

# The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

#### **Summer 2019**

#### APPROVED COURSEWORK OFFERINGS

If you are interested in taking either an in-person or an online course, you will need to contact the Provider directly. See information listed below.

### UPCOMING IN-PERSON COURSEWORK

#### Surge Protection Devices

Course Date: 08/07/2019 - 08/07/2019 Course Time: 8:00 am Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B Organization: Johnson Engineering, Inc. Location: Address: 2122 Johnson St Fort Myers, FL 33901 Contact: Lonnie Howard Phone: (239) 334-0046 Fax: (239) 334-3661 Email: Ivh@johnsoneng.com Website: http://www.johnsonengineering.com

# National Drilling Association 2019 Convention

Course Date: 09/27/2019 - 09/27/2019 Course Time: 7:00 am - 4:30 pm Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 6 S/B Organization: National Drilling Association Location: Hyatt Regency Dulles Address: 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd Herndon, VA 20171 Contact: Becky McWilliam Phone: (877) 632-4748 Fax: (216) 803-9900 Email: becky@nda4u.com Website: http://www.nda4u.com

# DEAR LICENSED DRILLER,

We hope you enjoy the 2019 Summer Issue of the Florida Water Well Administrator's Newsletter. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your CE credits at 844-359-9238 or email <u>djessup@executiveoffice.org</u>.

#### DO YOU NEED TO REACTIVE YOUR LICENSE?

License renewal deadline was July 31, 2019. If you did not complete your 12 required CE credits and renew your license with the Water Management District, you are now in the Inactive status. A license not renewed on or before July 31 of each odd numbered year shall automatically revert to INACTIVE STATUS (Chapter 62-531.360, F.A.C.). To renew your license and re-claim active status, please follow the steps below:

- To receive CE credit, submit proof of course attendance (certificate of attendance) **IMMEDIATELY** and conversion payment (\$14 per credit hour) to the FWWA Office at 325 John Knox Road, Suite L-103, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Approved coursework for CE credits will not be processed without submittal of the conversion fees to the FWWA.
- After the FWWA receives proof of course attendance and conversion payment, you will receive your Certificate of Completion. Submit the Certificate of Completion to your Water Management District with appropriate licensing renewal paperwork and late fee. <u>Your license will not be renewed until</u> you send your Certificate of Completion, renewal application; renewal/late fees and any other appropriate paperwork to your Water Management District.

Please call your water management district if you have any questions about the water well contractor licensure or license renewal process.

#### HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CE CREDITS

All licensed Water Well Contractors and those seeking licensure can view the status of their credits on the Florida Water Well Administrators Website, <u>www.flwwceu.org</u>. Follow these steps to ensure your credits are listed properly:

- 1. Visit <u>www.flwwceu.org</u> and click on the CE Credits tab at the top.
- 2. Select the cycle you are currently obtaining credits for.
- 3. Credits are listed by water well contractors last name, alphabetically. You may also search for your last name in the search bar

## **ONLINE COURSEWORK**

#### Int'l School Of Well Drilling

Contact: Lorraine Mastropietro Phone: (863) 648-1565 Email: <u>director@welldrillingschool.com</u>

Groundwater Basics Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Basic Geology Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Pumps 401 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part I Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part II Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Safety Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part I Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part II Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Development Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Aquifer Storage Recovery Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Generic Well Abandonment in the USA Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Injection Wells Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 0 S/B

National Drilling Association Contact: Becky McWilliam Phone: (877) 632-4748 Email: <u>becky@nda4u.com</u>

NDA Drilling Safety Certification Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Course listing continued on next page.

- If you do not see your name on the list and think you should have credits listed, it could possibly be because of the following reasons:
  - a) We do not have a copy of your certificate of attendance forms from the courses you completed
  - b) You did not pay the conversion fee of \$14 per credit hour
  - c) Your license went into the inactive status with the Water Management District (WMD) and although you have obtained CE credits and paid conversion fees, we need confirmation from the WMD to change your status back to Active.
  - d) You recently submitted your certificates and conversion fees and have not allowed ample time for processing; approximately 5-7 business days to update to the website.

If you went through the steps above and believe your credits are inaccurate or not currently listed on the website, please call the Administrator directly at 844-359-9238.

#### **INCREASE IN ONLINE HOURS**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is increasing the allowable number of online hours to 6. This is an increase from 3 hours.

An official notice confirming the increase in online hours will be sent to all active drillers once approved; approx. mid-August 2019. *Note: until this is official, only 3 hours may be obtained online.* 

#### THE NEXT RENEWAL CYCLE IS ALREADY IN FULL SWING August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2021 (pursuant to rule 62-531.330(3), F.A.C)

Don't wait until the last minute to accrue the required 12 CE credits you need to renew your license in 2021. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit www.flwwceu.org. As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) coursework hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R) and no more than six (6) coursework hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B). A maximum of six (6) coursework hours for CE credit may be obtained online <u>once approved by DEP</u>. See information above regarding the increase in online hours.

For more information and details about the FWWA CE Courses and Rules, please visit <u>www.flwwceu.org</u>.

#### ILLEGAL DRILLING IS COSTLY

Water Management District's may impose through an order an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence against an unlicensed person if it determines that the unlicensed person has engaged in the practice of water well contracting for which a license is required.

For more information on disciplinary guidelines, adoption and enforcement, and license suspension or revocation, please view Chapter 373.333 of the Florida Statute. NDA Monitor Well Construction Certification Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

NDA Groundwater Knowledge Certification Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Basic Geotechnical Procedures Qualification 101 Hours/Type: 0 R/R. 3 S/B

#### RedVector.com, LLC

Contact: Ellen Sakamoto Phone: (813) 425-7372 Email: <u>ellen.sakamoto@redvector.com</u>

Business Management: Brief Overview (RV-5655) Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Running Your Own Consulting Business: Getting Started (RV-6723) Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Worksite Safety 01: OSHA Safety Introduction (RV-10449) Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 05: OSHA Personal Protective Equipment (RV-10453) Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 08: OSHA Power Tools and Excavations (RV-10456) Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

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.

#### 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.

#### SAVE THE DEATE – 2019 PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY

Protect Your Groundwater Day takes place on September 3. PYGWD is an annual observance established to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater. The event is also a platform to encourage yearly water well testing and well maintenance.

Help spread the word and become an official "groundwater protector" by taking steps to conserve and protect the resource. For more information visit <u>https://www.fgwa.org/ground-water-protection-day/</u>.

#### **CEC BY THE NUMBERS REPORT** (statistics as of 7/31/2019)

This information applies to the 2017-2019 CE renewal period. Contractors with 12 CECs can renew their license to practice water well contracting for the August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021 biennial license cycle.

- Total number of contractors in the Continuing Education Database: 993
  - $_{\odot}$  Number of active licensed Water Well Contractors: 879
  - Number of inactive contractors since last renewal: 0
  - Number of pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 114

#### CE Credit Statistics (deadline July 31, 2019)

- Licensed contractors who completed 12 CE credits: 735
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CE credits: 134
- Licensed contractors that have 1-11 CE credits: 10

#### **Coursework Statistics**

- Coursework offered since the beginning of the program: 1,739
- Individually titled courses offered since last renewal (August 1, 2017): 117
- Total courses offered since August 1, 2017 (includes multiple coursework offerings): 150
- Number of coursework hours available from August 1, 2017 to date: 707



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