Coordinator’s Corner
Angie Taylor, OWRB Drillers Program Coordinator

Greetings Well Drillers and Pump Installers. My name is Angie Taylor. As of July 2012, I took over the duties of Driller/Pump Installer Program Coordinator from Kent Wilkins. Kent is now the Assistant Chief of the OWRB’s Planning and Management Division.

I have been with the OWRB for the past six years, working as an Environmental Scientist in the Permitting Section of the Planning and Management Division, dealing primarily with groundwater rights issues. Prior to transferring to the OWRB, I worked for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture for nineteen years as an inspector. I have a Bachelor’s degree in Animal Science with a minor in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University.

I am very excited to carry on the work that has been accomplished with the program over the years and look forward to moving ahead as advances in technology open up new opportunities to provide better and more timely information about Oklahoma’s precious groundwater resources to both our drillers/pump installers and the public.

I look forward to meeting you at this year’s Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) Annual Conference and Trade Show in Norman on January 17-18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. This year, we have an excellent schedule of presenters, exhibits, and topics.

Check out more conference and association information on the OGWA website at www.okgroundwater.org. Everyone can gain useful information to improve his or her business while obtaining required continuing education credit.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (405) 530-8847 or e-mail me at ajtaylor@owrb.ok.gov.

2013 OGWA Trade Show and Conference
January 17-18, 2013
Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, Norman, OK
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2013 Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA)
Trade Show and Conference

Please join us for the 11th annual Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) Drilling Conference & Exhibition to be held January 17-18, 2012 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma. Don’t miss this great opportunity to obtain up to 12 hours of continuing education credit!

On January 17, all attendees will have an opportunity to hear an update from Oklahoma Secretary of Environment, Gary Sherrer. Kent Wilkins will provide an update on OWRB rules and regulations, followed by a presentation on Safety in the Workplace by Steve Smith of Volkbell Property & Casualty.

Concurrent sessions will be held on the afternoon of January 17th, tailored for either Drillers/Pump Installers or for those more interested in the technical aspects of groundwater. The Driller/Pump Installer sessions will include the following topics: Logbook Requirements, presented by the Department of Public Safety; Geothermal: Importance of Proper Grouting of Boreholes and Loops, Garen Ewbank, Ewbank, Inc.;
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and Basic Electrical Concepts, Ron Jackson, Pumps of Oklahoma. Technical topics will include the following: Fundamentals of Field Sampling, Cindy Paul, EPA; Relation Between Ph and Occurrence of Contamination, Carol Becker, USGS; Rush Springs and Garber Wellington Aquifer Studies, Chris Neel, OWRB; Hydrogeology, Dr. Todd Hallihan, OSU.

On January 18th, all attendees will have the opportunity to hear the 2012 McElhiney Lecturer, John Jansen, with the National Ground Water Association, present “Keeping the Pump Primed.” Concurrent sessions will begin at 9:45. Driller/Pump Installer sessions will include the following topics: Application of Field Drilling Techniques, Lyndon Pence, Baroid; Damage Prevention, Brenda Hoefer, OK One-Call Systems, Inc.; Rush Springs Aquifer Study update, Chris Neel, OWRB; Initiation of Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring and Assessment Program, Mark Belden, OWRB; and Drilling in Potential or Known Areas of Contamination, Patricia Billingsley, OCC Oil & Gas. Technical session topics will include the following: LUST Remediation Case Studies; Fundamentals of Field Sampling, Cindy Paul, EPA; and Ground Penetrating Radar, Wade Vickers, GPRS. There will be 16 CEUs for Remediation Consultants.

In a general session, beginning at 2 p.m., Kent Wilkins will present Rules and Regulations with an Emphasis on Proper Plugging of Contaminated and Uncontaminated Wells and Proper Completion of Well Logs. Patricia Billingsley (OCC) will present OCC Brownsfield Program, and Leonard Billingsley (OCC) will present Estimating Free Product Recovery.

Registration costs:
- Member with CEUs $100
- Nonmember with CEUs $225
- Member without CEUs $40
- Nonmember without CEUs $120

Membership fees:
- Contractor /Technical $100
- Manufacturer/Supplier $300

Educational sessions may count towards the Kansas and Arkansas CEU requirements.

Enforcement of Rules Regarding Well Driller/Pump Installer Licensing and Multi-purpose Completion Report Submittal

As part of the 2012 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Update, new measures were added to state regulations for water well drilling, including an administrative fine schedule for unlawful activities, an automated fining process, and an online well log reporting requirement.

The OWRB regularly receives complaints from the public regarding unauthorized activities. Each of these complaints is taken seriously. If you observe or receive a call from a citizen regarding suspicious drilling activities, please contact the OWRB office so the appropriate action may be taken. All reports will be kept anonymous.

Citations are now being issued according to a fine schedule: $1,000 for the first offense and $5,000 for subsequent offenses, for the following activities:

- unlicensed/uncertified drilling activities;
- no licensed driller/pump installer onsite;
- improper drilling rig identification; or
- minimum construction and plugging standard violations.

Each licensed company or certified operator is required to file a multi-purpose completion report (with latitude and longitude data) for all drilling activities within 60 days of completion (Please review OAC 785:35-5-3). Fines will be enforced according to the schedule, $50 to $250 per offense, and acceptable reports must be filed within 30 days of notice. Entities failing to file multi-purpose completion reports are being identified and fines will be forthcoming.

We appreciate your compliance and assistance in keeping licensee standards high and in submitting important groundwater data.

For more information, contact Angie Taylor or Theda Adkisson at (405) 530-8800.