



OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER WATER
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PROGRAM

COVID-19 TEMPORARY MODIFICATION TO THE WELL DRILLER AND RIG SUPERVISOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

(Effective 09/24/2020)

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and related restrictions the OSE has been granting temporary Well Driller License Renewals for drillers with incomplete CEU hours as defined in 19.27.4.27 and Policy WR-09-2006. Going forward the OSE will expand the number of CEU Credits that can be taken online. The following temporary CEU requirements are in effect upon the above date.

- **8 hours of CEU credits may be taken online or in person.**
- **There is no change to the requirement that at least four hours must be specific to the proper methods and techniques for well drilling.**
- **There is no change to the requirement that 2 hours must be on the OSE Rules and Regulations, which will be temporarily offered online. Contact the Well Driller Program at nm.driller@state.nm.us to schedule this course.**
- **Any driller who has been given a temporary approval shall proceed with the completion of their 8 hours of CEU credits as soon as possible or will have to take a total of 16 hours in the next renewal period.**

CEU credits are still required to be approved by the OSE and the list of approved courses is available on the OSE Website. If a driller would like a course approved for credit, they will need to get prior approval from the OSE Well Driller Program. The entity sponsoring the course or other training shall provide each person attending the course with a Certificate of Course Completion which should be included with the Well Drillers Renewal.

This temporary modification of the CEU requirements will be valid until March 31, 2021 and may be extended or terminated at the State Engineers discretion. Drillers with licenses that expire after October 31, 2021 will be required to complete the 8 hours under the existing rules and will be limited to 2 hours of online classes. If governmental restrictions still prohibit gatherings to the point that in-person CEU classes are not feasible this modification to the requirements may be extended to drillers whose license expires after October 31, 2021.