learning from our contractors how their business and our department can work together to provide the best experience for the citizens of Wyoming and opportunity for all of your businesses to grow and succeed in Wyoming. When I'm not at work you can find me and my family outdoors riding horses, hunting, watching our children's sporting events and many other activities the great state of Wyoming offers us. My office will be located at 1207 E 7th Suite 103, Powell, WY 82435, if you are ever close please stop by and see me. If you are not close enough to stop by, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thanks so much for your time and I look forward to working together with all of you.

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On-site Visits-

As your new Executive Director I hope to bring a fresh approach to the position and to our Board. I am new to the water well and water pump industry, but am very willing and eager to learn. The help I have received from the guys and gals of the State Engineer's Office and the Board member's have been incredible, but I would like to ask our contractors for help as well. One of my main focuses as I feel my way into this position is to get out and meet with you and to observe and learn your industry. I am a firm believer that "hands on" training is the best way to learn something new. If any of you are willing to have me on one of your jobsites statewide, please contact me by phone or email and I will gladly come out and ask a million questions to help me learn this industry the best I can. I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty and will do my best not to slow down production that day!

I will keep my eye on all the incoming Notice of Intent forms you are submitting and if I see any local to the Powell area I will reach out to you and try to invite myself!

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WWCB Monthly Report

The Water Well Contracting Board held a meeting on May 28th. The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

-Representatives from inLumon presented a software program to the Board that would be used in processing, issuing and maintaining licenses.

- Jimmy Gordon was ratified as the Board's new Executive Director.

-License IDPI002 ,Matthew Neilson of Pumpco LLC. American Falls, ID, was ratified. Congratulations to Mr. Neilson!

The next WWCB meeting will be held on Sept. 4th, 2019 at the State Engineers Office, Cheyenne, WY. We welcome all contractors and the public to attend board meetings.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND PFAS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE THE NEWS THROUGHOUT THE US AND BEYOND

-97% OF CITIZENS HAVE SOME LEVEL OF PFAS IN THEIR BLOOD-

-Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, are synthetic chemicals found in many products, including food packaging, household cleaners and nonstick cookware, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Over 4,700 PFAS related compounds occur in the world today and many transform into highly persistent perfluorinated chemicals in the environment. The compounds are connected to several cancers, liver, kidney and reproductive disorders and other health effects. The more water testing and health research that occurs the more potential issues seem to arise. PFAS chemicals have been extensively used in manufacturing because of their ability to repel water and oil. While fire-fighting foam containing PFAS compounds is a major culprit for contamination, concerns also result from manufacturing processes for products such as non-stick pans, ski-wax and carpets. Contamination can be spread by wind and more seriously from improper disposal. Recent attention has been given to the potential for biosolids application on hay crops resulting in PFAS contamination of milk. Nation-wide, there are no clear regulatory standards and federal, state and local authorities are working to find ways to find solutions. From a water treatment perspective, there are several effective options to make drinking water safe. The challenge is to find the money to make that happen!

May Water Well Journal Cover Story Explains How to Talk Nitrates With Homeowners.

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The May issue of *Water Well Journal*® contains a cover story on how to talk with homeowners about the presence of nitrates in their water systems. In "How to Talk to Homeowners About Nitrates." Greg Gruett of Water-Right Inc. shares what common questions homeowners may pose and how to answer them. In most cases, nitrates in drinking water do not present major health risks, but the biggest concern involves infants. Gruett speaks to that concern and then provides details on six questions that could be posed to contractors.

- Among those are —
- How do nitrates get into groundwater and who is to blame?
- Is a new well required?
- How do I protect my family?

Gruett says it's important to educate yourself for what may come your way because consumer interest in water issues remains strong.

Read this article at www.waterwelljournal.com

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	Grouting Methods for Water Supply Wells (#7132-2)	Website	Online self-paced course
TLC	Technical Learning College	Website	Self-paced courses
CPS	Cheyenne Tailgate	CPS-Cheyenne	Free Lunch June 6, 2019 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
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



KEY

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.

Notice of Intent (NOI)-

As you all know tracking water well permits from approval to well and pump installation is very important to the state of Wyoming. Keeping records of which contractors are completing the work on each permit falls to me. Real hard work you're probably thinking and you'd be right, but nonetheless I'm asking for your help!

NOI forms are available on our website, wwcb.state.wy.us in either a printable form that can be mailed or faxed to (888) 988-1322, or a link to complete and submit online is on the homepage of our website. I can also email or mail you a paper copy for your records if any of you would like me to. I would also accept a picture sent via text message as long as the information is legible. State Regulations require all licensees to notify the Board 5 business days PRIOR to drilling a well or installing a pump. I know your time and resources are valuable, so if it's easier to send me a month's worth of NOI's at a time on a rainy day, please do so. To the contractors already submitting NOI's THANK YOU! To those who are not currently submitting them, what can I do to help? I would be more than happy to discuss the best way for you or your staff to submit them to me, and help go over the form if necessary. Send me any questions or concerns you have on this, or any other topic important to you and your business. I hope you all have a safe and profitable June.

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