



OKLAHOMA

Water Resources Board

April 7, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Update – License Renewals and Continuing Education

Dear Oklahoma Water Well Drilling and Pump Installation Firms,

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) would like to inform you of steps we are taking to prepare for license renewals and continuing education given the challenges presented by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-07, which states that all occupational licenses issued by the State of Oklahoma will not expire while the order is in effect, plus 14 days. **There is tremendous uncertainty regarding how long the order will remain in effect. Meanwhile, the OWRB will be sending out renewal forms as usual and encouraging submittal of forms as early as is convenient so they can be processed as soon as the order expires or is withdrawn. Please submit renewals even if continuing education requirements for the period have not been met. There will be opportunities to make up continuing education as the situation unfolds.**

Due to the order's prohibition on gatherings, it is uncertain when the Oklahoma Ground Water Association's (OGWA) traditional workshops can once again be scheduled. In the meantime, we are working with OGWA to set up online, interactive workshops that can be attended remotely using a phone or computer.

Additional resources for continuing education include the following (most are free, but some require fees):

- **Goulds Water Technology e-Learning:** <http://goulds.com/e-learning/>
- **Franklin Electric:** <https://franklintech.exceedlms.com/student/catalog>
- **International School of Well Drilling:** <https://www.welldrillingschool.com/>
- **National Ground Water Association:** <https://www.ngwa.org/events-and-education/ngwa's-event-calendar>
- **Baroid Drilling Fluids:** <https://www.halliburton.com/en-US/ps/baroid/default.html>
- **American Water Works Association:** <https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Webinars>
- **Yaskawa:** <https://www.yaskawa.com/support-training/training/elearning-curriculum> (A copy of the certification test questions for each lesson will serve as a certificate.)
- **The Private Well Class:** <http://privatewellclass.org/>

Updates will be posted to the Well Drilling and Pump Installation Program webpage at <https://www.owrb.ok.gov/welldrilling>. You can also check for updates at OGWA's website: <https://okgroundwater.org/>. The best way to receive program updates directly is by contacting Charlie O'Malley, Well Drilling and Pump Installation Program Coordinator, at (405) 863-1828 or charles.omalley@owrb.ok.gov.

Thank you for your service as members of Oklahoma's critical infrastructure workforce! Please feel free to let us know if there is anything we can help you with.

Sincerely,

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