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Important Notice To Water Well Contractors

On behalf of the staff of the Well Permitting Branch and the Delaware Board of Well Drillers, I would personally like to thank everyone who attended the 7th annual Water Well Licensing Board Seminar. It is your continued support that allows this event to take place. For those who were unable to attend, please keep this event in mind next fall and I look forward to seeing you as well. The event was near capacity with 72 drillers in attendance.

Opening remarks were given by Licensing Board Chariman Mr. Max Walton.

Opening speakers included Ms. Kathleen Stiller, Director, Division of Water, and Mr. Ed Kee Secretary of Agriculture.

Key note speakers included Mr. Thomas Christopherson, Program Manager for Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Program, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services, author of the "Nebraska Grout Study" and Mr. Steve Gross, Director of Research and Development for Certainteed PVC pipe.

Alan Pongratz gave presentation of "Time is of the Essence" describing the internal well permit processes, and made recommendations for application submittal to minimize turnaround time. Amber Joseph of the Ground Water Protection Branch and Bill Cocke of the Water Allocations Branch made similar recommendations though out the presentation.

Delaware's good nature depends on you!

Below are some key points of "Time is of the Essence" based on suggestions by the drilling community and some changes that will be taking place as a result.

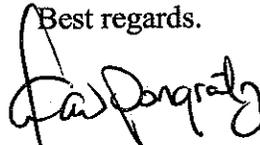
1. Explanation of emergency well procedures (in effect, see attached)
2. Waiver for minor deviations (in effect, see attached)
3. New "basic" on-line formation log (advanced version still available for environmental contractors)
4. Proposed well permit application (draft form, see attached)

Please use the attached forms as needed. In the near future, look for the "basic" on-line formation log and the new permit application to become available.

In the near future, we will commence a regulatory review process where it would be appropriate to offer suggestions of achieving the same goals in different ways. Please contact our Branch with your suggestions.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and shared commitment to protecting and conserving Delaware's water resources.

Best regards.



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