

IGWA Bulletin

PROPOSED WELL CONSTRUCTION RULES NOT APPROVED BY IDAHO'S WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Members of the Idaho Ground Water Association attended the Idaho Water Resource Board meeting on May 17th in Burley, Idaho for IDWR's presentation on the proposed revisions to the Rules for Well Construction Standards. Gary Duspiva, Brett McCarty, Roger Batt and Norm Semanko (Idaho Water Users Association) testified on behalf of the IGWA in opposition to the Rules. The Idaho Dairyman's Association also gave Roger Batt the authority to testify against the Rules on their behalf due to the establishment of livestock holding areas and minimum distance requirements in the Rules.

Gary Duspiva cited Rules from two states and spoke to the fact that drive shoe sealing is allowed in other states bordering Idaho and that it should be included in the Rules. Brett McCarty testified that if the Rules were to be approved that it would mean an overwhelming cost not only to his operation but also to his customers. Roger Batt relayed that the Rules were going to be difficult to comply with, implement, and enforce and that the mandate leaning towards mud rotary methods should not exist statewide, especially in areas of Geologic Condition. Norm Semanko with the Idaho Water Users Association stated that the Idaho State Legislature initially asked for Well Construction Standards (which they have in the 1993 version) and that no hearing took place with the Legislature to give direction to IDWR to revise the Current Rules.

In an admirable display of incredible leadership, Director Dave Tuthill stood up and asked that the Rules previously placed onto the Water Resource Board agenda for the 18th of May be removed. Director Tuthill agreed that the Rules were not acceptable as currently drafted and agreed to go back to the drawing board as suggested. The IGWA appreciates Director Tuthill's leadership and his willingness to work with the Industry on the Process.

The Idaho Ground Water Association Board of Directors will be holding planning meetings in June to discuss further actions related to this issue.

Roger Batt, Executive Director



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*Lee Salvator
National Ground Water Association*



NGWA FLY-IN A SUCCESS

Requests for assistance in household water well financing, extension of tax credits for geothermal heat pumps, increased funding for LUST programs and support of groundwater studies were the focus of the recent NGWA Fly-In in Washington, DC. The Congressional reception of these inquiries was more supportive than in past years.

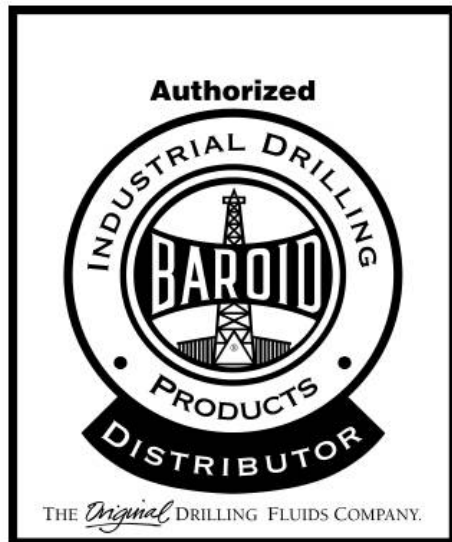
Gary Duspiva from Idaho joined over 125 other ground water professionals from 38 states in presenting those messages to members of Congress. In their meetings, several Congressional Delegation members from other states asked for reauthorization plus changes to streamline the existing household water well financing program that provides minimum cost loans to low income persons in need of clean water. The program has been funded at the \$1 million level for several years. The Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water, established by NGWA, currently has \$1.35 million in loan funds for distribution. The program is underway in 22 states with some funding in Idaho.

The LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) fund (established in the 1980's) has collected one tenth of one cent per gallon of fuel sold. That equates to \$211 million in annual revenue plus \$90 million in interest on the existing fund. The funds are used to conduct tank inspections and remediate abandoned leaking tanks. Only \$70 million has been appropriated for this important work to prevent and correct possible groundwater contamination. Support for increases were made by Fly-In attendees.

