

IMPORTANT NOTICE

June 13, 2013

Re: Start Card Use

Dear Licensed Driller:

Please be advised of procedural changes affecting drilling permits and well inspections within the Lewiston, Idaho area.

On May 20, 2013 the Director for the Idaho Department of Water Resources signed a final order creating the Lewiston Plateau Ground Water Management Area. A copy of the order and map of the area are attached for your convenience.

Well Construction Standards Rules 37.03.09.045.01.e, Drilling Permit Requirements prohibit the use of a start card permit for wells constructed in a designated Ground Water Management Area. Effective immediately, standard long form drilling permit applications will be required for all wells constructed within the Lewiston Plateau Ground Water Management Area. Applications for drilling permits within the Lewiston Plateau Ground Water Management Area must include the following information 1.) Information/analysis showing an adequate water supply in the area proposed for drilling by a licensed geologist or professional engineer, and 2.) An analysis showing no injury to existing wells within a one half mile radius. Until a ground water management plan is approved, the director will notify the citizens' advisory committee for the Lewiston Plateau Ground Water Management Area of all applications before approving any new permits. All drillers proposing to construct wells in this area must have a signed and approved drilling permit in possession prior to drilling.

Also, the Department has executed an agreement with the local Health District to assist with seal inspections. Please be further advised that designated officials from Moscow, Lewiston, Orofino and Grangeville health district offices are duly authorized to inspect drilling operations within their jurisdictions. The reason for this change is that Department inspections during drilling and seal placement have been limited due to travel time for inspectors to arrive at the site within the required four-hour seal notification time frame.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Al Beardslee or Keith Franklin at 208-762-2800.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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