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Notice: Waiver of minimum contact hour requirement to renew Iowa Certified Well Contractor Certification

This information is for all Iowa DNR Certified Well Contractors who need Continuing Education Units (CEUs) prior to the 2020 renewal of their certification as required under 567 IAC 82.11(1) and 82.11(2).

The DNR has been monitoring well contractor training events as state and federal public health agencies collect and release information regarding the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak and the increases in the number of affected through community spread of the virus. We have been in contact with various training organizations that provide well contractor CEU contact hours. Many of these providers are cancelling or temporarily suspending all training events to help reduce the potential for community spread of COVID-19. We understand the loss of training opportunities may place well contractors in a position that prevents them from qualifying for the 2020 renewal of their Iowa DNR Well Contractor Certification.

In light of the current circumstances and to mitigate the economic effects associated with the cancellations of training events prompted by the COVID-19 situation, the Iowa DNR is waiving the requirement under 567 IAC 82.11(2) that Certified Well Contractors must meet the minimum CEU requirements under 567 IAC 82.11(1) prior to the 2020 renewal of certifications for Well Drillers and/or Pump Installers. This means Certified Well Contractors who are currently certified by the DNR as Well Drillers and/or Pump Installers can renew their certification(s) even if they have not earned the minimum number of contact hours required under 567 IAC 82.11(1). All other renewal requirements under 567 IAC chapter 82 still apply. Please see our Private Well web page at www.iowadnr.gov/privatewells for additional information.

Your well contractor certification renewal information will be delivered to the address we currently have listed for you in our data system. We ask that you use the following web site to review your certification mailing address and submit any updates to the Certification Staff as soon as possible to ensure you receive your renewal documents.

The Operator Certification Web Database is located at <http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/>.

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