

# The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

**Summer 2023** 

### IN-PERSON COURSEWORK

**American Groundwater Trust** 

Phone: (603) 228-5444 / Email:

cheryl@agwt.org

Date: August 29-30, 2023

Location: The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL

32908

CE Credits: 3 R/R, 8 S/B

Course Title: Florida Groundwater Conference

Course Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### North Central Florida Water Well Association

Phone: (352) 222-9355 / Email:

shedriller1@gmail.com

Date: September 21, 2023

Location: Preferred Pump, 601 NW 25 Ave,

Ocala, FL 34475 CE Credits: 1 R/R

Course Title: Introduction to Well Rehabilitation

and Maintenance

Course Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Florida Ground Water Association

Phone: (850) 205-5641 / Email:

membership@fgwa.org

Date: October 14, 2023

Location: Hyatt Centric Key West Resort & Spa,

601 Front St. Key West, FL 33040

CE Credits: PENDING CE APPROVAL (2 CE

Credits will be offered) Course Title: TBD

Course Time: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

### DEAR LICENSED DRILLER,

We hope you enjoy the 2023 Summer Issue of the Florida Water Well Administrator's Newsletter. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your CE credits at 844-359-9238 or email <a href="mailto:info@flwwceu.org">info@flwwceu.org</a>.

### DO YOU NEED TO REACTIVATE YOUR LICENSE?

The deadline to renew your Water Well Contractor License was July 31, 2023. If you did not complete the required continuing education credits (12), pay your conversion fees, and renew your license with your respective Water Management District, you are now in the Inactive status. A license not renewed on or before July 31 of each odd numbered year shall automatically revert to INACTIVE STATUS (Chapter 62-531.360, F.A.C.). To renew your license and re-claim active status, please follow the steps below:

- To receive CE credit, submit proof of course attendance (certificate of attendance) IMMEDIATELY and conversion payment (\$14 per credit hour) to the FWWA Office info@flwwceu.org, or mail to 325 John Knox Road, Suite L-103, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Approved coursework for CE credits will not be processed without submittal of the conversion fees.
- 2. After the FWWA receives proof of course attendance and conversion payment, you will receive your Certificate of Completion. You will need to send the Certificate of Completion to your Water Management District with appropriate licensing renewal paperwork and late fee. Your license will not be renewed until you send your Certificate of Completion, renewal application; renewal/late fees and any other appropriate paperwork to your Water Management District.

Please call your Water Management District if you have any questions about the water well contractor licensure or license renewal process.

### ONLINE COURSEWORK

Organization: All Star Training, Inc.

Contact: John Mason

Phone: (817) 385-1136 / Email:

support@allstarCE.com

3 Hour FL Water Well CE Part 1

Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

3 Hour FL Water Well CE Part 2 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

6 Hour FL Water Well CE Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 3 S/B

Organization: Franklin Electric

Contact: Bob Lilland

Phone: (260) 205-2248 / Email:

bob.lilland@fele.com

### DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

To ensure you continue to receive important information regarding your Water Well Contractors License and continuing education credits, the Florida Water Well Administrator (FWWA) is asking for your assistance in ensuring your contact information is up-to-date in our database.

How can you help:

- 1. When submitting your coursework forms, please make sure contact information on the forms is up-to-date as we will use this to correct any issues in our system.
- 2. If you have moved and/or changed your address with the Postal Service, please make sure to share this information with the FWWA. We recommend you provide us with your personal/home information as we are aware changes occur in the job field. If your business information is on file, mailing address, business phone, email, etc., please make sure to contact our office to update your information.
- 3. We highly recommend you provide an email address to receive timely

Residential Submersible Systems Certification

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

SubDrive Utility Installation, Set-Up and

Diagnosis

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Harness the Power of the Sun: Franklin Electric

Solar Pumping Solution Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Testing Motors and Controls with Meters

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Organization: International School of Well Drilling

Contact: Lorraine Mastropietro

Phone: (863) 648-1565

Email: director@welldrillingschool.com

Aquifer Storage Recovery Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Basic Geology

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Drilling Methods I

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods II

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods III

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Generic Well Abandonment Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Groundwater Basics Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Introduction to Pumps Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part I Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part II Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

**Organization: National Drilling Association** 

Contact: Becky McWilliam

Phone: (877) 632-4748 / Email:

becky@nda4u.com

NDA Drilling Safety Certification Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

NDA Monitor Well Construction Certification

Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

NDA Groundwater Knowledge Certification

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Basic Geotechnical Procedures Qualification 101

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Organization: National Ground Water Association

Contact: Sue Tenney

Phone: (614) 898-7791 / Email:

stenney@ngwa.org

information. If you do not have an email address, we will be sure to send notices to the mailing address on file.

## THE NEXT RENEWAL CYCLE IS NOW IN FULL SWING August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2025 (pursuant to rule 62-531.330(3), F.A.C)

Don't wait until the last minute to accrue the required 12 CE credits you need to renew your license in 2025. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit <a href="www.flwwceu.org">www.flwwceu.org</a>. As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) coursework hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R) and no more than six (6) coursework hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B). A maximum of six (6) coursework hours for CE credit may be obtained online.

