

## **Advisory Council on Well Drilling and Pump Installing Discussion 12/12/2014**

### Background:

- Council established sometime in 1990s by DNR Private Water program for communication with well drilling industry.
- No statute or code requirements.
- Most recent procedures are dated 2006.
- Meetings and membership have not always operated consistent with procedures.

### Recommendations:

- DNR continue to convene Advisory Council.
- Update procedures to reflect industry and external organization changes, and manage at Bureau level:
  - add 1 representative from Wisconsin Geothermal Association
  - eliminate representative from National Drilling Contractors Association (defunct)
  - DNR appointees to be made by DG Bureau Director instead of DNR Secretary
  - clarify that DNR will handle meeting agenda, minutes and logistics
- Seek new members for 3 of 4 DNR appointments to be consistent with procedural statements on term limits and preference for non-WWWA members.
- Obtain updated appointments from other appointing organizations.
- Present updated Procedures and Membership Roster at January 7, 2015 Advisory Council meeting.

### Actions to Date:

- Presented 2006 procedures at October 2014 Advisory Council, asked for input.
- Asked current appointing organizations for updated appointments by December 15.
- Researched and confirmed National Drilling Contractors Association has disbanded, and that no organization related to Monitoring Wells currently exists in Wisconsin.
- Confirmed continuing appointment by WGNHS

### Next Steps:

- Contact Wis. Geothermal Assn to offer opportunity to make appointment
- Obtain updated appointments from appointing organizations
- Contact existing DNR appointees whose terms are ending
- Contact staff-recommended WD/PI to offer 3 DNR appointments
- Present updated Procedures and Membership Roster at January 7, 2015 Advisory Council meeting.

### Attachments:

1. Procedures, with track changes to show proposed updates
2. Current Membership Roster
3. Staff recommendations for DNR appointees