

Illegal Drilling is Costly

During the 2009 legislative session, Florida legislators passed HB593 and SB2080 which established an administrative fine of up to \$5,000 dollars per occurrence to be imposed for unlicensed water well drilling. The “*per occurrence*” section was added this year to increase the fines water management districts may impose for unlicensed drilling activity.

Section 373.33 of the Florida Statutes regulates disciplinary guidelines, including the adoption, enforcement, license suspension or revocation for water well contractors. Section 373.33 Florida Statutes was amended and now reads as follows:

The Water Management District 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.



With the implementation of fines per occurrence, it is more important now than ever before to make sure that your license is active. Licensed water well contractors must complete 12 continuing education hours within the 2 year renewal cycle in order to renew their water well license with the water management district.

Don't Let Your License Expire

To check your CEUs online, visit the FWWA website at www.flwwceu.org and click on the 2009/2011 cycle tab and type in your last name. You can also contact your water management district to make sure that your license renewal was processed without any hindrance.

Water Management Districts

- St. John's River WMD.....Rosie Parker, Phone: (386) 329-4274
- Southwest Florida WMD.....Courtney Golobish, Phone: (352) 796-7211
- Northwest Florida WMD.....Lyn Shiver, Phone: (850) 539-5999
- South Florida WMD.....Ann Marie Superchi, Phone: (561) 682-6929
- Suwannee River WMD.....Gloria Hancock, Phone: (386) 362-1001

Florida Water Well Administrator *Exam Requirements*

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Tougher Licensing Requirements

The Florida Statutes have been changed to revise the application requirements for water well contractor licensure. The changes create additional requirements for individuals to meet prior to being qualified to take the water well contractor licensure examination. These additional requirements also include requiring specified documentation and proof that the water well contractor has constructed, repaired, or abandoned water wells.

Requirements for Water Well Contractor Licensure Examination:

- a) Is at least 18 years of age.
- b) Has at least 2 years experience in constructing, repairing, or abandoning water wells. Satisfactory proof of such experience shall be demonstrated by providing:

1. Evidence of the length of time the applicant has been engaged in the business of the construction, repair, or abandonment of water wells as a major activity, as attested to by three letters from any of the following persons:

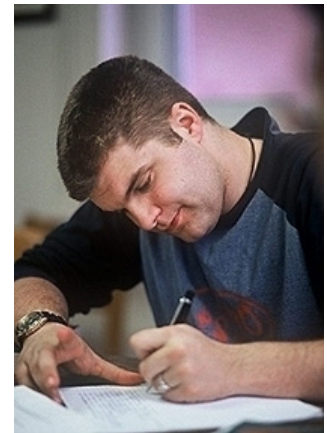
- a. Water well contractors.
- b. Water well drillers.
- c. Water well parts and equipment vendors.
- d. Water well inspectors employed by a governmental agency.

2. A list of at least 10 water wells that the applicant has constructed, repaired, or abandoned within the preceding 5 years. Of these wells, at least seven must have been constructed, as defined in 373.303(2) by the applicant. The list to be provided under this subparagraph shall also include:



- a. The name and address of the owner or owners of each well.
- b. The location, primary use, and approximate depth and diameter of each well the applicant has constructed, repaired, or abandoned.
- c. The approximate date the construction, repair, or abandonment of each well was completed.

- c) Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee.





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Conversion Fee Clarification

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Confused About the FGWA CE Conference Coursework Fee? – You’re Not Alone



The Florida Ground Water Association instituted a new CE Conference Coursework fee this year at the FGWA Annual Conference to pay for increasing costs of the conference. THE FGWA CE CONFERENCE COURSEWORK FEE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE FWWA CONVERSION FEE.

What Happens Next?

If you paid the FGWA CE Conference Coursework fee at the 2009 FGWA Annual Conference, you must then send the FGWA Certificate of Attendance to the Florida Water Well Administrator (FWWA) along with your conversion fee payment. Once FWWA receives

your FGWA Conference Certificate of Attendance and your conversion fee payment, FWWA will then send you a Certificate of Conversion. When you receive the Certificate of Conversion from the FWWA, you need to send it to your WMD along with your application to renew your license.

FWWA Conversion Fee Schedule

1 CEU credit.....\$14	5 CEU credits.....\$70	9 CEU credits.....\$126
2 CEU credits.....\$28	6 CEU credits.....\$84	10 CEU credits.....\$140
3 CEU credits.....\$42	7 CEU credits.....\$98	11 CEU credits.....\$154
4 CEU credits.....\$56	8 CEU credits.....\$112	12 CEU credits.....\$168

Questions? Contact FWWA by phone at (850) 205-5641 or e-mail at info@flwwceu.org. Mail payments and Certificate of Attendance to: FWWA, 325 John Knox Road, L103, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Upcoming Courses

Date	Title	Provider	Hours/Type	Location
10/1/2009	Review of Rules & Regulations	City of Tallahassee Contact: Jennifer Hill Phone: (850) 891-6124	6 R/R	305 Old Magnolia Road St. Marks, FL
10/8/2009	Well Construction Requirements	West Coast Chapter of FGWA Contact: Mike McFarland Phone: (813) 690-5540	1 R/R	Giordano’s Restaurant 11310 N. Causeway Blvd Brandon, FL
10/24/2009	Financial Protection for Your Business	Florida Ground Water Association Contact: Stefanie Curl Phone: (850) 205-5641	1 S/B	Holiday Inn SunSpree 537 Santa Rosa Blvd Ft. Walton Beach, FL
11/14/2009	Contractor Workshop	Con-Techs Health & Safety Contact: Terry Phillips Phone (850) 875-4403	10 R/R 2 S/B	St. Paul’s Episcopal Church 10 West King Street Quincy, FL

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the website at www.flwwceu.org and click the “Course Offerings” link.



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CEU by the Numbers

- ❖ Number of *Active* Licensed Water Well Contractors: **937**
- ❖ Number off *Pending* contractors (individuals seeking licensure): **86**
- ❖ Licensed contractors that completed **12** CEU hours for the 2007 – 2009 CEU Cycle: **941**
- ❖ Licensed contractors that have between **1 and 11** CEUs for the 2007 – 2009 CEU Cycle: **20**
- ❖ Licensed contractors who have **0** CEU hours for the 2007 – 2009 CEU Cycle: **148**
- ❖ Number of Course Providers: **50**

Statistics are as of September 15, 2009