



# The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

Winter 2018

## UPCOMING IN- PERSON COURSEWORK

### Water Well Contractors 12 Hour Workshop

This course includes the following topics: Introduction and Current Events, Scope of the Drilling Industry, Florida Aquifers, Brackish Groundwater, What a Hydrologist Does, Variable Frequency Drives, Geotechnical Drilling & Sampling, Well Abandonment, Well Rehab 1, Well Development, Groundwater Basics, Pumps 401 and Drilling Safety

Course Date: 12/8/2018

Course Level: Basic

Hours/Type: 7 R/R, 5 S/B

Organization: ISWD

Location: Facility TBD

Address: Tampa, FL

Contact: Lorraine Mastropietro

Phone: (863) 648-1565

Fax: (863) 701-8268

Email: [director@welldrillingschool.com](mailto:director@welldrillingschool.com)

Website: [www.welldrillingschool.com](http://www.welldrillingschool.com)

## ONLINE COURSEWORK

### Organization: Int'l School Of Well Drilling

Contact: Lorraine Mastropietro

Phone: (863) 648-1565

Email: [director@welldrillingschool.com](mailto:director@welldrillingschool.com)

Groundwater Basics

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

Basic Geology

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

Course listing continued on next page.

## DEAR LICENSED DRILLER,

We hope you enjoy the 2018 Winter 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 [djessup@executiveoffice.org](mailto:djessup@executiveoffice.org).

## DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

As we enter 2019, the Florida Water Well Administrator (FWWA) will be cleaning up their database and making necessary changes for the approach of the next renewal cycle. To assist us and ensure you continue to receive communication from the FWWA regarding your Water Well Contractors License, please make sure your contact information remains up-to-date.

### How can you help:

1. When submitting your coursework forms, please make sure contact information on the forms is up-to-date as we will use this to correct any issues in our system.
2. If you have moved and changed your address with the Postal Service, please make sure to share this information with the FWWA.
3. We recommend you provide us with your personal/home information as we are aware changes occur in the job field. If your business information is on file, mailing address, business phone, email, etc., please make sure to contact our office to update your information.

## THE NEXT RENEWAL CYCLE IS IN FULL SWING

**August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2019 (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 2019. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://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 three (3) coursework hours for CE credit may be obtained online. For more information and details about the FWWA CE Courses and Rules, please visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org).

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  
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

**Organization: National Drilling Association**

Contact: Becky McWilliam  
Phone: (877) 632-4748  
Email: [becky@nda4u.com](mailto:becky@nda4u.com)

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

NDA Monitor Well Construction Certification  
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

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

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

**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, [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org). Follow these steps to ensure your credits are listed properly:

1. Visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) 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
4. 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.

**REMINDER: ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT STREAMLINING**

In 2013, a bill was passed that revised numerous provisions relating to environmental permit streamlining. The bill states “upon authorization from the department, issuance of well permits will be the sole responsibility of the water management district, delegated local government, or local county health department. Other local governmental entities may not impose additional or duplicate requirements or fees or establish a separate program for the permitting of the location, abandonment, boring, or other activities reasonably associated with the installation and abandonment of a groundwater well.”

If you are still encountering additional permits other than the Water Management District or delegated permitting authority, please contact the Florida Ground Water Association at 850-205-5641.

**Organization: RedVector.com, LLC**

Contact: Ellen Sakamoto

Phone: (813) 425-7372

Email: [ellen.sakamoto@redvector.com](mailto:ellen.sakamoto@redvector.com)

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 [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Check out ISWD’s new website at <https://www.welldrillingschool.com/>.

There is a link to view instructions on how to use the website for both first time visitors and individuals with a login.

## 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.

## 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 REPORT (statistics as of 10/25/2018)

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: 1,090
  - Number of active licensed Water Well Contractors: 843
  - Number of inactive contractors since last renewal: 151
  - Number of pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 96

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

- Licensed contractors who completed 12 CE credits: 75
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CE credits: 656
- Licensed contractors that have 1-11 CE credits: 112

### Coursework Statistics

- Coursework offered since the beginning of the program: 1,666
- Individually titled courses offered since last renewal (August 1, 2017): 72
- Total courses offered since August 1, 2017 (includes multiple coursework offerings): 76
- Number of coursework hours available from August 1, 2017 to date: 251



**Florida Water Well Administrator**

325 John Knox Rd, Ste L-103

Tallahassee, FL 32303