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The year 2006 was another busy year for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). The OWRB licensed 24 new firms and 60 new operators this year to reach a current total of 345 licensed firms and 604 licensed operators. We also currently have approximately 107,000 well log records entered in our database.

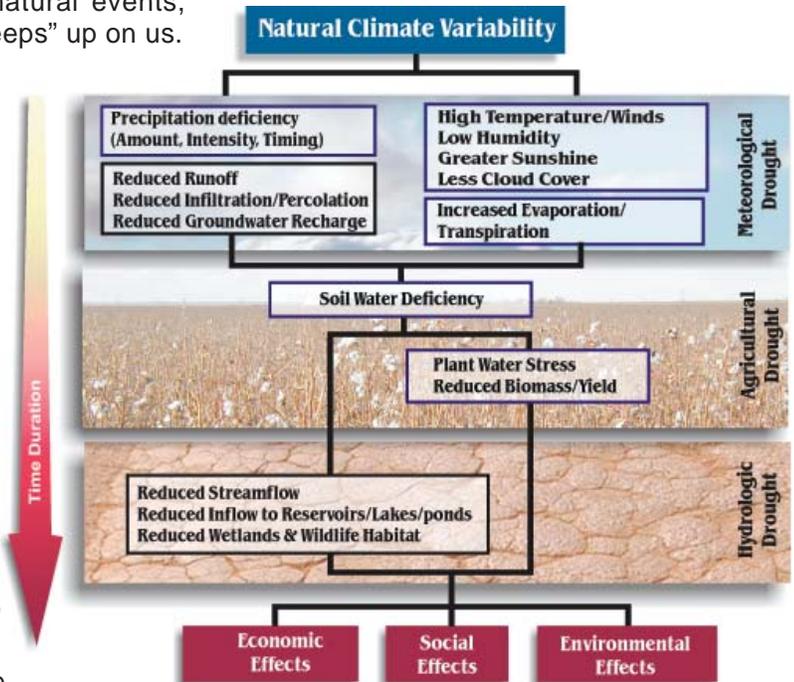
Please try to attend the Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) trade show and conference that will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Oklahoma City on February 22 and 23, 2007. OGWA members have prepared an excellent schedule of presenters and topics. Everyone can surely gain some useful information to improve his or her business while obtaining required continuing education credit.

Renewal period for the even numbered licensed firms will be mailed out in April, and 8 hours of continuing education credits will be required before your renewal can be processed. Remember, if you have any questions regarding the well drillers and pump installers program or other OWRB programs, please feel free to give me a call or check out our website at www.owrb.state.ok.us.

Drought is Normal

Drought is a normal, recurrent aspect of climate variability. Still, this hazard causes extraordinary economic and social distress that can affect hundreds of thousands of people or more. Unlike floods, earthquakes, and other natural events, drought "creeps" up on us.

As demonstrated in the graphic, the onset of drought begins with a deficiency in rainfall, high temperatures and winds, and decreased humidity, collectively resulting in "meteorological" drought. As soil moisture is reduced, "agricultural" drought is experienced. If this scenario continues through several seasons, streamflow is reduced to critical levels and "hydrologic" drought results.



To read more about the hydrologic drought of 2006, go to "Featured Links" on www.owrb.state.ok.us and select "Hydrologic Drought of Water Year 2006: A Historical Context," a fact sheet created by the OWRB, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, and USGS.

OGWA Trade Show and Conference

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association invites you to attend the 5th annual Conference and Trade Show. The conference will be held February 22 and 23, 2007 at Clarion Meridian Hotel & Convention Center, 737 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Don't miss the opportunity to obtain up to 8 hours of continuing education credit!!

Licensed operators as well as the public will have the opportunity to hear presentations from industry professionals representing both Gould Pumps and Franklin Electric. Operators can also gain knowledge by attending equipment maintenance and load securement courses presented by rig professionals. Geothermal drillers will also have an opportunity to learn more about Ground Source heating/cooling systems and grouting procedures. Various technical presentations are scheduled for both days of the conference as well as a review of OWRB Rule and Regulations.

Registration includes admission to the exhibit hall, all educational sessions and lunch both days. Educational sessions may count towards the Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas CEU requirements. Please be advised that this continuing education credit will not be accepted by the State of Texas.

Registration costs for members are \$50.00 including CEUs or \$25 not including CEUs. Non-member rates are \$85.00 including CEUs and \$50.00 not including CEUs. City, State & Federal employees may attend free of charge. For further information contact:

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