

**WATER WELL DRILLER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMPLIANCE REPORT  
August 26, 2015**

a. Update on Meetings Attended

- Adam Foster gave 14 Laws and Rules Continuing Education courses, 5 Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) trainings with multiple GCDs at each one.
- Adam gave a presentation on commingling of aquifers at Brazoria County GCD and Gonzales County GCD Board meetings.
- Adam attended the National Ground Water Association Summit in San Antonio.
- David Gunn participated in an online seminar for the new Online Well Reporting System. We added Other to the Type of Work, Proposed Use, Drilling Method, Surface Completion, and Pump Type to bring the paper form in line with the new online well reporting system. The target date for roll out of the new online well reporting system is August 28, 2015.

b. Update on Field Activities – September 1, 2014 to present

- Consumer Complaints Investigated – 41
- Compliance Investigations – 428
- Leads Investigated – 109
- Abandoned Wells Investigated – 99
- David reviewed and made determinations on 74 Variance requests

c. Personnel Updates

- Jacob Wiley left the Program in May of 2015.
- We hired former Enforcement Division and Geoscientists Board investigator Alberto Jimenez on June 15, 2015.



## Water Well Drillers Advisory Council August 26, 2015



TDLR along with PSI will facilitate an Exam Review Committee Meeting with the Pump Installer Subject Matter Experts on Thursday August 27, 2015 in Austin. The purpose of this meeting is to review the poorly performing items and review and approve new items to augment the item pool. TDLR is currently seeking additional Subject Matter Experts to assist with exam development. Please visit the Water Well page for the application.

Every six years a Request for Proposal to be TDLR's exam provider is published. This process began in February and after the review of submissions The Commission approved and awarded PSI the examination services contract on July 29, 2015. This contract will take effect September 1, 2015.

The Education and Examination Division has begun utilizing Zeacom for emails. Zeacom allows us to track what has been completed and the time it has taken to answer emails. Currently, E&E receives more than 1,000 emails a month. The goal is to be able to report work staff has accomplished. As we continue to grow as a model agency our workload and performance numbers will increase. The use of Zeacom is a step to utilizing the effectiveness of innovation.

Growth in the Education & Examination Division.

- Marco Rodriguez is the new Team Leader for the newly created School Inspections/Site Visits section within the Education and Examination Division. Having an extensive background and the ability to command both English and Spanish, Marco will without a doubt help E&E establish uniform procedures to inspect Education School Providers and their courses.
- Cari Hodges is the new Team Leader for Driver Education and Safety Section within the Education and Examination Division. Cari comes to us from The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). She has more than 8 years' experience with the laws, rules and procedures for the Driver Training program. Cari without a doubt will be able to lead the new Driver Education and Safety team into thinking outside the box and incorporate new ideas to improve the service we provide for the citizens of Texas.

## Examination Statistics

<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>					
General Well Driller	52	50	102	50.98%	4
Water Well Driller	39	52	91	42.86%	15
Closed Loop Geothermal Well Driller	7	4	11	63.64%	0
Monitor Well Driller	9	4	13	69.23%	1
Dewatering Well Driller	2	0	2	100.00%	0
Injection Well Driller	1	0	1	100.00%	0
<b>Total Driller</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>20</b>
General Pump	64	68	132	48.48%	5
Single Phase Pump	65	19	84	77.38%	3
Three Phase Pump	54	23	77	70.13%	6
Line Shaft Turbine Pump	17	12	29	58.62%	1
Windmills, Hand Pump & Pump Jack	23	5	28	82.14%	1
<b>Total Pump</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>63.71%</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>58.42%</b>	<b>36</b>

