



Driller's Bits



New for 2011—Licensure for Water Well Pump Installers & Continuing Education

Senate Enrolled Act 356 Requires Water Well Pump Installer Licensing and Continuing Education for Water Well Drillers and Water Well Pump Installers

With the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 356 (SEA 356) by the 2010 Indiana General Assembly, “a person who installs or repairs water well pumps” must be licensed by the IDNR beginning in 2011. In addition, SEA 356 requires that a “licensed water well driller or pump installer must complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education before December 31 of each even-numbered year for license renewal”. SEA 356 became effective July 1, 2010.

The IDNR, Division of Water anticipates that a single license card will be issued that will specify whether an individual is a water well driller, water well pump installer, or both. The annual fee for an original or renewed license (driller, pump installer, or both) is expected to remain at \$100. Prior to July 1, 2011, an individual can obtain a water well pump installer license from the IDNR without taking a competency exam if they meet the following qualifications:

- 1) Be at least 18 years of age;
- 2) Furnish evidence that the applicant has installed water well pumps for at least three (3) years;
- 3) Furnish references from three (3) individuals who are licensed under IC 25-39 and are familiar with the applicant's experience and competency; and
- 4) Pay a \$100 license fee.

Individuals who do not meet the qualifications listed above, or have not obtained a pump installer license by July 1, 2011, are required to meet the following qualifications in order to obtain a license:

- 1) Be at least 18 years of age;
- 2) Furnish evidence from three (3) references, two (2) of whom are water well drillers, water well pump installers or licensed plumbing contractors familiar with the applicant's work experience and professional competency;
- 3) Have successfully completed a competency examination prepared and administered by the department; and
- 4) Pay a \$100 license fee.

Beginning with 2012 licenses, a person who has held a well driller and/or pump installer license for at least one (1) calendar year must complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education for license renewal. A minimum of six hours of continuing education is required for the renewal of each license; therefore, a combination water well driller and pump installer license will require a minimum of twelve (12) total hours of approved continuing education for license renewal during each even-numbered license year.

The Division of Water is in the process of amending the Water Well Driller's Rule (312 IAC 13) to accommodate the new provisions of SEA 356. The proposed rule revisions were presented to the Natural Resources Commission by the Division of Water on September 21, 2010, at which time the rule was recommended for preliminary adoption. Hearings will now be conducted throughout the State to obtain public comment on the rule amendments. The Division of Water will provide water well drillers and pump installers with dates and locations of the public hearings when they have been scheduled. A copy of the proposed rule and updates regarding the new licensing and continuing education programs are available on the Division of Water's Webpage at: www.in.gov/dnr/water. Or Call 317-232-4160 for assistance. **Thank you!**

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2011 Water Well Driller Exam Schedule:

February 18th April 22nd June 17th

August 12th November-IGWA Conference

2011 Water Well Pump Installer Exam Schedule:

March 18th May 20th July 15th

November-IGWA Conference

Drillers , Pump Installers, 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 the location information and any additional instructions will also be mailed or emailed one week prior to the exam date to mailing address or email address provided at the time of packet request.

Exams will take place at the Indiana Government Center South unless otherwise noted. Water Well Driller & Pump Installer exams will begin promptly at 1:30pm. The room opens at 1:00pm for a voluntary question and answer session before the exam, and for processing paperwork and payments. Please bring a government issued photo id for verification of identity. An exam fee of \$25 is due at the time of the exam. Candidates who pass the exam(s) have one year in which to apply for an initial license, supply the required references (two of which must be from a licensed water well driller, water well pump installer, or plumber familiar with the applicants work), and pay the \$100 license fee. Licenses expire on December 31st of each year and are not pro-rated if issued late in the year. Have Questions? Please contact Monique Riggs at 317-232-4160. Thank you!