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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IGWA Members,

2009 is well under way and already looks to be another year full of challenges for our industry. Although we

may not have to deal with skyrocketing fuel and material costs, there are plenty of other issues. I have talked with drillers who have had to reduce their workforce, are struggling to get paid for work they have done, and had equipment or other issues to deal with, all the while having little or no work at all. All are very stressful and trying issues to cope with.

On this note, much is happening in our association and the future looks promising. We held a GeoThermal seminar February 27th in Burlington. It was well received by those who attended. Thanks to Mike Kapps of Loopmaster and John Chrsit of Baroid for the time they took in sharing their knowledge and expertise.

As noted in an additional article on page 3, the IGWA has retained The Corydon Group to look out for our interests at the State House. Look for more updates via email, fax and on our website as we progress.

I leave you with this to ponder... in the movie *The Rookie*, Jim Morris (played by Dennis Quaid) asks Brooks (played by Steve Cox) "Do you know what we get to do today Brooks? We get to play baseball." I ask you the same question. "We get to drill wells with all of the stress, worry and concern that goes with it. We get to provide a vital resource to people in need...a resource necessary for life...more important than baseball, and I happen to love baseball." Don't lose sight of the importance of what you offer your customers in these trying times. What we do is of value and important.

Keep drilling, keep safe and remember, it's ok to make money....

Mike Kaufman, Kaufman Well Drilling  
President IGWA

## IGWA AT THE NGWA WASHINGTON FLY-IN

*Joe Armstrong, Armstrong Drilling, Inc.*

The 12th annual NGWA Washington Fly-In was well attended this year with 110 participants representing 32 states. Representatives from Indiana included Robert Stone (Franklin Electric), Jim Hopkins (Laibe Corp), and Joe L. Armstrong and Joe C Armstrong (Armstrong Drilling, Inc). Joe and Joe also attended the State Leadership Conference where we discussed issues vital to our state organization with a focus on encouraging volunteerism.

Attendees from Indiana met with Representative Joe Donnelly (2nd district) as well as staff from the offices of Senator Evan Bayh, Senator Richard Lugar, and Representative Dan Burton (5th district). The main topics of discussion were air emissions regulations, geothermal heat pump systems, a pilot project for a national groundwater monitoring network, and a USGS study on private water wells.

We spent time with professionals from other states including several gentlemen from Wisconsin and Minnesota who very graciously offered assistance in our efforts in gaining state pump installers licensing.

The Washington Fly-In is a very informative and worthwhile experience, and I'm sure any participant would recommend attendance to a fellow IGWA member. Hope to see you in Washington next year to help spread the issues facing our industry to our lawmakers and maybe make a few friends in the process.

## SENATOR LUGAR RECEIVES WELLCARE® CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Washington, DC (March 19, 2009) – The Water Systems Council (WSC) honored U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) with the 2009 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award during its Spring Meeting, held February 24-27 in Washington, D.C. Senator Lugar was honored for his exemplary commitment to wellowners and groundwater protection through his support of WSC's wellcare® program.

"I deeply appreciate this recognition by the Water Systems Council," said Senator Lugar. "Stewardship of our natural resources and environment is critically important to the welfare of all Americans."

"Water Systems Council is pleased to recognize Senator Lugar's commitment to protecting the drinking water supplies of household well owners nationwide and in Indiana," said WSC President Gerry Duggan. "The wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award acknowledges his efforts and expresses our appreciation on behalf of nearly 2 million well owners in Indiana."

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.

# IGWA'S 2ND ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT

Benefiting the IGWA Scholarship Fund

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Join your IGWA colleagues from around the state for the 2nd Annual Trap Shoot at the Kosko Conservation Club, Warsaw, Indiana. There will be contests and raffles for great prizes!

