

Overview of Changes, IDAPA 37.03.10, Well Driller Licensing Rules

Other Authorities Remain Applicable, Rule 002: Removed unnecessary rule describing authority of Director.

Definitions, Rule 010: Removed unnecessary definitions of 'Adequate Supervision', 'Auxiliary Equipment', 'Credit Unit', 'Critical Phases of Drilling', and 'Responsible Charge'. Updated the definition of an 'Operator' to be consistent with changes to Rule 32 and Rule 33 that redefine how operators are regulated. Moving away from regulating operators as Class I or Class II Operators, and only regulating a single class of "Operator", which is consistent with statute. Added reference to "any other power-driven mechanical equipment" to the definition of "Well Rig or Drill Rig" for clarification.

License Applicability, Rule 20:

20.02: Removed reference to drillers having responsible charge of other workers on site.

20.03: Removed language references to Class I and Class II Operators.

20.04: Removed language exempting general labor on job site; not necessary.

Construction and Use of Holes that are not Wells, Rule 21: Removed Rule 21; not necessary.

Obtaining a Driller's License, Rule 30:

30.01: Moved language describing experience requirements required for obtaining a driller's license to this section and clarified; removed experience requirement within preceding 24 month period.

30.02: Renamed as 'Application Requirements' for clarification. Removed unnecessary experience requirements; condensed and moved to 30.01. Modified language to note that the Director may require up to 3 references to confirm drilling experience; previously was a requirement.

30.03: Removed specific content describing what the Department may include on an Examination.

Obtaining a Company License, Rule 31: Removed requirement that applicant submit compliance record and list of drill rigs used. Removed reference to application processing. Modified requirement of 3 references to be that the Department may require up to 3 references.

Obtaining an Operators Permit, Rule 32: Removed reference to Class I and Class II Operators and added language describing a single Operator, consistent with statute. Clarified experience, education, and examination requirements; Operators to have 600 hours of experience, 2 continuing education credits, and pass an examination. Removed reference to how applications will be processed.

Expiration and Renewal of Driller Licenses and Operator Permits, Rule 35: Consolidated multiple rules to Rule 35. Removed welding competency requirement.

Expiration and Renewal of an Operator's Permit, Rule 36: Removed rule and consolidated with Rule 35.

Duties and Responsibilities of Drillers, Companies, and Operators, Rule 50: Clarified language describing specific boundaries where drillers must obtain authorization to drill a well. Removed reference to DEQ IDAPA 58.01.08; not necessary.

Bonding Rule, Rule 60: Clarified bonding requirements and removed redundancies

Continuing Education, Rule 70: Removed reference requiring the Idaho Ground Water Association (IGWA) to implement the continuing education program and added the Director may delegate through an MOU the implementation of continuing education to an external provider, such as the IGWA.

Continuing Education Committee Contingency Plan, Rule 71: Removed rule due to updates in Rule 70.

Driller's Advisory Committee, Rule 80: Removed rule due to updates in Rule 70.