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### Coordinator's Corner



Angie Taylor  
Coordinator

I would like to express my gratitude to the odd-numbered Well Driller and Pump Installation (WDPI) firms for their quick response in submitting license renewal applications. This year's renewal period certainly set a standard for timely response.

One item I would like to note as a helpful reminder to firms, please make sure you are fully

tax compliant before the WDPI program can renew your license. Please check your tax status with the Oklahoma Tax Commission before submitting your renewal application.

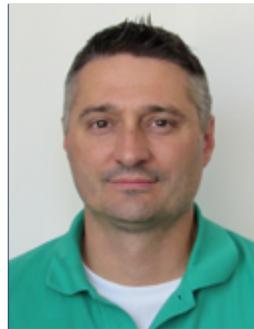
The deadline for submitting renewal applications is May 1st - 31st, and those submitted during June 1st - 30th incur a late fee of \$150.00.

In other news, we will be hosting a continuing education workshop from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on October 14, 2015 in the library auditorium at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK. Discussion will include topics such as online well log filing, general use of ArcGIS, and how to properly obtain GPS coordinates. Additional workshops will be scheduled throughout the rest of the state as time allows so please stay tuned.

As always, please contact me at (405) 530-8800 if you have any questions or concerns, thanks!

Angie

### Brian's Breakdown



Brian McDonald  
Field Inspector

Communication is the key to a unified response! In the last two months, the WDPI program effectively worked in conjunction with different well drilling firms on three separate remediation projects. Those projects were responsible for bringing a total of six water wells into compliance with Chapter 35 minimum construction standards. I would like to thank those firms involved for their rapid response in successfully correcting all deficiencies found. Overall, it was a

good experience and a great opportunity to meet some of you and get to know some of the daily obstacles drillers face in the field.

As the only WDPI Field Inspector, it is important that I am able to contact responsible parties in a timely fashion. Please keep in mind, I only have so much time I can commit to a project before I must move on to the next. It is vital to our mission that all firms keep updated contact information with the OWRB. Unfortunately, if your firm doesn't have updated contact information and I am unable to establish communications, I have no choice but to send those cases to our legal department once I have exhausted the time I have available. So please take the time to make sure your contact information with our office is updated. I thank you for your time in advance. Be safe out there.

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## Rule Highlight: Maintaining Licenses and Certifications

Proper maintenance of your WDPI licenses and certifications is every bit as important to your success as proper well construction or quality customer service. It's important to be aware of the general requirements for maintaining licenses and operator certifications which can be found in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 35 in the OWRB's WDPI rules.

In 785:35-5-1, the general requirements for maintaining a license are as follows:

1. Every firm must designate a representative of the license responsible for the exercise, use, maintenance, modification, renewal and all other aspects relating to the license.
2. A certified operator must be present during all activities being conducted such as drilling, plugging or pump installation.
3. Each rig used by the licensed firm shall be identified using letters two inches in height with the firm name and license number and shall be visible to the public.
4. All activities shall meet or exceed Chapter 35 minimum construction standards unless a variance has been approved before construction begins.

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Embassy Suites Conference Center  
Norman, OK



5. Multi-purpose completion reports acceptable to the Board shall be submitted to the Board within 60 days after completion and plugging. Under completion report requirements it also states the license is responsible for the accuracy of information in all reports submitted by the certified operator.
6. Licenses shall be properly renewed as required by the Board to include continuing education attendance.
7. The license must be displayed at the business address of the licensed individual, partnership, firm or corporation.
8. Water wells constructed for purposes other than domestic use must be completed only when an application has been made to the Board for a permit authorizing the location.

In 785:35-5-2, the general requirements for certified operators are as follows:

1. Each well or pump installation shall be completed to meet or exceed Chapter 35 minimum construction standards.
2. Any reports or documents submitted to the Board shall provide accurate information.
3. Certifications shall be properly renewed with the Board and shall include continuing education attendance.
4. All certified operators shall have their operator certification card on hand any time he is in charge of drilling or pump installation activities.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines [Visit our Continuing Education page for course details.](#)

October 14	OWRB Workshop: Online Well Log Filing, Using ArcGIS, & How to Properly Obtain GPS Coordinates
December 1-2	36th Annual Oklahoma Governor's Water Conference and Research Symposium
December 15-17	National Ground Water Association Groundwater 15 Expo
January 12-13	OGWA 2016 Annual Conference & Tradeshow at the Embassy Suites in Norman

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*To ensure the integrity of water well construction, and thus prevent potential pollution of state groundwaters, the OWRB supervises the state licensing program of pump installers and drillers of water supply, geothermal, observation, and monitoring wells. The OWRB has published the Oklahoma Driller's Log since 2001 as a source of information for the state's licensed water well drillers and pump contractors. Please e-mail comments and article ideas to [pubinfo@owrb.ok.gov](mailto:pubinfo@owrb.ok.gov).*