**Date:** Saturday, August 8th, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm or until finished

**Location:** Kosko Conservation Club  
2391 N. Fox Farm Rd. Warsaw, IN 46580  
Site phone: 574-267-7599 (only good day of event)

**Fee:** \$50 per person includes 3 rounds of 25 clay pigeons and lunch. (Extra rounds are \$6 for 25 shots.)

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Safety Training Sticker will be required by attending a brief safety training session before you can shoot.
- A limited supply of ear protection and safety glasses will be provided.
- A limited number of shotguns will be available.
- It's recommended that shells are purchased from Kosko day of event — approximate cost starts at \$6.00/box 12 and 20ga only

## SAFETY ISSUES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Guns should always be unloaded prior to shooting
- Gun actions to be open when not shooting or moving from station to station
- Load only one shell at a time or if shooting skeet two shells for doubles
- Ear and eye protection is required
- Max Shot size is 7 ½ — Max Shell is 3dr

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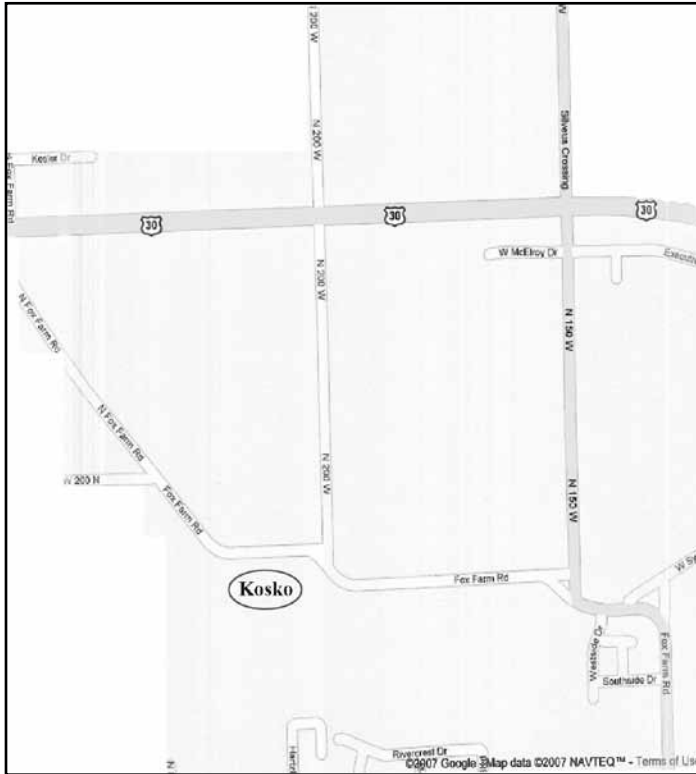
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## DIRECTIONS TO IGWA TRAP SHOOT

Kosciusko Conservation Club  
2391 N. Fox Farm Rd. Warsaw, IN 46580

### Driving to Kosko from East of Warsaw

Follow US30 to CR 200 Turn South, at the Curve turn Right, entrance is about 500ft on the left.

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## INDIANA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Corydon Group ([www.thecorydongroup.com](http://www.thecorydongroup.com)) has been retained by the Indiana Ground Water Association to pursue legislation for the further protection of the groundwater resource through continuing education. Mike Leppert will be our governmental affairs advisor and work closely with state legislators and the IGWA Legislative Committee. If you have questions regarding the IGWA's legislative mission, please contact Bruce Moss at 574-699-6773 or Jim Hopkins at 317-231-2250.

Below is a summary of House Bill 1224. If you wish to review the entire proposed bill, visit [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative)

### EH 1224—LS 6635/DI 71+

April 1, 2009

ENGROSSEDHOUSE BILL No. 1224

DIGEST OF HB 1224 (Updated March 30, 2009 12:55 pm - DI 14)

Citations Affected: IC 14-8; IC 14-25; noncode.

