

TO: The Honorable Matthew H. Mead, Governor

FROM: Patrick T. Tyrrell, State Engineer
Wyoming State Engineer's Office

SUBJECT: Proposed Rules for Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Chapter 1: Fees

DATE: May 8, 2014

PRIORITY: High – Deadline for response is May 19, 2014

SUMMARY: The State Engineer's Office is amending its existing rules in Chapter 1: Fees. The current rules allow for an amount, not to exceed \$25, from well permit application fees to be deposited into an account created under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-42-116 for wells which require the use of a licensed well driller pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-42-103. The rules are in response to the 2014 Legislature amending Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 9-1-904(b) which authorizes the State Engineer to increase the deposit of certain fees for wells and groundwater developments into the Water Well Contractors Account to an amount not to exceed \$50.00. The rules are needed to allow for the deposit of up to \$50.00 per permit into the Account, allowing for the continuous operation and management of the State Board of Examining Water Well Drilling Contractors and Water Well Pump Installation Contractors and the administration of Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 33-42-101 through 117. The 2014 legislation provided for the addition of an employee to serve as Director of the Board. This increase in the maximum allowed deposit into the Water Well Contractors Account is needed to pay for this position.

The rules will not result in a taking of private property or violation of due process.

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Governor's Response Options (to be completed by the Governor's Office):

_____ Agency may proceed

_____ Delay public comment and set up meeting with:

Governor's Staff Representative

Signature Governor's Counsel