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Chester Bojanowski Retires

After a career in public service that spanned nearly 50 years, Chester Bojanowski of the Groundwater Branch retired on March 31, 1999. For the last eight years, Chester ran the drillers' program, working with water and monitoring well drillers and well owners both in the office and in the field. His tireless efforts each year on behalf of the drillers' workshop have been greatly appreciated by all who are aware of the many difficulties involved. In 1995, Chester received the division's Outstanding Cabinet Employee award for his work in the previous year. Chester came to the Division of Water in 1992, following a seven-year stint in the Enforcement Branch of the Division of Waste Management.

Chester is a veteran of World War II, and afterward obtained a degree in geology from University of Connecticut on the G.I. Bill. After graduation, he accepted a permanent field assignment in 1952 with the U.S. Geological Survey in the topographic mapping program. For his first major assignment, he was sent to Leitchfield, Kentucky. Kentucky was the first state to participate in the USGS mapping program and the first state to be completely mapped on the basis of 7-1/2 minute topographic quadrangles. In Leitchfield, Chester met and married Mary Helen, "one of those southern belles," he recalls.

Chester and Mary Helen led a nomadic life for many years, moving from assignment to assignment throughout the eastern United States, from Kentucky to Maryland, Indiana,

Delaware, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. Assignments usually lasted anywhere from a few months to as much as a year. Many of the topographic maps in Kentucky and elsewhere are based upon Chester's field work.

In 1960 they built a house in Leitchfield so the family would have a stable base while Chester was out in the field coping with snakes, mosquitos, and inclement weather. After retiring from the USGS in 1983, Chester and family moved to Frankfort, where he took a position with the Division of Waste Management in 1986. During his time in Waste Management, Chester received a Certificate of Appreciation from the division director.

Chester's nomadic inclinations and love of travel are shared by Mary Helen. They have always had a fascination with distant and exotic places, traveling on holiday to the capitals of Europe and Asia and to Pacific islands. Their most recent trip was to Sicily in early spring 1999. Now that Chester has put away his book of regulations and hung up his uniform, they plan to place a lot more pins in the world map in the coming years.

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Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Water Well Certification Board will be on June 18 starting at 9 a.m. at the Division of Water in Frankfort.

The meeting is open to all drillers and the public.

Training Opportunities

The Nielsen Environmental Field School, Inc., is offering the following course:

The Ground-Water Sampling Field Course

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If you are interested and want more information, contact

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4686 State Route 605 South
Galena, OH 43021-9652
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July 31 - August 3, 1999
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If you are interested and want more information, contact

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Contact the Groundwater Branch if you plan to use any of these courses for your continuing training requirement.



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