Synopsis: Water resources task force. Creates a ten member water resources task force (task force) to study and make recommendations concerning water availability as an economic and environmental necessity. Provides that appointments to the task force are made by the director of the department of natural resources (DNR), provides that the director of DNR is a nonvoting member, and requires DNR to staff the task force. Provides that a member must attend a minimum of 50% of the meetings of the task force or be replaced. Requires certain state agencies to designate a representative to advise the task force. Permits invitation of representatives of other state and federal agencies to advise the task force. Requires the task force to make an annual report of its activities to the water resources study committee and the legislative council. Requires the water resources study committee to study the regulation of residential irrigation system installations and ground water preservation and protection.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

Stemler, Cheatham, Welch, Bischoff

(SENATE SPONSORS — MISHLER, SIPES, KRUSE, YOUNG R, BREAUX)

January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

February 9, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 16, 2009, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 24, 2009, read third time, passed. Yeas 97, nays 0.

#### SENATE ACTION

March 2, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

March 31, 2009, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

### EH 1224—LS 6635/DI 71+

April 1, 2009

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

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enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Page 6, EH 1224—LS 6635/DI 71+

Page 3, line 9, delete "drinking".

Page 3, line 9, after "water" insert "resources".

Page 3, line 12, delete "January 1, 2010." and insert "October 1, 2009.".

Page 3, after line 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) For purposes of this SECTION, "committee" refers to the water resources study committee established by IC 2-5-25-1.

(b) The committee shall evaluate the following issues during the 2009 interim:

(1) The standardization of the regulation of residential irrigation system installations.

(2) The development of continuing education programs and uniform rules to preserve ground water by individuals engaged in:

(A) water well drilling;

(B) pump installation;

(C) well abandonment operations; and

(D) operating wells, pumps, and abandoned wells.

(c) The committee shall submit a report of the findings of the committee to the legislative council not later than December 31, 2009.

(d) This SECTION expires December 31, 2009."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively and when so amended that said bill do pass. (Reference is to HB 1224 as printed February 10, 2009.)

MISHLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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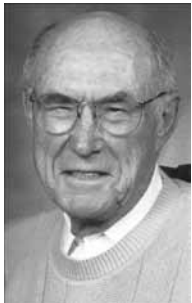
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## REMEMBERING RICHARD 'DICK' K. ORTMAN

August 21, 1922 – January 25, 2009



Richard "Dick" K. Ortman, 86, Kokomo, died 7:54 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 2009, at Primrose Retirement Center. He was born August 21, 1922, in Howard County to John B. and Josephine (Kerby) Ortman. He married

Alice M. (Lovelace) on June 23, 1942, at Shiloh United Methodist Church in Kokomo. She survives.

In February 1946, Richard purchased half interest in Ortman Drilling Inc., and managed Ortman Drilling Inc. with his brother Ned Ortman until January 1990. He was active in the family farm which produced livestock and grain most of his life. Also he was co-owner of Kokomo Pump.

He graduated from Clay Township High School in 1940 and studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University for two

years. Richard joined the Army Corps of Engineers in October 1942. He completed four semesters at Carnegie Tech while in the service. He was in the Atomic Energy program for 1½ years at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He was discharged in January 1946.

He was an active member of Shiloh United Methodist Church for most of his adult life. He was a member and officer of the Indiana Well Drilling and Contractors Association, a member of the National Water Well Association, and a lifetime member of the American Water Works Association.

He enjoyed people, playing cards, his work, and playing golf. Dick was also a licensed pilot and had part interest in a private airplane.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Ortman, Kokomo; three sons, Richard K. Ortman II and wife Marty, Steven Ortman and wife Robbi, all of Kokomo, and Michael Ortman and wife Teri, Burlington; three daughters, Claudia Bergman and husband

