

The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

Winter 2016

THE FWWA HAS A NEW PHONE NUMBER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Increase in Workers Comp Rates:

1. As you may be aware, Workers Compensation Rates will increase 14.5% statewide, effective December 1, 2016. The rate increase is in response to two recent Supreme Court rulings undoing reforms passed in 2003 and rocking the state's workers' compensation system.



Why is this important? As a business owner, it is important for you to analyze the cost of doing business and make an independent decision on how to keep your company profitable.

Petroleum Restoration Program Change:

- 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has sent notice to all consultants contracted to perform work on the Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP) sites and to all groups delegated to oversee PRP sites, informing them that FDEP will pay for the installation of wells through surface casing effective immediately. This new change could equate to thousands of dollars in savings.
- 2. The Department committed to training their staff to ensure "change orders" are turned around in a more timely fashion.
- 3. The Department committed to doing a better job at developing scopes for PRP sites by working more closely with the consultants from the beginning.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Florida Ground Water Association Office at 850-205-5641 or by email to <u>djessup@executiveoffice.org</u>.



THE 2017 RENEWAL CYCLE IS AROUND THE CORNER

Don't wait until the last minute to obtain the required 12 CECs needed to renew your license. Licensees must have a total of 12 CECs, with a minimum of 6 CEC's in rules/well construction practices, a maximum of 6 CEC's in business practices/safety and a maximum of 3 CEC's online by July 31, 2017 for license renewal.

These credits apply to the 2015-2017 renewal cycle so you can receive your license to practice from July 31, 2017 to July 31, 2019.

To view available courses, visit <u>www.flwwceu.org</u>. Courses are updated on a weekly basis. You can also check the website to view your current credits. If you feel that our website is not showing your credits accurately, please contact the FWWA office at (850) 205-5641 or <u>info@flwwceu.org</u>.

Date	Title	Provider	Hours/Type	Location
12/9/2016	Water Well Contractors 12 Hour Workshop	International School of Well Drilling	7 R/R, 5 S/B	Jacksonville, FL
12/10/2016	Water Well Contractors – Accounting	Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc.	6 S/B	Tamarac, FL
1/21/2016	FGWA Quarterly Membership Meeting	Florida Ground Water Association	2 Credits TBD	Crystal River, FL
Online	Various Courses	International School of Well Drilling	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	Red Vector, LLC	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	National Drilling Assoc.	Various	Online
Online	Hydrology, Seals and Liners, Sinkholes	All Star Training, Inc.	3 S/B	Online

Upcoming Courses

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the FWWA CE Website at <u>www.flwwceu.org</u> and click the "Course Offerings" link. The courses are listed in order by date (online course offerings appear at the end of the list). The website is updated weekly with approved course offerings.

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

International School of Well Drilling (ISWD) offers \$50 off their 12 hour CE Workshop to members of the Florida Ground Water Association. For more information, please contact them directly at <u>admin@welldrillingschool.com</u> or (863) 648-1565.



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WELL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER

Contractor's license number shall be continuously displayed in a conspicuous place on both sides of each piece of drilling equipment owned, leased, or operated by the contractor. The number shall be



easily readable by a person with normal vision and shall be in a color which will contrast with its background. The number shall be presented in numerals not less than two inches high.

Rulemaking Authority 373.043, 373.309, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.323, 373.326, 373.329 FS. History–New 8-18-73, Amended 10-9-84, Formerly 17-20.06, 17-20.060, Amended 5-25-89, Formerly 17-531.380, Amended 6-22-14.

CEC by the Numbers for the 2015-2017 Renewal Cycle

- Total number of contractors in the Continuing Education Database: 1,137
 - Number of active licensed Water Well Contractors: 852
 - Number of inactive contractors since last renewal: 111
 - Number of pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 174

CE Credit Statistics (deadline July 31, 2017)

(CE credits required in order to receive license to practice from July 31, 2017 to July 31, 2019)

- Licensed contractors who have completed 12 CE credits: 79
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CE credits: 622
- Licensed contractors that have between 1 and 11 CE credits: 151

Coursework Statistics

- Coursework offered since the beginning of the program: 1,523
- Individually titled courses offered since last renewal (August 1, 2015): 66
- Total courses offered since August 1, 2015: 99 (includes multiple coursework offerings)
- Number of coursework hours available from August 1, 2015 to date: 415

Statistics are as of October 25, 2016



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REMINDER!

You must have all 12 credits and conversion fees submitted to the FWWA office by the July 31, 2017 deadline.

As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R), no more than six (6) hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B) and you can receive a maximum of three (3) hours online.