Well Drillers License Renewal Instructions

South Dakota Water Law requires every well driller to have a current South Dakota driller's license before performing or contracting to perform any well drilling work. Enclosed is an application form to renew your license. This form needs to be completed, signed by each license representative, and returned to this office with the fee postmarked on or before January 31 of the year for which you are renewing. The filing fee is based on the residency of the license representative(s) -- $200.00 for South Dakota resident(s) and $300.00 for nonresident(s). You are a resident if your primary residence is located in South Dakota and you have not claimed residency in any other state within ninety days of filing this application.

The application form must be returned and a license issued before doing any drilling work during the year for which you are renewing. Renewals postmarked after January 31 of the year for which you wish to renew will be returned, and the applicant will have to comply with the requirements for new applications.

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL 46-6-11) requires the well driller to file a well construction report within 30 days of well completion. Prior to your license being renewed, the records of well construction need to be submitted for ALL wells constructed during the year for which you were licensed. The well construction reports must be complete and accurate or the reports will be returned. If you have not drilled any wells, please indicate this on the renewal form.

If your company needs to add a new license representative, please contact the Water Rights Program for the information, forms, and exam for a new applicant.

If you have questions, please contact the Water Rights Program at (605) 773-3352.

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APPLICATION for Renewal of South Dakota Well Driller License to drill, construct, redrill, rebuild, reground and recase wells.

License No. ____________________________

1. Name of Applicant ____________________________ (Company) Phone ____________

Mailing Address ____________________________ (Street, RR, box) (City) (State) (Zip code)

2. Each company must designate one License Representative responsible for all well drilling and construction work for or authorized on behalf of the company.

License Representative ____________________________

SD resident? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Are you familiar with and agree to abide by the provisions of SDCL 46-6-6 to 46-6-31 inclusive, and Water Management Board Rules Chapters 74:02:01 for well driller licensing and 74:02:04 for well drilling and well construction?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If answer is No, please request copies of laws and/or rules before submitting application.

4. During the past calendar year how many wells in South Dakota have you drilled, redrilled, rebuilt, recased, regrounded, or plugged including any test holes you have drilled or plugged (including geothermal and monitoring wells)? ________

5. Pursuant to ARSD 74:02:01:43.11, well driller license representatives must successfully complete four hours of continuing education annually and, pursuant to ARSD 74:02:01:42.04, applications for renewal must include documentation of continuing education. In the space below, provide details of continuing education activities you participated in within the past year and attach copies of supporting documents. If your company has more than one licensed representative, please clearly indicate which representative(s) attended which activities.

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I (We), (print names of all license representatives)

I (We), license representative(s) for (company) certify that I (we) have read the foregoing application and that the matter therein stated is true.

Signed ____________________________ License Representative ____________________________

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