

Massachusetts Ground Water Association, Inc.

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REMINDER

Please RSVP for the meeting, the hotel would like a count by May 1st.
Thanks very much. Call
508-240-1000 or email info@mgwa.net



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

MGWA Meetings: May 11, 2008

More information available on the web site

Many thanks to the people who attended to the booth at the NEWWA Expo
Thank you to Franklin Electric, Blake Water Solutions and Flexcon Industries
for their generous donations for the raffle, which raised \$180 for the
scholarship fund.

Congratulations to Tom Desmond at Desmond Well Drilling, Inc. (Blake Water
Solutions whole house filter), Matt Miller at Water Well Systems, Inc. (Flexcon
Industries FL7) and Kathy Breen at Wilmington Pump & Supply (Franklin
Electric Pumptec).

**Please visit the web site for these links and links to other topics
of interest.**

**Geothermal: Review this information. Public meetings will be held on six
dates in April. There will be an update at the meeting regarding this topic.**

Visit this web site and select the link for 314 CMR 2.00, 5.00, 12.00, & 20.00
Proposed Revisions for the Groundwater Discharge Permit Program:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/publicche.htm#314cmr>

MassDEP will hold outreach sessions on its proposals at the following
locations:

April 7, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Northeast Regional Office
205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA

April 9, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA

April 11, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Central Regional Office
627 Main Street, Worcester, MA

MassDEP will hold public hearings on its proposals at the following locations:

April 23, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA

April 24, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Central Regional Office
627 Main Street, Worcester, MA

April 25, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MassDEP Northeast Regional Office
205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA

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Member Contribution

We were fortunate to have Wind Evans from Flexcon at the March meeting. Not only did Flexcon contribute the FT-8 Flow Thru tank as a door prize, but Wind was also able to update those present about the new regulations affecting the shipping pressure in the tanks.

A brief excerpt of the DOT changes follows; visit www.mgwa.net/NewsBulletin.html (found on the Members page) for the full briefing:

DOT regulations

The industry has long been aware of DOT regulations covering the shipment of Hazardous Materials (Title 49 CFR 100-185) via motor vehicle, rail freight and cargo vessel. These regulations define a hazardous material and dictate shipping papers (bills of lading), marking of cartons, labeling of product, and vehicle placarding of shipments containing hazardous materials under Section 172. According to the DOT, compressed air in a pressure tank at a pressure greater than 40.6 PSIA (25.9 PSIG) is considered Hazardous Material.

There are, however, exceptions to these requirements. Specifically, Section 173.306(g), "Limited quantities of compressed gases", covers pressurized well tanks. This exception allows the shipment of water pump system tanks under a very limited set of conditions that includes, among other things:

- that tanks be of steel construction,
- that charge pressure not be over 40 PSIG,
- that tank volumes not be over 120 gallons,
- that tank diameters not be over 24", and
- that every tank be pneumatically tested to 100 PSIG.

What does this mean?

Basically, what you will see is the following:

Most Steel well tanks will continue to be shipped with pre-charge of 40 PSI
All Steel well tanks will have to be pneumatically tested to a minimum of 100 PSI in order to be shipped at 40 PSIG.
Composite tanks will be shipped with pre-charge below 25.9 PSI
Boxes will be marked with a label identifying the hazardous material as compressed air.

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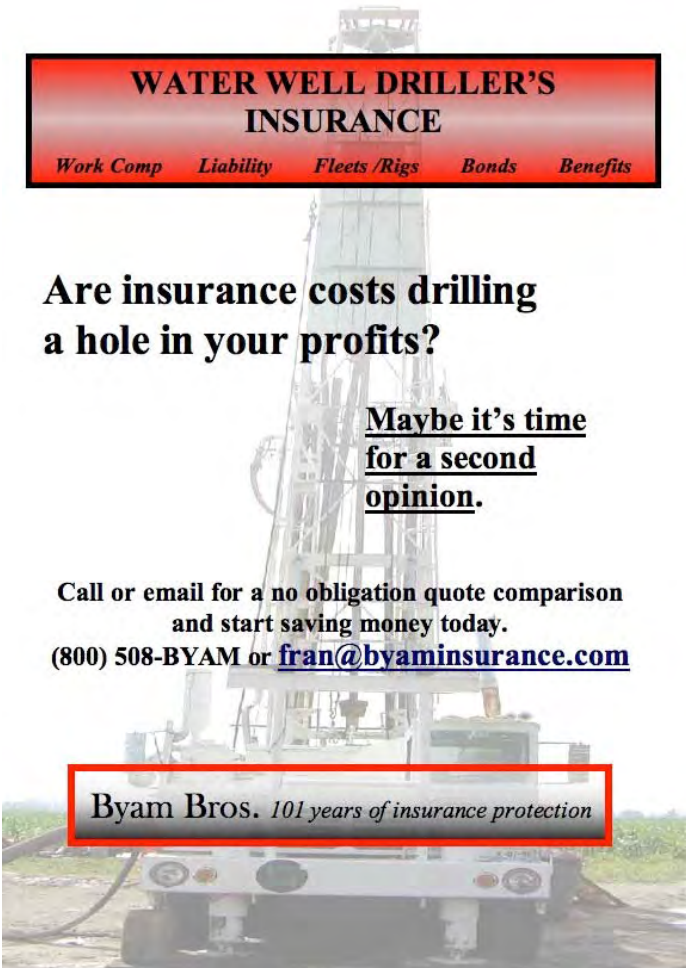
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At it's next meeting on April 10, the MWRC will hear about proposed revisions and additions to MADEP regulations regarding:

