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Coordinator's Corner

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Greetings from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board! I hope everyone is surviving the current economic situation and these extremely high fuel prices! Overall, 2007 well completions were down by 1100 wells, but the industry appears to remain strong. A good supply of drinking water is one product our citizens can't do without, so thank you for providing a great service for Oklahomans!

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association's 7th annual conference and exhibition will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Oklahoma City on February 19-20, 2009. Please plan on attending to support this organization, obtain continuing education credits, and gain some useful information for your business. The OGWA website address is <http://www.ogwa.biz>.

The Well Drillers and Pump Installers Advisory Council has been meeting since August to formulate proposed rule changes. We are currently proposing to improve the quality of our pump installer's test and study material by working with the National Ground Water Association. If you have comments or would like to provide input into this process, please contact me or Theda at (405) 530-8800.

OWRB Online Well Log Entry System Showcased on Go Green Oklahoma

Oklahoma's official web portal site, www.ok.gov, has announced that the online well log entry system located on the OWRB web site will be showcased on **gogreenoklahoma**. This web page (www.ok.gov/gogreen) recognizes state agencies that are providing green savings by expanding their use of eGovernment. Through online applications, like the well log entry system, the OWRB joins a few select state agencies that have been leaders in using eGovernment to reduce paper consumption and citizen travel to government facilities.

The OWRB launched the online well log filing program in October of 2003. At that time, the OWRB was receiving approximately 6,000 well log reports per year, mostly handwritten, requiring staff to enter the data into the system. Since then, well drillers have entered approximately 22,000 well reports online, saving a substantial amount of paper, postage cost, and data entry time. Furthermore, online entry by the driller has noticeably decreased the number of errors and mistakes in the well log entry process.

As scrutiny over government budgets increases, the efficiencies that eGovernment provides is transforming government processes everywhere. All levels of government have begun to recognize the emergence of eGovernment as having a profound effect. The OWRB's well log entry system serves as a great example for other state agencies wishing to expand their eGovernment offerings.

Save the Date!
OGWA Trade Show and Conference
February 19-20, 2009
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To ensure the integrity of water well construction, and thus prevent potential pollution of state groundwaters, the OWRB supervises the state licensing program of pump installers and drillers of water supply, geothermal, observation, and monitoring wells. The OWRB has published the *Oklahoma Driller's Log* quarterly since 2001 as a source of information for the state's licensed water well drillers and pump contractors. Please e-mail your comments and article ideas to pubinfo@owrb.ok.gov. Visit the OWRB web site at www.owrb.ok.gov and click on "well drilling" for more information or to access the online well log filing program or the water well record search program.

Water Supply Well Completions for 2003-2007

The total number of water supply wells completed in Oklahoma in 2007 was 3,038. This number was down by 1,100 wells compared to 2006 numbers, which is a reduction of approximately 27%. This reduction is probably the result of higher than average rainfall in 2007 after a historically significant drought during 2006, which was a record year for well completions.

Still, commercial well completions were higher in 2007 with an increase of over 60% from 2006.

Data derived from the OWRB well record database.

Year	Private Wells	Public Water Supply Wells	Agriculture Wells	Commercial Wells	Total
2007	2,434	61	473	70	3,038
2006	3,196	81	830	31	4,138
2005	2,851	47	479	166	3,543
2004	2,506	58	384	25	2,970
2003	2,807	67	431	22	3,327

License Renewal Notice

The OWRB mailed renewal application forms to all licensed well drilling and/or pump installer firms and operators required to renew in 2008. Please be aware that all even numbered DPC licenses expired on June 30, 2008. In accordance with OWRB rules, a 30-day grace period was granted beginning on July 1. However, after July 31, 2008, the license became invalid and it is now necessary for these individuals to submit a new application for a new license, take the appropriate examination, pay applicable fees and obtain approval for the new license from the OWRB.

If the renewal deadline was not met, these companies and any certified operators working under the authority of the companies are no longer authorized to drill wells and/or install pumps in the State of Oklahoma. If you have any questions, please contact Theda Adkisson, DPC Licensing at (405) 530-8800.