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Coordinator's Corner



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The Oklahoma Ground Water Association annual conference and trade show will be held January 10-11 at the Embassy Suites in Norman. Participants may attend a number of technical courses for continuing education credit, including several 30-minute hands-on training sessions in the exhibit hall. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable information while obtaining

required continuing education credit. All licensees and all certified operators are required to attend at least four units of approved continuing education during each year period (from July 1 through June 30) or a total of eight units for each two-year period of renewal, and one unit must be focused on Oklahoma Rules and Regulations.

At the end of June, we said goodbye to Brian McDonald, who did an amazing job during his time with the program. We wish him the best. New to the program is Geologist Charles O'Malley, who began his career with the OWRB last year as an Environmental Specialist in the Floodplain Management Program. Charlie's experience includes developing and using Geographic Information Systems to collect field data, providing technical assistance, and providing education and outreach to professionals and

the public. Charlie looks forward to working with drillers and pump installers in our program.

As always, please remember that submission of well logs within sixty days following the completion of a new well or plugging/reconditioning of an existing well is required. These data provide valuable information to OWRB hydrologists, as well as many other scientists, researchers, and the public, about the availability of groundwater in our aquifers, including depth to water and yield, as well as location of nearby wells and other important information.

Advisory Council and ODEQ Cooperate to Improve Rules for Minor Public Supply Wells

The OWRB's Well Drillers Advisory Council has cooperated with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to develop more uniform language in the construction standards for minor public supply wells. Upon the Council's recommendations, the ODEQ is now proposing rule changes. This cooperative effort has also resulted in a commitment by each party to notify the other about relevant information or developments and the provision for additional training for ODEQ field staff regarding drilling regulations and construction standards.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the ODEQ. Special thanks go out to Robert Huber, Rocky Chen, George Russell, Kay Coffey, and Patty Thompson at the ODEQ, as well as our Advisory Council members for their continued efforts to improve our program and protect our groundwater resources. Current Council members include Robert Keyes (Norman), Danny Ewbank (Fairview), Mike Ritter (Guymon), Larry Hudgens (Elk City), Steve Vannoy (Nicoma Park), Lee Brock (Hollis), Brent Lang (Enid), and Julie Cunningham (OWRB Interim Executive Director).

For more information on proposed changes to OAC 252:624, see the ODEQ Water Quality Management Advisory Council's (WQMAC) [October Draft Meeting Agenda](#). The changes will be further discussed at the WQMAC meeting on January 10, 2017.

Upcoming Events

January 10-11, 2017 [2017 OGWA Annual Conference & Tradeshow at the Embassy Suites in Norman](#)
New this year: 30-minute hands-on training sessions in the exhibit hall

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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.