- 314CMR12:00 Permit procedures and O & M for wastewater treatment works
- 314CMR4:00 Groundwater Discharge Permits
- 314CMR6:00 Groundwater Quality Standards
- 314CMR20:00 Reclaimed water regulations



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Message from the President:

Dear Members:

I was in Florida for Red Sox spring training and something really hit home for me while at the games. WATER! I have been watching my food and alcohol intake the last couple of years in trying to be healthy I drink more water than beer at the games. Well, a bottle of water at the City of Palm's park is \$4.75 while a beer is \$6.50. You can go to a convenience store and buy 24 bottles of water for 5 buck's! A six pack of beer is about 6 buck's. How do they get away with a markup of 2400% over what we can buy it for outside the gates?

We are a small community of well drillers. A lot of us have been in this for a long time. We are programmed to think, the harder we work, the faster we work, the more successful we are. While hard work can translate into success, not using our brains will limit our success. The Red Sox have overhead, they have payroll and expenses just like you and me. They are in business to make money and they do. They have done a good job marketing their product and have a good product. Consequently people pay.

I think that we have a lot more valuable product than they do since you cannot live very long without water. Never mind what you need to live, but how about that customer that can't take a shower [God forbid they wait until morning]. We provide a product that needs to be perceived as so valuable that people will pay us what we need to run our business and be profitable. If we can sell to our customers the notion that we are keeping them alive like that doctor you see when you have cancer, our industry will never die. Lately geothermal has been hot, why? Because everyone is paying higher fuel prices and they know they can not live without heat and are willing to pay a lot of money to install geothermal for their future.

We send our kids to college to get an education so they can provide a good life for themselves and are successful. Let's help the next generation when they become part of our businesses.

See you at the meeting,
Roger Skillings, MGWA President

MEETING NOTICE: Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Best Western Royal Plaza

181 Boston Post Road, Marlborough MA (508-460-0700)

Please RSVP: 508-240-1000 or info@mgwa.net by May 6th

MA Highway Road Permits:

Andy Faye, DOT attorney, will be speaking at the meeting to clarify the laws pertaining to Road Permits for drill rigs in MA.

Meeting sponsors:

March: Preferred Pump

November: Blake Water Systems

Door prizes:

March: Flexcon Industries – FT8 Flow-thru tank

January: Franklin Electric – Pumptec and Palm Pilot

Many thanks to our meeting sponsors for their continued support and generosity!

AGENDA

Best Western Royal Plaza Marlborough, MA

Tuesday May 13, 2008

6:00 PM North End style pizza and salad

6:30 PM Welcome – Roger Skillings
Secretary's Report: Michelle Desmond
Treasurer's Report: Charlie Henshaw
Membership Report: Sally Desmond
Old business and new business
Questions/Comments
Andy Faye, DOT Atty presentation

8:30 PM Adjournment

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Andy Faye was not able to attend the last meeting, but will be joining us in May to discuss how the Road Permits affect well drillers.

Present at our March 11, 2008 Meeting - Thanks for attending!

Thanks to Flexcon Industries for donating the FT-8 door prize!

Thanks to Preferred Pump for sponsoring the March meeting.

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You have a voice – add your name to this list!

Upcoming meeting dates:

May 13, 2008 & September 9, 2008

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Plan ahead for any of your college bound children. Scholarship applications are available on the web site – www.mgwa.i

DEADLINE May 15.



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