While many agree that management of groundwater resources is best left to local agencies, there is strong support for Federal assistance in groundwater data gathering to fill in data gaps in water and land use planning efforts. Fly-In attendees asked for higher level Congressional support of USGS studies that promote sound science in groundwater designs. A new white paper that emphasizes the need to consider possible impacts on groundwater while government addresses global climate change and information on new Subcommittee on Groundwater for the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information was also provided to Congressional staff.

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The IGWA will be holding their annual Summer Retreat on August 22-23, 2007 at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, NV. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Idaho Ground Water Association for a rate of \$49/night (singly/double occupancy). The agenda will include presentations for drillers as well as from Manufacturers and Suppliers for the pump industry. Correspondence on the Retreat will be mailed out to all of you in early July.

A G E N D A

Wednesday, August 22

8:00 Registration Foyer (Ruby Mountain A)

Presentations for Drillers

9:00 – 11:00 Drill Rig Maintenance Ruby Mountain A
Schramm

11:00 - 12:00 Geology for Drillers

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Buffet

1:00 - 2:00 Rule 70 with IDWR

2:00 – 3:00 GPS Mapping with IDWR

3:00 – 4:00 GPS Units/Bulk Purchasing
Garmin Representative

M&S Presentations for Pump Installers

9:00 – 10:00 Goulds Ruby Mountain B

10:00 – 11:00 Franklin

11:00 – 12:00 Grundfos

1:00 – 2:00 Pentair

2:00 – 3:00 Flint & Walling

4:30 Slot Tournament for IGWA participants Plateau Players Club
Dinner on Own

Thursday, August 23

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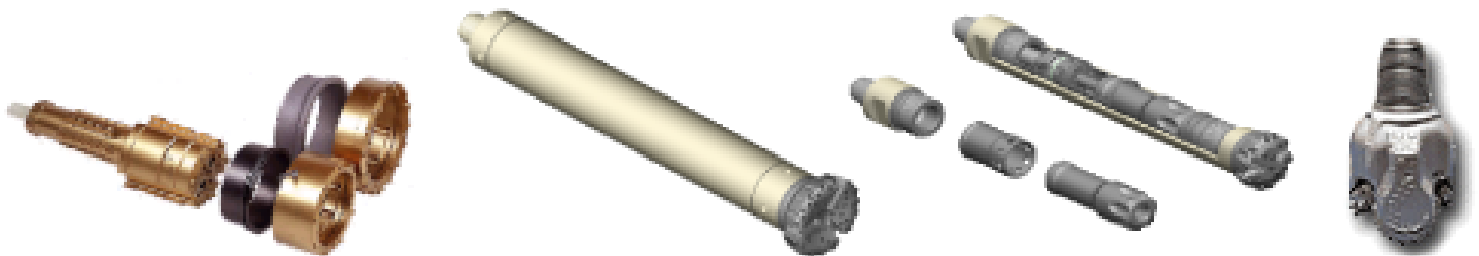


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TOPICS, ISSUES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

The IGWA Board decided to conduct a survey of opinions and ideas of topics, which could be addressed in our workshops and conventions that was needed by our Industry. The results of the survey from the North Idaho Workshop were enlightening. We will be addressing these topics, at least, in part at future workshops starting at the retreat in Jackpot this summer. Some of the topics have been addressed in the past and requested again, and some are new.

You have expressed the need for these through the survey, conversations, and discussions. IDWR has made some suggestions to the list as well and agreed that being better at our job will definitely help in protecting the Resource. Being a professional is agreeably an advantage in the marketplace. You can either learn and lead or guess and follow.

