REGISTERING EXISTING WELLS
(Irrigation, Miscellaneous, Municipal, Industrial)

When wishing to register an existing irrigation, industrial, miscellaneous, municipal well, file both the APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE GROUND WATER (FORM U.W. 5), the STATEMENT OF COMPLETION AND DESCRIPTION OF WELL OR SPRING (FORM U.W. 6) and PROOF OF APPROPRIATION AND BENEFICIAL USE OF GROUND WATER (FORM U.W. 8) **simultaneously** with the $75.00 filing fee.

There are certain items on the U.W. 6 form that must have definitive data provided (NOT "UNKNOWN") before records may be complete and a valid water right established. If the applicant does not have specific data for those items, the applicant's best reasonable estimate will be acceptable. These essential items (in addition to Name, Address, Use, Location) are:

- **Effective April 1, 2006: Coordinates of the well must be provided. SEO will accept coordinates in one of the three coordinate systems. They are as follows: 1) Latitude and Longitude – Preferred; 2) Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM); and 3) State Plane Coordinates.**
- **total depth of well (how deep is spring dug)**
- **depth to static water level**
- **date of completion of well/spring development**
- **depth of pump setting**
- **amount of water being pumped or rate of flow**
- **total number of acres irrigated OR all points/areas of use in each 40-acre subdivision**

The Proof of Appropriation and Beneficial Use of Ground Water (Form U.W. 8) must have the date the water was first put to beneficial use for the use(s) specified on the Application for Permit to Appropriate Ground Water (Form U.W. 5). If a pump has not been installed, send only the Application for Permit to Appropriate Ground Water (Form U.W. 5). The U.W. 6 and U.W. 8 are to be completed only if a pump has been installed and the water has been beneficially utilized.

Without these, items, we feel that the applicant does not have a viable claim to the water, and until these items are clarified on the forms, the registration is not ready to process. Naturally, as many of the other items as possible should be completed. For those water rights which will be adjudicated a Map to Accompany Proof of Appropriation and Beneficial Use of Ground Water will be required. Please contact this office for further explanation at (307) 777-6163.

Important Note: Any water well not properly recorded with the State Engineer shall not have the protection afforded under the laws of the State of Wyoming.