John, Kokomo; Kristen Zwitt and husband Jon, Greenwood; Susan Schuller and husband Gary of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Ned Ortman and wife Lena, Ocala, Fla., and Raymond "Mick" Ortman and wife Betty, Kokomo; 12 grandchildren, Matt (Kriste) Ortman, Noblesville; Todd (Jenni) Ortman, Kokomo; Mark Ortman, Kokomo, J. B. (Julie) Ortman, Wisconsin, Maurietta Ortman, Indianapolis, Brett Bergman, Portland, Ore., Zane Bergman, Ithaca, N.Y.; Lindsay (Chad) Buck, Indianapolis, Jonny (Danielle) Zwitt, Cincinnati, Jesse Perkins, Lafayette, Lee Schuller and Eric Schuller, both of Mesa, Ariz.; five great-grandsons, Trenton Perkins, Tyler Perkins, Parks Ortman, Jack Ortman and Kyle Walker; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bernard Ortman and Robert Ortman; and one sister, Emma Rhine.

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## EPA WANTS TO ADD LANE STREET SITE TO HAZARDOUS WASTE LIST

By Truth Staff, *etruth.com*, *The Elkhart Truth Newspaper*

ELKHART -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing another local neighborhood be added to the Superfund National Priorities List of hazardous waste sites.

The Lane Street Ground Water Contamination Site, near the intersection of Lane Street and C.R. 106, is among the 13 sites the federal agency is suggesting be added to the list.

The site, first discovered in August 2007, is comprised of 30 homes that are either affected or threatened by groundwater found to contain high levels of chlorinated solvents, according to the EPA. Residents, all drawing water from private drinking wells, were initially provided with bottled water or filtration systems. Then, in November 2008, the EPA completed a Superfund construction project to bring municipal water to those homes. Next the EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will investigate the potential source or sources of the contamination. If Lane Street is added to the Superfund list, both the state and federal agencies will develop a remediation plan.

Superfund, the EPA explained, is the federal program that investigates and cleans up the most complex uncontrolled and abandoned hazardous waste sites in the United States.

The Lane Street contamination was found during the time that Geocel Corp. on Marina Drive notified authorities that its operations had polluted the private water wells in the Meadow Farms neighborhood. Lane Street is adjacent to Meadow Farms.

A homeowner on Lane Street alerted the Elkhart County Health Department that a sample of the residence's water had revealed elevated levels of TCE, the EPA has reported. TCE is a common industrial solvent used for cleaning machinery.

Drinking or breathing high levels of TCE may effect the nervous system, damage the liver and lungs as well as cause an abnormal heartbeat. The EPA and IDEM have not determined the source of the contamination.

## CDC TO USE WSC'S WELL DISINFECTION INFORMATION

Washington, DC (March 30, 2009) – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plans to use Water Systems Council's (WSC) wellcare® information sheet on well disinfection as the basis for its updated guidelines on the topic. WSC has produced 76 information sheets on different topics concerning wells, well maintenance, well water testing and treatment, water quality, well components and potential ground water contaminants. New topics are added every year.

wellcare® information sheets are intended to educate well owners, home buyers, realtors, mortgage companies and others on topics such as well maintenance, well water testing and treatment, water quality, well components and potential groundwater contaminants. They can be downloaded FREE from the WSC website at [www.watersystemscouncil.org](http://www.watersystemscouncil.org) or can be obtained through the wellcare® hotline at 888-395-1033. Staffed by WSC, the wellcare® Hotline is a free, friendly service that answers any questions on wells and well water. It can also be reached at [www.wellcarehotline.org](http://www.wellcarehotline.org).

wellcare® information sheets and the wellcare® Hotline are both components of WSC's wellcare® program that offers important information, technical support, training and educational activities to ensure safe drinking water for the 42 million Americans who depend on wells for their drinking water supply. wellcare® is the only program of its kind and has been successful since its inception.

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Conservation Club, Warsaw, Indiana  
Co-Chairs: Keith McGrew and Brad Halvie  
*Registration and sponsorship information on page 2 and at  
[www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org)*

Thursday, November 12, 2009:  
IGWA Bi-Annual Convention and Annual Meeting

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