

# Groundwater Protection and Water Wells Stakeholder

## Workgroup Meeting

October 16, 2013 - 6:00-8:00 pm

**Remote:** For “Go To Meeting” invitation and call-in information, please contact:  
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**In-person: Anchorage** - 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conference Room (555 Cordova St.)  
**Wasilla** - 1700 E. Bogard Rd Blding B, Suite 103

*The Goal of the Stakeholders’ Workgroup is to resolve, address or provide recommendations on each of the issues that were compiled, validated and agreed upon from the original stakeholders’ meetings held in October of 2012*

### AGENDA

#### Introductions

- Roll Call

#### Expectations of the meeting - (What do we want to accomplish with this meeting?)

- Review/approve minutes from August 21st meeting
- Review/report on action items
  - DEC to post results of applicable action items from previous meetings
    - NGWA- State Summary
    - Boroughs’ domestic well requirements summary
  - DEC to continue work on informational materials for institutions and realtors
  - DEC to work on providing a website of educational materials for the public
    - Will be sending out educational material one by one for the group to approve for posting.
- Review the *Issues and Concerns* document that was compiled from the October 2012 meetings, [http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw/DWP/DWP\\_WaterWells\\_Mtng.html](http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw/DWP/DWP_WaterWells_Mtng.html). Follow-up on previous discussions
  - “Miscellaneous”
    - Website “mock-up” all workgroup members to review.
      - Give feedback on look, feel, information, and links
  - Well Logs
    - Should we move on?
    - What was determined at our last meeting:

- David Schade (DNR) mentioned that they are in the process of drafting and rewriting some regulation. If you have some input please contact him.
    - Further discussion into standards may re-introduce the topic.
- NEXT ISSUES:
  - Limited Statewide Standards
    - Lack of statewide standards has led to some improperly constructed, maintained and decommissioned wells:
      - Standards (regulations) exist for PWS wells, but some construction issues are difficult to impossible to fix after the fact.
      - Difficult to know if a well has been installed properly.
    - Concern that there is no assurance that the aquifer is, and will remain safe.
      - Improperly constructed private (unregulated) wells could impact the water quality of a shared aquifer
    - No standards to reference when inspecting well drilling operations or equipment, as may be done by a hired engineer.
      - Leads to ineffective collaboration between the property owner, on-site engineer, well driller, pump installer, agencies, etc.
      - Costs of problems that arise due to the lack of standards to be applied when the well is installed are often passed on at a later time to the well owner.
    - Standards do not necessarily mean more or stronger regulations.
    - No Alaska-specific guidance on how to properly decommission an abandoned well.
    - The clients of water well drillers can impede proper well construction.
    - No standardized scope on contracts (hard to bid)
    - Backflow prevention is commonly overlooked.
- Set the date for the next workgroup meeting
- **Wrap-Up and Summary of Action Items**