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## Coordinator's Corner

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The OWRB and OGWA just wrapped up an excellent two-day trade show and conference with approximately 100 licensed operators in attendance. Topics such as OWRB regulations, geophysical well logging, electrical resistivity imaging, well design and efficiency were presented and discussed by all present. Every year I am amazed by new technology in the groundwater industry. I appreciate everyone who assisted and participated in the workshop. I especially appreciate those who took time away from their busy schedules to attend.

The renewal period for odd numbered licensed firms is just around the corner. Please be aware that four credit hours of continuing education will be required for renewal this year. We have four sessions scheduled in April and a final session scheduled for June 3 in Oklahoma City.

The public hearing for proposed rule changes was held February 4 at OWRB offices. There were no members of the public in attendance, but written comments were received from one firm and entered into the official record. The proposed rules and regulations for Chapter 35 have been submitted to the State Legislature for approval. If you have any questions regarding rule changes or current rules, please give me a call or a copy may be downloaded from our Web site at [www.owrb.state.ok.us](http://www.owrb.state.ok.us).

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## 3rd Annual Oklahoma Ground Water Association Trade Show and Conference a Success

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) presented its 3rd Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show March 10-11 at Francis Tuttle Technology Center. According to Lee Brock, Association Chairman, more than 100 participants attended the conference and were treated to excellent exhibits that introduced the latest in drilling and pump technology. Continuing education seminars, such as geophysical logging, electrical resistivity imaging, pump design, well design and efficiency, health and safety classes were also outstanding and appreciated.

Robert Keyes was presented with the "Past Presidential Award" for his dedication and service as the past chairman of the Board of Directors for the OGWA. The Board of Directors, committee members, and Beth Vannoy dedicated enormous amounts of time and energy to produce another quality conference and

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*Trade show participants attending a continuing education seminar*

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trade show. The Association would like to thank these individuals for their efforts as well as all vendors and manufacturers for their continued support. Plans for the 2006 conference are underway; the date and location will be announced soon. For further information on the OGWA, please contact Beth Vannoy at P.O. Box 58130, Oklahoma City, OK, (888) 884-6492, or visit the OGWA Web site at [www.ogwa.biz](http://www.ogwa.biz).

## RENEWAL PERIOD APPROACHING FAST

Each April, the OWRB mails out license renewal applications to Oklahoma's well drillers and pump installers. Two-year DPC licenses with odd numbers expire June 30, 2005. After that date, those who fail to renew their licenses will no longer be authorized to drill wells and/or install pumps in the State of Oklahoma until the license has been renewed. Following expiration, a \$200 late fee will be added to the renewal fee.

The OWRB grants a 30-day grace period, but after July 31 the license is considered invalid and affected individuals must submit a new application for licensure and they are again subject to examination requirements, appropriate fees and OWRB approval. Also required is documentation of four continuing education credit hours before processing of the renewal application.

If you have any questions, please contact Theda Adkisson, DPC Licensing, at (405) 530-8800.

## FINAL CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS IN JUNE

On June 3, the OWRB will be conducting a final continuing education class for the 2004-2005 renewal period. The class will be held at the OWRB, 3800 N. Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City. The session will begin at 8:30 and conclude at 12:30.

As of April 1, our records indicate that approximately 100 operators have not completed the required four credit hours of continuing education. Please be aware that your renewal will not be processed until documentation of four credit hours is provided. The rules and regulations also provide that an administrative penalty of up to \$250 may be assessed and the credit hours doubled.

Please don't miss out on this final opportunity. The Board may also approve other types of related education credit on a case-by-case basis. For out of state licensed operators, the OWRB will accept continuing education credit approved by surrounding states. If you have completed course work and have any questions regarding credit approval, please contact Kent Wilkins at (405) 530-8800 or (918) 429-3605.

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