

Wyoming Water Well Contractors' Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



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Water Well Contractors,

I hope you didn't blink, because if you did you probably missed fall! Winter is here it seems, everyone stay safe and warm. As a reminder if anyone has any equipment or tools related to the water well industry they would like to sell, please send me in a description and contact information. I will get them in the monthly newsletter as soon as I receive them.

I will be attending the Wyoming Ground Water Association meeting in Casper on the 18th. I hope to meet anyone who will be attending that I have not been able to meet in person yet.

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.

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.

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WWCB Monthly Report

The Water Well Contracting Board held a Board meeting on September 4th, 2019 10:00am at the State Engineer's Conference room W280, Herschler Building, in Cheyenne. During the meeting the Board ratified the following new licenses;

03WDPI133- Shawn McWilliams of Saddlehorn Drilling, Thermopolis, WY.

MIWDPI004- Kirt Moore of Advanced Energy, LLC, South Boardman, MI.

WAWD001- Chad Gregory of Gregory Drilling, North Bend, WA

Congratulations to all of our newest contractors!



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EPA Proposes Updates to Lead and Copper Rule October 11, 2019

By: Mike Price

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced on October 10 a proposed rule that improves the actions that water systems must take to reduce lead in the nation's drinking water. This action represents the first major overhaul of the Lead and Copper Rule since 1991 and marks a critical step in advancing the Trump Administration's Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures.

In conjunction with the announcement, the EPA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have launched a new website that summarizes available federal programs that help finance or fund lead service line (LSL) replacement. The new resource also includes case studies demonstrating how cities and states have successfully leveraged federal resources to support LSL replacement projects. The agency's proposal takes a proactive and holistic approach to improving the current rule — from testing to treatment to telling the public about the levels and risks of lead in drinking water. When finalized, this proposal will:

- Require more water systems to act sooner to reduce lead levels and protect public health
- Improve transparency and communication
- Better protect children and the most at-risk communities.

The proposal focuses on six key areas. Under the proposal, a community water system would be required to take new actions, including, but not limited to:

1. **Identifying the most impacted areas** by requiring water systems to prepare and update a publicly available inventory of LSLs and requiring water systems to "find-and-fix" sources of lead when a sample in a home exceeds 15 parts per billion (ppb)
2. **Strengthening drinking water treatment** by requiring corrosion-control treatment based on tap sampling results and establishing a new trigger level of 10 ppb (trigger level outlined below)
3. **Replacing LSLs** by requiring water systems to replace the water system-owned portion of an LSL when a customer chooses to replace their portion of the line; additionally, depending on their level above the trigger level, systems would be required take LSL replacement actions, as described below
4. **Increasing drinking water sampling reliability** by requiring water systems to follow new, improved sampling procedures and adjust sampling sites to better target locations with higher lead levels
5. **Improving risk communication to customers** by requiring water systems to notify customers within 24 hours if a sample collected in their home is above 15 ppb; water systems will also be required to conduct regular outreach to the homeowners with LSLs
6. **Better protecting children in schools and childcare facilities** by requiring water systems to take drinking water samples from the schools and childcare facilities served by the system.

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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
WGWA	WGWA October Meeting 10:00AM	Ramkota Hotel Casper, WY	October 18, 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.