



## Death of Drillers

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The weekend of September 25 saw the loss of one current certified driller and one former certified driller.

Ray Starks 72, of Starks Well Drilling in Almo, Kentucky, passed away September 25. Mr. Starks had been a Kentucky certified driller since 1985. Mr. Starks used the bucket auger method of drilling and had been in the drilling business for about 50 years.

Johnnie P. Ramsey, Sr., 73, of Whitesburg, Kentucky, passed away September 25. Mr. Ramsey had been a Kentucky certified driller from 1986 to 2003 when illness forced him to retire. Mr. Ramsey was a past president of the Kentucky Water Well Association and had been in the drilling business for about 50 years.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Mr. Starks and Mr. Ramsey.

## Groundwater Branch Moves Offices

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The Groundwater Branch has just completed a move to an adjacent building and is unpacked and back in operation. We tried to take care of your needs in a timely manner while we were in transit.

Our address and telephone number remain the same. However, our new FAX number is (502) 564-0111.

## Changes for NGWA Exams

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The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) has informed us of future changes for taking their exams. They now have exam centers, through LaserGrade testing specialist, set up in several states in order for exams to be taken via computer. In Kentucky, they are located in Louisville and Mt. Sterling. An applicant will go to one of these centers and take the NGWA exams. The scores will be seen immediately and the applicant can provide the Groundwater Branch with the scores to be added to an application.

These changes will take effect Jan. 1, 2005. However, the Groundwater Branch can still provide the paper/pencil method until Jan. 1, 2007. Also, the fee per exam will be increased to \$75 beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Louisville:

Triangle Flying Service  
Bowman Field  
2700 Gast Blvd.  
Louisville, KY 40280  
(502) 452-1185

Mt. Sterling:

Kentucky Airmotive, Inc.  
Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County  
709 Airport Rd.  
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353  
(859) 498-1000

For out-of-state exam centers, call Harold Lee at the Groundwater Branch (502) 564-3410 or the NGWA at 1- 800 - 551-7379



## Field Reviews Continue

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The Water Well Drillers Certification Program has conducted field reviews for three water well drillers since July, two in west central and one in far western Kentucky, with more scheduled over the next two months.

The primary purpose of these reviews, as noted in the April Quarterly, is to improve communication among Water Well Drillers Program personnel here at the Division of Water, well drillers and well owners. Water well drillers will be selected randomly throughout the state and will be contacted by Joe Moffitt or Harold Lee to schedule a field review.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact Joe or Harold (or any other Groundwater Branch staff) if you need assistance or have questions on any groundwater issues.

## Training Opportunities

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### Ohio Water Well Association Convention

Wilmington, Ohio  
October 28 - 29, 2004  
Ohio Water Well Association  
3217 Springcrest Dr.  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
Phone (513) 895-0695

For continuing online courses, go to:

<http://www.redvector.com>

## Reminders

**In order to use training other than the Kentucky Ground Water Association's Annual Drillers' Workshop, you MUST contact Joe Moffitt, or Harold Lee at the Groundwater Branch. Phone: (502) 564-3410.**

**Remember to obtain proper attendance documentation when attending any training for your continuing training requirement. This includes a signed certificate, training card or letter along with an agenda.**

## Groundwater Protection Plans

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Generic Groundwater Protection Plans (GPP) for well drillers are available. Drillers are required to keep and implement a GPP. Also, generic GPPs for domestic wells and septic systems are available to homeowners. These GPPs can be located on the Groundwater Branch's Web site at: <http://www.water.ky.gov/gw/gwprotection/gwplans/> or by contacting Pat Keefe at (502) 564-3410, Ext. 445



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