For more information and details about the FWWA CE Courses and Rules, please visit www.flwwceu.org.

### HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CE CREDITS?

All licensed Water Well Contractors and those seeking licensure can view the status of their credits on the Florida Water Well Administrators Website, www.flwwceu.org. Follow these steps to ensure your credits are listed properly:

- 1. Visit <a href="www.flwwceu.org">www.flwwceu.org</a> and click on the CE Credits tab at the top.
- 2. Select the cycle you are currently obtaining credits for.
- 3. Credits are listed by water well contractors last name, alphabetically. You may also search for your last name in the search bar.
- 4. If you do not see your name on the list and think you should have credits listed, it could possibly be because of the following reasons:
  - a. We do not have a copy of your certificate of attendance forms from the courses you completed.
  - b. You did not pay the conversion fee of \$14 per credit hour.
  - c. Your license went into the inactive status with the Water Management District (WMD) and although you have obtained CE credits and paid conversion fees, we need confirmation from the WMD to change your status back to Active.
  - d. You recently submitted your certificates and conversion fees and have not allowed ample time for processing; approximately 5-7 business days to update to the website.

If you went through the steps above and believe your credits are inaccurate or not currently listed on the website, please call the Administrator directly at 844-359-9238.

## HOW TO GET COURSEWORK APPROVED THAT IS NOT PRE-APPROVED THROUGH THE FWWA

Obtaining Continuing Education Credits (CECs) from non-approved providers, whether in Florida or out-of-state, is possible if you are proactive. It is good practice before you spend the time and the money to attend a course or continuing education event, to gather the information on the course(s) and send to the Florida Water Well Administrator for review. There is a strict criterion that the course must contain. To have your course reviewed prior to attending, please complete steps 1-3 below. If you are submitting the information post-coursework completion, please complete all steps below.

- Coursework agenda. This should include a breakdown of the timeline for the course.
- Detailed coursework description/summary of each coursework hour attended for CE credit.
- 3. Coursework instructor(s) biography or resume.

Introduction of Groundwater Resources
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Safe Practice in the Groundwater Industry Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Drilling Mud Quality, Additives, and Mixing

Course

Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

PFAS: Educating the Contractor to Provide

Superior Service Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Improving Pumping Performance of Variable

Frequency Drives Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Pressure Hazards Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Well Design for More Than One Stakeholder Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Fall Prevention and Fall Prevention:

Understanding the Difference Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Water Well Development and Rehabilitation

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Heavy Equipment Ownership: Annual Costs and

Predictive Maintenance Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

**Organization: Vector Solutions** 

Contact: Stephanie Tuton Phone: (866) 546-1212

Email:

VSAccreditations@VectorSolutions.com

Basics of Water Resources: Groundwater

Hydrology

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Drinking Water Quality - Monitoring and Security

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Water Industry Aquifer Remediation

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Organization: WorkTraining.com

Contact: Andrew Easler Phone: (888) 390-5574/ Email: hello@worktraining.com

DOT Reasonable Suspicion Training for Water

Well Supervisors Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

Non-DOT Reasonable Suspicion for Water Well

Supervisors

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

For a complete list of course offerings, visit <a href="https://www.flwwceu.org">www.flwwceu.org</a> and click the "Course Offerings" Tab. Courses are listed in date order (online course offerings appear at the end of the list). The website is updated weekly with approved course offerings.

4. If sending documentation post-coursework, a Certificate of Attendance or letter from provider confirming completion of course is required. This must include the date, time and location of course as well as the contractor's name and license number (if applicable).

All non-approved coursework will be reviewed by the Florida Water Well Administrator. Approval/denial will be based on the above mandatory criteria submitted by the contractor or person seeking licensure. It is the responsibility of the individual seeking licensure or license renewal to send the required materials to the FWWA for review.

#### HELP US PROMOTE PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY

Join us as we promote Protect Your Groundwater Day on September 5, 2023. It is important that everyone maintains the quality and quantity of water. Help us by doing your part in protecting one of the most important natural resources – groundwater.

For more information on Groundwater Protection Day and what you can do to help visit <a href="https://www.fgwa.org">www.fgwa.org</a> or <a href="https://www.fgwa.org">www.ngwa.org</a>.

### **CEC BY THE NUMBERS REPORT** (statistics as of 7/31/2023)

This information applies to the 2021-2023 CE renewal period. Contractors with 12 CECs can renew their license to practice water well contracting for the August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2025 biennial license cycle.

# of individuals in CE database (not including deceased and expired):	951
Active Licensed Water Well Contractors:	779 (4 unassigned)
Inactive Contractors since 8/1/22:	0
Pending Contractors (seeking licensure):	172

### 2021 - 2023 CE CREDIT CYCLE STATISTICS

Contractors with 12 hours complete:	662 (3 unassigned)
Contractors with 0 hours:	102
Contractors who have between 1 and 11 credits:	15

### **COURSE APPROVAL INFORMATION**

Courses offered since beginning of program:	2,061
Total courses offered since 8/1/21:	181
Individually titled courses since 8/1/21:	129
Number of coursework hours available since 8/1/21:	629



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