<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>					
General Well Driller	53	44	97	54.64%	6
Water Well Driller	44	72	116	37.93%	2
Closed Loop Geothermal Well Driller	2	1	3	66.67%	0
Monitor Well Driller	10	6	16	62.50%	1
Dewatering Well Driller	1	1	2	50.00%	0
Injection Well Driller	1	1	2	50.00%	0
<b>Total Driller</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>47.03%</b>	<b>9</b>
General Pump	77	54	131	58.78%	9
Single Phase Pump	68	23	91	74.73%	4
Three Phase Pump	55	25	80	68.75%	5
Line Shaft Turbine Pump	19	21	40	47.50%	0
Windmills, Hand Pump & Pump Jack	23	10	33	69.70%	0
<b>Total Pump</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>64.53%</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>57.77%</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>Fiscal Year 2015</b>					
General Well Driller	60	53	113	53.10%	3
Water Well Driller	52	62	114	45.61%	5
Closed Loop Geothermal Well Driller	6	6	12	50.00%	1
Monitor Well Driller	11	3	14	78.57%	1
Dewatering Well Driller	2	4	6	33.33%	0
Injection Well Driller	2	4	6	33.33%	1
<b>Total Driller</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>50.19%</b>	<b>11</b>
General Pump	70	36	106	66.04%	5
Single Phase Pump	65	13	78	83.33%	3
Three Phase Pump	45	21	66	68.18%	3
Line Shaft Turbine Pump	13	19	32	40.63%	0
Windmills, Hand Pump & Pump Jack	26	11	37	70.27%	1
<b>Total Pump</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>68.65%</b>	<b>12</b>

Total	352	232	584	60.27%	23
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### Continuing Education Statistics

<b>FY 2013</b>	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
Provider registrations issued	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Course approvals issued	4	3	12	19	1	7	0	8	14	25	4	43	2	3	0	5	75
Provider renewal registrations issued	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	6
Total provider population	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Total course population	64	66	74	74	67	71	71	71	81	101	98	98	77	74	75	75	75

<b>FY 2014</b>	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
Provider registrations issued	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Course approvals issued	2	0	11	13	1	8	0	9	11	21	2	34	24	3	1	28	84
Provider renewal registrations issued	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total provider population*****	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	397	403	404	404	398	393	396	396	396
Total course population	74	73	79	79	72	70	70	70	75	79	74	74	75	71	72	72	72

\*\*\*\*Effective March 1, 2014, provider registrations are no longer program specific. This allows for a provider to offer courses for any program and pay one renewal fee instead of multiple renewal fees.

<b>FY 2015</b>	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
Course approvals issued	9	2	1	12	8	2	1	11	19	1	27	47	3	1	0	4	74
Total course population	80	81	75	75	78	74	75	75	88	82	102	102	81	75	0	75	75
Total provider population <b>overall</b>	393	386	393	393	388	381	382	382	388	388	389	389	390	395		395	395

# **TEXAS WATER WELL DRILLERS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Enforcement Division Staff Report**

**August 26, 2015**

- On November 24, 2014, an agreed order was entered against James Greak assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,625 for failing to submit 35 well reports to the Department within 60 days.
- On December 12, 2014, a default order was entered against James Housden assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000 for offering to perform pump installing services without a license.
- On January 2, a default order was entered against Daniel Kutscher assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,500 for failing to submit plugging report within 30 days of completion and failing to submit 54 water well reports to the Department within 60 days.
- On January 12, a default order was entered against Nicholas Marsh assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000 for offering water well drilling services without a license.
- On July 29, a default order was entered against Troy Spears d/b/a America's Best Ability Wellpoint assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,000 for offering water well drilling services without a license.

### **Key Statistics – Fiscal Year 2015**

Shown below are key statistics for the Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers program and for all TDLR programs combined for Fiscal Year 2015 through July 31, 2015.

<b><u>Statistic</u></b>	<b><u>WWD</u></b>	<b><u>TDLR</u></b>
• Number of cases opened:	72	9,593
• Number of cases resolved:	72	12,372
• Number of Agreed Orders:	10	2,126
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	\$24,730	\$4,190,545
• Total amount of penalties collected:	\$13,680	\$2,143,442

**WATER WELL DRILLER AND PUMP INSTALLER LICENSING REPORT  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
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**Water Well Driller and Pump Installer**

	<b>TOTAL FY 12</b>	<b>TOTAL FY 13</b>	<b>TOTAL FY 14</b>	<b>Sept. – July FY 15</b>
New Licenses Issued	53	67	92	67
Renewed Licenses Issued	1,546	1,418	1,510	1,360
Total Population	1,672	1,685	1,729	1,762

**Water Well Driller and Pump Installer Apprentice**

	<b>TOTAL FY 12</b>	<b>TOTAL FY 13</b>	<b>TOTAL FY 14</b>	<b>Sept. – July FY 15</b>
New Licenses Issued	219	33	N/A	N/A
Renewed Licenses Issued	535	108	N/A	N/A
Total Population	907	912	N/A	N/A

Note: Effective November 1, 2012 the department stopped issuing apprentice registrations due to a lack of authority in the law.