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Coordinator’s Corner
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A record in attendance was set at the annual trade show and conference with approximately 200 licensed operators registered for the show. Industry topics such as Safety Issues for Well Drillers, DOT Rules and Regulations, Water Well Rehabilitation with Chemicals, Ground Source Heat Pump Opportunities, Air Drilling Techniques for Water Wells, and the Texas Rules Review were presented and discussed at the conference. Every year I am amazed by the new technology associated with the groundwater industry. I appreciate everyone that assisted and participated in the tradeshow. I especially appreciate the time away from your busy schedules. Thanks again for attending!

Renewal period for the even numbered licensed firms is just around the corner. Please be aware that eight credit hours of continuing education will be required for renewal this year. We have scheduled five educational sessions to be held in May and June for each corner of the state and a final session in Oklahoma City.

Proposed rules and regulations for Chapter 35 have been submitted to the legislature for their approval and a copy of the changes may be downloaded from our website at www.owrb.state.ok.us/util/rules. If you have any questions regarding rule changes or current rules, please give me a call at (405) 530-8800.

Conference and Trade Show Has Record Attendance

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) presented the 4th Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show February 23-24 in Oklahoma City with a record attendance of 200. The Board of Directors, committee members, and Beth Vannoy, OGWA Executive Secretary, dedicated extensive time to produce another quality conference and trade show and should be commended. The Association would also like to thank all the vendors and manufacturers for their continued support.

The OGWA has already scheduled the date and location for the 2007 conference--February 22-23, 2007, at the Clarion Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For further information on the OGWA and the 2007 conference, please visit the OGWA website at www.ogwa.biz or contact Beth Vannoy by e-mailing her at exec.sec@ogwa.biz or by phone at (888) 884-6492.
CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

The OWRB’s 2006 Continuing Education workshops will consist of 4 hours of instruction and will be free of charge for each participant. Registration is at the door and coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Each licensed operator is required to obtain 8 hours of continuing education per 2-year renewal period. Please plan on attending to prevent suspension of your license or administrative penalty/fine. Contact Theda Adkisson or Kent Wilkins at (405) 530-8800 if you have any questions. The dates, times, and locations of each workshop are listed below:

WOODWARD
May 24, 2006, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
High Plains Technology Center
3921 34th Street
Woodward, Oklahoma
1-800-725-1492

OKLAHOMA CITY
June 21, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Offices of the OWRB
3800 N. Classen Blvd.
405-530-8800.

TULSA
May 30, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tulsa Technology Center
Riverside Campus
8010 East 91st Street
918-828-4000

LAWTON
June 1, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Great Plains Technology Center
4500 W. Lee Blvd.
580-250-5550

McALESTER
June 7, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Kiamichi Technology Center
301 Kiamichi Drive
918-426-0940

RENEWAL PERIOD APPROACHING FAST

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board has mailed renewal application forms to all licensed well drilling and/or pump installer firms and operators required to renew in 2006. Please be aware that the even number DPC licenses expire on June 30, 2006; therefore, the company and any certified operators working under the authority of the company would no longer be authorized to drill wells and/or install pumps in the State of Oklahoma until the license is renewed. After June 30th, the license expires and a $200 late fee will be added to the renewal fee. In accordance with OWRB rules, a 30-day grace period is granted which begins July 1. However, after July 31, 2006, the license becomes invalid and it will then be necessary for the individual to submit a new application for new license, take the appropriate examination, pay applicable fees, and obtain approval for the new license from the Board. Also, documentation of 8-credit hours of continuing education will be required before processing of your renewal application can begin. If you have any questions, please contact Theda Adkisson, DPC Licensing at (405) 530-8800.