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Dear Contractor:

I wanted to share a few items the Wellhead Protection Section has been working on during the past year. We have completed the online test for restricted and apprentice permits. Before an applicant may take an exam online, please contact our office to obtain a test ID and submit a test application. Applicants may access the site at www.dnr.mo.gov/mowells. This website is also where you may submit records, conduct well searches and renew your permit. If you have not tried to submit records online, please do so; the future is a paperless business world, so I encourage you to begin submitting records electronically. Online submittal speeds up the process and reduces errors.

Our office is still receiving a large number of well records and pre-notification forms (heat pump installers) that are missing pertinent information. Please make every effort to ensure records and forms are complete. Missing information takes staff time to send letters or make phone calls. Another issue is records that are missing or have incorrect GPS coordinates. Rules require Latitude and Longitude to be submitted in Degrees, Minutes and Seconds (DMS) format. For example a Latitude of 38 26' 12.1" is correct reporting. If your GPS unit is set on decimal degrees, Latitude will look like 38.26121 or decimal minutes Latitude will look like 38 26.121'. All of the formats have the same numbers but have very different physical locations. Never try to space the number to fit the DMS format, it will always be incorrect.

Rules have been a large task for staff during 2015. The draft language for chapter 3 of the Missouri Wells Construction Rules is nearing completion and will be submitted to management for review in the coming weeks. Stakeholder meetings should start early summer 2016. A meeting will be held in each of the drilling areas to discuss changes, but for the most part the rule book has been reorganized for ease of use and to remove redundancies. The requests for a public well permit and a continuing education rule are still pending, and at this time no draft language has been developed for either request.

The Groundwater Protection Fund is being watched closely; future projection shows the fund to be viable until Fiscal Year 2018. The section is doing as much as possible to keep expenses to a minimum to prolong the need for a fee increase. There has not been a fee increase since 2009.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime at 573-368-2171.

Sincerely,

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