

As you may be aware, the COVID-19 national crisis is unfolding at a time when the 2020 Iowa DNR Certified Well Contractor Certification renewal CEU period is coming to an end. During the last three weeks, many well contractor training opportunities have been canceled - both inside Iowa and in bordering states. Each organization that canceled events did so to limit the potential for social contact that can spread the COVID virus.

This situation has created hardships for many Iowa DNR Certified Well Contractors who normally pick-up the last training hours they need at spring events. In looking ahead at certification renewal, this crisis will result in many well contractors without enough CEUs to fulfill the requirement as stated in Chapter 82.

Because of this situation, the department has been authorized by the Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Reynolds on March 22, 2020, to provide regulatory relief to assist well contractors who cannot earn sufficient CEU contact hours before the March 31st, 2020 deadline.

For Iowa Certified Well Contractors, this means that they will be able to renew their Iowa well contractor certification(s) during the 2020 renewal even if they have not met their specific minimum CEU contact hours as required under 567 IAC 82.11(1). Individuals who lack sufficient contact hours for normal renewal may be required to sign and submit a waiver form that will be included with their certification renewal paperwork they receive in June.

Additional information regarding the CEU waiver will be posted on the DNR Private Well web page as it develops. The web page can be found at the following link:

[Information about the 2020 Well Contractor Certification CEU Waiver](#)

To check how many CEU contact hours have been submitted by training entities on your behalf or by you, please use the following web link.

[Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#)

Individuals who hold Well Driller Certification normally require 16 contact hours (1.6 CEUs).

Individuals who hold Pump Installers normally require 10 contact hours each certification period (1.0 CEU).

Individuals who hold both Well Driller and Pump Installer Certification normally require 16 contact hours (1.6 CEUs).