Well Rule (N.J.A.C. 7:9D)

Licensing & Well Construction Stakeholder Meeting Agenda April 11, 2011

1. Introduction $(1:00 \ pm - 1:15 \ pm)$

2. Well Construction, Modifications & Decommissioning (1:15 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Identify the most problematic sections of the current regulations
- Which regulations actually prevent you from doing a good job of constructing or decommissioning a well?
- What requirements should be added to insure all drillers protect well integrity?
- What changes should be made to the current well categories, in particular the types of wells in category 4?
- Should there be any expansion of materials & methods allowed for well installation, modifications, and decommissionings; or elimination of any currently allowed materials or methods?

3. Break (2:30 pm - 2:45 pm)

4. Licensing changes being considered (2:45 pm - 3:45 pm)

- Qualifications and Experience
- Testing
- Revision of license categories to:
 - o more closely match NGWA's certification program
 - o acknowledge non-water well drillers, such as geothermal
- Continuing Education
- Suspension/Revocation
- Registration of Drilling Companies to provide greater accountability for compliance with construction and decommissioning requirements as well as for consumer protection

5. Resources needed to meet State requirements (3:45 pm - 4:00 pm)

What new tools or services would you suggest that the Department develop to help drillers and drilling companies meet State requirements?

Resources

- A meeting summary as well as a list of the meeting attendees will be available at http://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/
- Please send additional comments to: <u>wellpermitting@dep.state.nj.us</u> with "rule revision" in the subject line
- When the rule is proposed, public comment period and public hearing dates will be posted at http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/notices.html