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MEMORANDUM

TO: Closed Loop Well Contractor's Certification Board Members

Lon Hoover
Jim Layten
Dominique Durbin

George Gaffke
Ryan Kerry
Harold Albrecht

FROM: David W. Johnson, P.E.
Elaine Beard, AA

DATE: January 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes – January 17, 2012 Closed Loop Well Contractor's Certification Board Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 10:05 p.m. on January 17, 2012. Board members present: Lon Hoover, George Gaffke, Jim Layten, Ryan Kerry, Dominique Durbin and Harold Albrecht. Department personnel present included Ken McCann and Dave Johnson. Visitors from local health departments: Tom Anderson, McLean County Health Department. The meeting was held at the Illinois Department of Public Health 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda that was distributed in advance was adopted without change.

Motion: To Approve the Agenda for the January 17, 2012 Board Meeting

Made By: George Gaffke
Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: To Approve the Minutes for the December 13, 2011 Board Meeting

Made By: George Gaffke
Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

Roll was called and Lon Hoover, George Gaffke, Jim Layten, and Harold Albrecht all responded present.

Shortly after roll call, Ryan Kerry and Dominique Durbin arrived filling out the full board.

Introductions

Ken McCann, Acting Division Chief, introduced himself and explained that Jerry Dalsin had retired and that David Johnson would be taking his place as was previously planned. Ken explained that the board had made significant changes to the Rules and that they would have to be resubmitted to the Board of Health.

Closed Loop Well Contractors Certification Examination

Discussion ensued regarding permitting without rules and the logistics of permitting by August and the possible administration of the exam prior to August. Ken stated that we would talk to IDPH legal to find out the specifics on the timeline set by the Act. It was thought that permitting could not be done prior to the completion of the rules.

Discussion of Reviewing the Examination Questions

It was agreed to discuss the test questions for the examination in an executive session on the date of the next board meeting to avoid making the test questions a public topic which would corrupt the validity of the exam.

Discussion of Board Mandates

Adoption of rules for Continuing Education, the use of inspections and stiff fines to gain compliance, and limits of the Act on the Authority of the Board were discussed. It was decided to add continuing education provisions in the Code.

Discussion of Continuing Education

A conclusion was reached to keep continuing education requirements for geothermal separate from water well drilling requirements. Also reciprocity with other states qualifying continuing education was discussed. It was agreed that the continuing education would have to be pre-approved based on curriculum. It was decided that a section in the rules mirroring the water well continuing education rules would be added requiring six hours cumulative CEU's over two years.

Amendments to the Illinois Water Well Construction Code

Section 920.180 a) was discussed concerning an existing contractor that is drilling an upper enlarged hole less than 3 inches greater than the casing and leaving pipe casing in the ground without grouting. This contractor is not having enforcement action taken against it by IDPH per political considerations. This section makes this method illegal and it is recommended that it be left as it is.

The board had an extensive discussion on what qualifications have to be met to take the certification examination.

Other Business

No other business was brought up.

Forms for Closed Loop Well Contractor Certification and Registration, and the Permitting of Closed Loop Well Systems

The forms were reviewed and some minor changes were agreed upon. The forms are not part of the rules, so the Department can adjust the forms to meet the requirements of the licensing system.

Next Meeting

Lon Hoover Scheduled the next Board meeting for March 27, 2012, to be held at the Illinois Department of Public Health 525 W. Jefferson St., 3rd Flr Conference Rm, Springfield, IL 62761 and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Board meeting.

Made By: George Gaffke

Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.