Below is a list compiled of the topics that have been proposed for discussion at future workshops and conventions: We invite you to suggest additional ideas or changes to the list as you see appropriate by contacting any board member. We want to be helpful in meeting your needs in this respect. We are willing to address the topics you feel are most important for you. You can make a difference. There are those who have not yet joined the IGWA. We invite you to support us in making our Industry better, while getting your money's worth. I joined 25-years ago and I've made differences in my operations and have received more than my money's worth.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Here is the listing of ideas and topics for your consideration:

- Professionalism
- Salesmanship
- Collecting your money
- Business strategies
- Prompt/Same day service
- Buying right/Making money with inventory
- Organizing your service truck and mobile office
- Analyzing information/Business performance

- Use and advantages of contracts
- Effective advertising
- Customer relationships – Sales, Referrals, Return sales
- Customer service records – Maps, Mileage charts
- Improving business image
- Prospecting for new business
- Rule 70 with IDWR
- Geology for drillers
- Well Construction Rules & Regulations
- Drill rig maintenance with Schramm
- GPS mapping with IDWR
- Bulk purchasing of GS units and presentation by Gagman
- Steel casing – what sizes and availability by provider
- Intermediate-advanced pump system installation and service
- Beginning pump system installation and service

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The Association is here to help all of you by finding legitimate speakers and organizing events so that you can earn CEC's. Our job is also to intervene when necessary if there is a major dispute between members of the Association and the IDWR.

Please do your part by keeping track of your own CEC's. Doing so makes life a little easier on everyone and shows the IDWR that as professionals, you are also doing a great job of keeping track of how many credits you have and need for the future.

TWO WAYS TO LOCATE UPCOMING ACCREDITED COURSES

1. Call our hotline at 1-866-IGWA-CEC to keep informed on upcoming courses available for credit.
2. Visit our website at www.igwa.info. You can visit our "Continuing Education" page to view the credits available for approved events. You can also visit our "Upcoming Events" page to see dates of opportunities soon-to-come that are being considered for credits.

IDAPA 37.03.10 (RULE 70)

070. CONTINUING EDUCATION (RULE 70).

01. Requirements. Every licensed driller and permitted operator shall have earned at the time of license or permit renewal the credit units required by these rules. The credit units shall have been obtained during the licensing period preceding the application for renewal. (4-5-00)

02. Earning Credit Units. A credit unit is earned for each hour the applicant devotes to attendance at workshops, seminars, short courses and other educational opportunities devoted to drilling or related subjects acceptable to the director. These may include completion of college courses, correspondence courses, videotaped courses, active participation in professional organizations, and other endeavors such as authoring appropriate publications. (4-5-00)

03. Record Keeping. Documentation to support credit units claimed is the responsibility of the licensed driller and permitted operator. Records required include but are not limited to: (4-5-00)

a. A log showing the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, duration, instructor's name, and credit units. (4-5-00)

b. Attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents providing evidence of attendance. (4-5-00)

04. Submittal and Maintenance of Records. Copies of continuing education records for the preceding license period shall be submitted with applications to renew licenses or permits. These records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years and shall be available for review by the department at the request of the director. (4-5-00)

05. Insufficient Credit Units. If at the time of renewal, the applicant is unable to provide verification of the required credit units, the director will deny renewal of the driller's license or operator's permit, except as otherwise provided in the following: (4-5-00)

a. The director may withhold action on an application for renewal for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days to allow the applicant to provide verification of the required credit units. The applicant is not authorized to drill until the verification is provided and the renewal is issued. (4-5-00)

b. The director may exempt an applicant from all or part of the continuing education requirements if the applicant served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days or more during the licensing period prior to filing the application for renewal; or the applicant suffered physical disability, serious illness, or other extenuating circumstances that prevented the applicant from earning the required units. (4-5-00)

c. A licensed driller or operator who has chosen to allow his license or permit to expire or otherwise become of no effect shall be exempt from continuing education requirements unless an application for renewal is filed less than three (3) years after the license or permit expired or otherwise became of no effect. (4-5-00)

06. Out-of-State Residents. The continuing education requirements for a non-resident applicant for a license or operator's permit shall be the same as for resident applicants. (4-5-00)

07. Responsibility for Education Development and Implementation. The Idaho Ground Water Association (IGWA) is delegated responsibility to develop and implement a program for continuing education for review and approval by the director. (4-5-00)



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