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Coordinator's Corner

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The summer of 2007 was a busy time for the groundwater industry. The spring and summer rains slowed down drilling temporarily, but most drillers are making up for it now.

The year 2006 was a record year for number of wells completed (see table below). The total number of private water wells completed in 2006 was 3196, total number of agricultural wells completed was 831, and total number of public water supply wells completed was 81.

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) has announced the dates and location for the next drilling conference and exhibition. The 6th annual conference will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Oklahoma City on February 21-22, 2008. Please plan on attending to support this organization and gain some useful information for your business. The OGWA website address is <http://www.ogwa.biz>.

August through December is the time the Board formulates proposed rule changes for the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me if you have a suggested rule change.

6th Annual Conference and Trade Show

The 6th Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held February 21 and 22, 2008, at Clarion Meridian Hotel & Convention Center, 737 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City. According to Jimmy Davis, Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) president, the program will include outdoor drilling exhibits and indoor trade show displays by a wide variety of prominent Oklahoma and regional companies involved in the groundwater industry. The show also includes continuing education programs for anyone interested in the groundwater industry or needing to renew a DPC drilling license. Two symposium-styled technical programs will run concurrently both days of the show. These presentations will include Oklahoma groundwater rules and regulations, drilling practices, groundwater studies, and the latest water well equipment. Admittance is open to the public. Registration and schedules will be available online, by telephone request, or at the door. We look forward to seeing you at the show. So mark your calendars and don't miss the opportunity to obtain up to 8 hours of continuing education credit!

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Beth Vannoy at (888) 884-6492 or ogwa.exec.sec@tds.net.

Water Supply Wells Completed for 2003-2006*

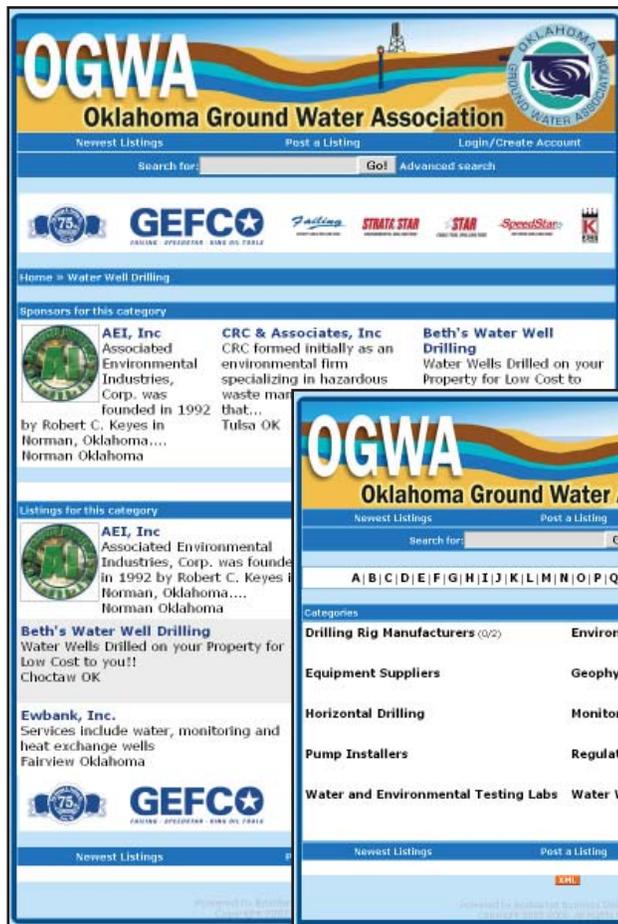
Total number of private water supply wells completed in 2006 was 3196, up by 11% from 2005 and up by 21% from 2004. Total number of public water supply wells completed was 81, up by 41% from 2005 and 28% from 2004. Total number of agricultural wells completed in 2006 was 831, up by 42% from 2005 and by 54% from 2004. Total number of commercial wells completed was 31, down by 81% from 2005 and up by 19% from 2004.

YEAR	Private Wells	Public Water Supply Wells	Agriculture Wells	Commercial Wells	TOTAL
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

*Data derived from OWRB well record database.

OGWA Presents New and Improved Web Site

The OGWA is excited to present a new and improved Web site to assist the groundwater industry. Please take a moment to view the website at www.ogwa.biz. We believe you will find it useful and informative. If you have any questions about the Web site, please contact Beth Vannoy at 888-884-6492 or ogwa.exec.sec@tds.net.



OGWA has also been developing a business directory. This is an innovative way to present your business to thousands of potential customers. We have acquired the technology to list your company in the directory and provide a link to your business's website. This form of advertising is very economical and far-reaching within the water well industry, as well as the general public. This directory will be up and running by November 15, 2007.

2008 Rule Change Process Underway for Chapter 35

Now is the time for all licensed operators to review Chapter 35 for possible rule changes.

The Well Drillers and Pump Installers Council will meet from August through December to formulate proposed rule changes for the upcoming year. Those proposed changes must be approved by the Board and then submitted to the legislature during the upcoming legislative session.

Please feel free to contact Kent Wilkins at (405) 530-8800 if you have any suggested rule changes.