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ADWR and AzWWA are Teaming up for Ground Water Awareness Week by Asking "Are Your Well Records Up to Date?"

PHOENIX (March 7, 2011) - Arizona Department of Water Resources is teaming up with the Arizona Water Well Association during Ground Water Awareness Week, March 6th to March 12th 2011, and asking the question, "Are Your Well Records Up to Date?" ADWR and AzWWA are asking all water well drillers, pump installers, and private well owners to visit ADWR's on-line Well Registry Web Application (<https://gisweb.azwater.gov/waterresourcedata/WellRegistry.aspx>) or ADWR's Imaged Records Database (<http://imagedrec.water.az.gov/PowerWeb/DII/pwrwbext.dll>), to obtain well registry numbers, owner information, associated water rights, and pumping data in order to verify that all water well records and forms have been filed and are current.

State law requires that all water wells must be registered with ADWR. Well owners must file a Pump Installation Completion Report within thirty days of the installation of the pump, report any change of ownership of a property that contains a well within thirty days, and well drillers must file a Well Driller Report and Well Log within thirty days of the completion of a well. It is also recommended that private well owners have their water tested annually. Information and forms regarding well drilling, well ownership, and the installation of pump equipment can be found at: <http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/WaterManagement/Wells/default.htm>. To obtain a list of certified laboratories, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services' website: <http://www.azdhs.gov/lab/license/env.htm>

Ground Water Awareness Week is the perfect time for everyone to be reminded of the importance of our most precious resource – water, and our need to maintain the gateways that allow us to access this resource - our groundwater wells. Focusing on groundwater wells is just one of the ways that we can help protect and secure Arizona's groundwater resources for future generations.

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