

Wyoming Water Well Contractors' Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



IN THIS ISSUE:

Director's Welcome	1
Renewal Reminder	1
Industry News	2
Calendar/Events	3

Water Well Contractors,

I find it appropriate that Veterans Day falls before Thanksgiving, it is a strong reminder to me how important our service men and woman and their families are to the rest of us. Without their incredible sacrifices we would not be able to over eat next Thursday with our families in peace. Thank you to all our contractors who are serving or have served along with all other active duty and veteran service members.

Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and strong finish to 2019.

Have a great month.
Jimmy Gordon

2019 License Renewal Reminder-

As I mentioned in one of my first newsletters, a vast majority of contractor's licenses are due to renew the end of 2019. I mailed out renewal packets in June of this year and have received several back. **If you are due to renew your license this year and have not received a packet from me, please call or email me so I know to send another renewal application. Time is Running out and I have a lot of renewals that have not come in.**

Keep in mind all licenses expire on December 31st of the third year. With the amount of contractors set to expire this year, I want to be sure I do not hold up anyone from holding an active license.

Jimmy.gordon@wyo.gov

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

Website:
wwcb.state.wy.us
email:wwcb@wyo.gov

Jimmy Gordon
Executive Director
1201 E 7th Street,
Suite103
Powell, WY 82435

Cell:
(307) 851-7770

Fax:
(888) 988-1322

E-Mail:
jimmy.gordon@wyo.gov



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

What Does 'Made in USA' Mean for Drilling Products?

By: David King

What does it mean when we say, “Made in the USA”? The answer depends on the definitions offered by various government programs and legal experts, and on our perception. As I understand, in order to label a product as “made in the USA,” the Department of Commerce requires that it be manufactured here with U.S.-sourced raw materials. All, or virtually all, made here.

For example, my wife, Randy, used to sell electrical supplies for federal and state projects. If the specs for a given project said all products must be made in the USA, it meant down to the minute detail. In one project I heard about, goods were ordered to spec, delivered to the jobsite and installed. Later, project managers found a switch box had one small component made in Mexico. Everything had to come out and get replaced.

Many exporters utilize the services of the Import/Export Bank. They have a program where they will provide financial backup if you offer a foreign company payment terms like net 30 days for the U.S.-made products you sell to them. If you do not get paid, the bank will pay you less a small fee. Here, 50% U.S. made appears to be OK.

Back before NAFTA, there were duty free zones in Mexico near the U.S. border. At the time, I knew of a tricone bit manufacturer that would manufacture the completed bit sections in Mexico, and then ship them to Texas to be welded together and threaded. They used the “Made in the USA” tag, even though the bulk of the work was done in Mexico.

So, is a product made in the USA if the steel to make it was imported? What if the steel was made here in the U.S., but in a foreign-owned steel mill? This came up recently in the use of American-made steel in a certain pipeline. What if a portion of that steel came from a U.S. mill that is a wholly owned subsidiary of a Russian steel conglomerate? Should it count?

I think of all the manufacturing done here in the U.S. How much is U.S. owned? What percentage of publicly traded U.S.-based companies is foreign owned? About 25% on average. In the water well, mining and construction industries, U.S. companies like Ingersoll Rand, Driltech and Mission have become Atlas Copco (now Epiroc) and Sandvik.

Some of my neighbors work in the local Epiroc plant in Fort Loudon, Pennsylvania. Hard working Americans working in a factory located right here in America. Seven miles down the road in Mercersburg, there is a smaller manufacturer making hammer and bits. It employs Americans and is located in America, but owned by Americans. Is one more “made in America” than the other?

Which is more American made: that Ford F250 made in Canada, or my 20-year-old Toyota Tundra made in Tennessee? Did the Mack trucks manufactured in Hagerstown, Maryland, become un-American when they were bought out by Volvo?

This article continues on www.nationaldriller.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	Selection of Meters for Water Well Pumps (7132-1)	Website	Online self-paced course
TLC	Technical Learning College	Website	Self-paced courses
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
 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
 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.