



The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

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ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT STREAMLINING REMINDER

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 FGWA office directly at 850-205-5641.

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Q: Will the FWWA approve a course I took from a non-FWWA course provider?

A: It is possible, but not guaranteed. Obtaining Continuing Education Credits (CECs) from non-approved providers, whether in Florida or out-of-state, is possible if you are proactive. It is good practice before you spend the time and the money to attend a course or continuing education event, to gather the information on the course(s) and send to the Florida Water Well Administrator for review. There is a strict criterion that the course must contain. To have your course reviewed prior to attending, please complete steps 1-3 below. If you are submitting the information post-coursework completion, please complete all steps below.

1. Coursework agenda. This should include a breakdown of the timeline for the course.
2. Detailed coursework description/summary of each coursework hour attended for CE credit.
3. Coursework instructor(s) biography or resume.
4. If sending document post-coursework, a Certificate of Attendance or letter from provider confirming completion of course is required. This must include the date, time and location of course as well as the contractors name and license number (if applicable).

All non-approved courses will be reviewed by the Florida Water Well Administrator. Approval/denial will be based on the above mandatory criteria submitted by the contractor or person seeking licensure. It is the responsibility of the individual seeking licensure or license renewal to send the required materials to the FWWA for review.



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STILL NEED TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE?

A license not renewed before July 31 of each odd numbered year shall automatically revert to INACTIVE STATUS (Chapter 62-531.360, F.A.C.). To renew your license and re-claim active status, please follow the steps below:

1. To receive CE credit, submit proof of course attendance (certificate of attendance) **IMMEDIATELY** and conversion payment (\$14 per credit hour) to the FWWA Office at 325 John Knox Road, Suite L-103, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Approved coursework for CE credits will not be processed without submittal of the conversion fees to the FWWA. CE credits will not be posted to the FWWA CE Website until conversion fees are paid.
2. After the FWWA receives proof of course attendance and conversion payment, you will receive your Certificate of Completion. Submit the Certificate of Completion to your Water Management District with appropriate licensing renewal paperwork and late fee. **Your license will not be renewed until you send your Certificate of Completion, renewal application; renewal/late fees and any other appropriate paperwork to your Water Management District.**

Please call your water management district if you have any questions about the water well contractor licensure or license renewal process.

Upcoming Courses

Date	Title	Provider	Hours/Type	Location
7/24/2015	Water Systems Primer & Refresher	Water Systems Council	7 S/B	Myrtle Beach, SC
7/25/2015	Water Well Contractors 12 Hour Workshop	International School of Well Drilling	7 R/R 5 S/B	Orlando, FL
7/25 – 7/26 2015	2015 South Atlantic JUBILEE	South Atlantic JUBILEE	9 R/R 15 S/B	Myrtle Beach, SC
7/28 – 7/29 2015	Intermediate Water Treatment Practices	Coast Pump Water Technologies, Inc.	11 S/B	Ocala, FL
Various	Water Well Contractors - Accounting	Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc.	6 S/B	Tamarac, FL

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the FWWA CE Website at www.flwwceu.org and click the “Course Offerings” link. The courses are listed in order by date (online course offerings appear first on the list).



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CEC by the Numbers for the 2013-2015 Renewal Cycle

CEC by the Numbers (as of July 8, 2015)

- Total number of individuals in the CEC Database: 1,172 (does not include deceased contractors)
 - Number of Active Licensed Water Well Contractors: 914
 - Number of Inactive contractors since August 1, 2013: 101
 - Number off Pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 157

2013 – 2015 CEC Cycle Statistics

- Licensed contractors that completed 12 CEC hours for the 2013 – 2015 CEC Cycle: 568
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CEC hours for the 2013 – 2015 CEC Cycle: 255
- Licensed contractors that have between 1 and 11 CECs for the 2013 – 2015 Cycle: 91

Course Approval Information

- Courses Offered Since the Beginning of the Program: 1,423
- Individually Titled Courses Offered Since August 1, 2013 to date: 112
- Total Courses offered since August 1, 2013 to date: 209 (includes online and multiple coursework offerings)
- Number of course hours available from August 1, 2013 to date: 1,013

Statistics are as of July 8, 2015

THE 2015-2017 RENEWAL CYCLE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Don't wait until the last minute to accrue the required 12 CE credits you need to renew your license in 2017. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit 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.



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**2 FREE CE CREDITS AVAILABLE
YOU MUST RSVP!!**

FGWA Quarterly Membership Meeting

September 12, 2015

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Registration will open soon at www.fgwa.org.



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