

Driller's Bits



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Indiana Water Well Drilling Competency Examination Schedule 2009

Friday, February 20th
Friday, April 17th
Friday, June 12th
Friday, August 14th

Drillers or employers who inquire about an upcoming exam will be provided a packet including the license application, reference forms, & study materials. A reminder notice with location information and any additional instructions will also be mailed (or emailed) one week prior to the exam.

Exams will take place at the Indiana Government Center South, and will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. EST. The exam fee of \$25 is due at the time of the exam. Please arrive early to allow time for processing paperwork and payments.

Candidates who pass the exam have one year in which to apply for an initial license, supply the three required references (two of which must be from a licensed well driller or plumber familiar with the applicants work), and pay the \$100 license fee.

Licenses expire on December 31st in the calendar year of issue, and are not pro-rated if issued late in the year. Questions? Please contact Monique Riggs at 317-232-4160.



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Coming Up! Annual License Renewal

Indiana Driller License
Renewal time is once again right around the corner! This is a reminder that all driller licenses expire on December 31st of the year in which they are issued. Applications for 2009 license renewal will be mailed out mid-November. Your signed application is required for renewal, but license renewals do not require reference statements or employment histories be provided.

If your most recent license expired on December 31,

2007 and you did not renew it for the 2008 license year, and you wish to remain licensed in the future, you will have until December 29, 2008 to apply and pay for the 2008 license. You still must have a 2009 license before drilling in the 2009 calendar year.

If you do not obtain a license for the 2008 license year, you cannot later renew your license status for the 2009 license year by simply paying the fee. When more than a year

passes before you renew an expired license, the license is considered lapsed and you will be required to re-take the written competency exam in order to be re-licensed. Avoid this inconvenience by renewing promptly.

Please advise the Division of any changes in employment, address, or phone number so that your renewal information reaches you in a timely manner. If you have questions, call the Division toll-free at 877-928-3755.

Well Grouting Reminder: Fill that annular space!

The requirements set forth in 312 IAC 13-5-1 (Materials and Installation) include specific provisions for the grouting of all water wells. Indiana law defines grouting as the process of sealing the space between the exterior of the well casing and the natural formation. Grouting materials shall consist of:

Neat cement with no more than five percent by weight of bentonite additive; bentonite slurry (which can include polymers to retard swelling); pelletized, granular, medium

grade crushed, or coarse grade crushed bentonite; or other materials approved by the commission.

If a neat cement or slurry is used for grouting it must be pumped into place from the bottom of the annular space upward in a continuous operation with a grout pipe or the well casing using the positive displacement method.

If a material other than neat cement or slurry is used, it must be introduced in a manner to prevent bridging of the annulus between the outside

of the well casing and the borehole.

Please be aware that Indiana code requires that the borehole annulus be grouted upon the earlier of the following:

Within 24 hrs of casing installation; or before drilling equipment is removed from the site.

These grouting provisions are applicable to all water wells, even those that may be installed temporarily for water quality purposes.

Recipients of Initial Licenses in 2008

Eric L. Kell
 Gary L. Kroshus
 David P. Henrich
 Jeffrey T. Johnson
 Dennis E. Zimmerman
 Kirby S. Hall
 Nathan R. McDorman
 Jeffrey T. Thompson
 James S. Doucette
 John T. Blosky
 John H. Richards
 Kris Proctor
 Jay D. Chastain
 Kelly L. Holland
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 Garret E. Carveth
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 Christopher S. Sandberg
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 Darren D. Emery
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 Jason B. Cook
 Irvin R. Crabtree
 Chris E. Martin
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 Kenneth M. Hawes
 Patrick J. Hobbins
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 Ivan Ishkov
 Steven D. McIntire
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 Scott C. Tarnowski
 Matthew J. Bovenzi
 Thomas Belsky
 Eric S. Custer
 Gregory M. Koliboski
 Ryan M. Merriman

Congrats!

Improving Your Abandonment Logs

Indiana Code 25-39-4 requires that drillers submit a record for each well drilled within thirty days of completion, but did you know the same is true for well abandonment? Often, the well abandonment information is included when a record is submitted for a replacement well. When

that is not the case, and the only work done is to abandon a well, the record for the abandonment by itself, is still required. The abandonment section of the water well record is located near the bottom of the record, next to the space for grouting information. Other information that should be represented includes location

information (including the driving directions), the owner and contractor section, as well as any known construction details. Although the abandonment logs are not uploaded onto the online databases, their images are organized by county and available to search on CD, in the Division of Water office. Thank you!

Counties with Well Ordinances

The following is a list of County Health Department phone numbers for those counties that have reported to the Division adoption of a local well ordinance. In some cases the ordinance may require drillers to obtain a permit prior to well installation. Be sure to be in the know!

Boone Co. 765-483-4458

Carroll Co. 765-564-3420

Clay Co. 812-448-9021

Delaware Co. 765 747-7721

Fayette Co. 765-825-4013

Hamilton Co. 317-776-8500

Hendricks Co. 317 745-9222

Howard Co. 765-456-2402

Jasper Co. 219-866-4917

Johnson Co. 317-736-3770

Kosciusko Co. 574-372-2349

Madison Co. 765-641-9523

Marion Co. 317-221-2000

Porter Co. 219-465-3525

Pulaski Co. 574-946-6080

St. Joseph Co. 574-235-9750

Steuben Co. 260-668-1000

Whitley Co. 260-248-3121
 It is highly recommended that if you are unsure of any particular county's requirements, that you call the local health department and ask for their environmental division.

If your company has had a recent change of address or telephone number, please be sure to contact the Division of Water so that we are able to maintain timely correspondence with you! Thank you!

Online Resources

Please be advised that the Division of Water website has undergone a recent overhaul.

Remember to update your bookmarks!

www.dnr.in.gov/water

*For Water Resource Maps:
 Click on
 Groundwater/Wells and
 select Groundwater
 Assessment Maps &
 Publications

*For the Water Well Record
 Database or the Water Well
 Web Viewer: Click on

Groundwater/Wells and
 select either from the list.

* For Significant Water
 Withdrawal Facility Data:
 Click on Water Availability
 Use & Rights and select
 from the list.

* For Information on Water
 Conservation visit:
dnr.in.gov/7113.htm