

(c) No less than 75 percent for well inspection field investigation and enforcement. [1989 c.129 §4; 2003 c.594 §4]

**Note:** 537.763 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 537 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**537.765 Log of constructing, altering, abandoning or converting well; furnishing samples to Water Resources Commission.** (1) The business or activity of constructing new wells or altering, abandoning or converting existing wells is declared to be a business or activity affecting the public welfare, health and safety. In order to enable the state to protect the welfare, health and safety of its citizens, any person licensed under ORS 537.747, or any person or public agency constructing, altering, abandoning or converting a well, shall keep a log of each well constructed, altered, abandoned or converted and shall furnish a certified copy of the log to the Water Resources Commission within 30 days after the completion of the construction, alteration, abandonment or conversion.

(2) The commission shall provide acknowledgment to the constructor of receipt of a well log submitted under subsection (1) of this section within 120 days of receipt.

(3) Each log required under subsection (1) of this section shall be in a form prescribed by the commission and shall show:

(a) The name and post-office address of the owner of the well and the person or public agency performing or causing the performance of the work of constructing, altering, abandoning or converting the well.

(b) The location of the well by county tax lot number, township, range and section, and to the nearest quarter-quarter section or latitude and longitude as established by a global positioning system, or with reference to government survey corners or monuments or corners of recorded plats.

(c) The dates of commencement and completion of the work of constructing, altering, abandoning or converting the well.

(d) The depth, diameter and type of the well.

(e) The kind and amount of the casing and where placed in the well, including the number and location of perforations or screens.

(f) The flow in cubic feet per second or gallons per minute of a flowing well, and the shut-in pressure in pounds per square inch.

(g) The static water level with reference to the land surface, and the drawdown with respect to the amount of water pumped per minute, when a pump test is made.

(h) The kind and nature of the material in each stratum penetrated, with at least one entry for each change of formation, and the thickness of aquifers.

(i) The temperature of the ground water encountered and other characteristics of the ground water in detail as required by the commission.

(4) If required by the commission, the person, public agency or licensee referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall furnish to the commission samples of the ground water and of each change of formation in containers furnished and transportation expense paid by the commission. [1955 c.708 §29; 1961 c.334 §11; 1981 c.416 §6; 1985 c.673 §70; 1993 c.774 §5; 1995 c.77 §1; 1999 c.293 §5]

### (Well Constructors

#### Continuing Education Committee)

**Note:** Sections 2, 4 and 7, chapter 496, Oregon Laws 2001, provide:

**Sec. 2.** (1) There is established a Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee consisting of four members appointed by the Water Resources Director as follows:

(a) Three persons from the well drilling industry licensed pursuant to ORS 537.747; and

(b) One person from the regulatory community.

(2) The term of office of each member is three years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the director. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the director shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for re-appointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

(3) A member of the committee is entitled to travel expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

(4) Members of the committee must be residents of this state who are knowledgeable about the principles of well construction.

(5) The committee shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with the duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the committee determines.

(6) Three members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At least three members of the committee must approve all official actions or decisions of the committee. [2001 c.496 §2]

**Sec. 4.** (1) The Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee shall recommend to the Water Resources Commission a process for reviewing and approving continuing education requirements for licensed water well constructors established by rule pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of a continuing education program for licensed water well constructors consistent with the recommendations of the committee.

(3) The rules adopted by the commission under this section for the continuing education program shall:

(a) Authorize the committee to review and approve continuing education courses and to assign continuing education credits.

(b) At a minimum require, for renewal of a license issued under ORS 537.747, that an applicant: