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## PROGRAM OUTLINE

**Geotechnical/Environmental Driller**

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## **GEOTECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLER PROGRAM OUTLINE**

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## **Section 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Geotechnical/Environmental Driller**

## **Foreword**

A Program Outline is an SkilledTradesBC Program Standards communication tool. It reflects the scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform an occupation anywhere in BC.

All SkilledTradesBC assessment tools are designed to measure achievement of the competencies and learning tasks described by the Program Outline for an occupation.

The Program Outline informs industry, the public, employers and challengers of the occupation's requirements for certification, including:

- The program Credentialing Model
- General Areas of Competence (GACs) and specific competencies required by individuals to perform proficiently in this occupation
- Learning tasks and content that must be mastered in order for an individual to be deemed competent

### **SAFETY ADVISORY**

Be advised that references to the WorkSafeBC safety regulations contained within these materials do not/may not reflect the most recent Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (the current Standards and Regulation in BC can be obtained on the following website: <http://www.worksafebc.com>). Please note that it is always the responsibility of any person using these materials to inform him/herself about the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation pertaining to his/her work.

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## How to Use this Document

This Program Outline has been developed for the use of individuals from different audiences. The table below describes how each section can be used by each intended audience.

Section	Employers	Challengers
<b>Program Credentialing Model</b>	Understand the length and structure of the program	Understand challenger pathway to Certificate of Qualification
<b>OAC</b>	Understand the competencies that a challenger is expected to demonstrate in order to achieve certification	Understand the competencies they must demonstrate in order to challenge the program
<b>TOS and Suggested Weighting for exam</b>	Understand the relative weightings of various competencies of the occupation on which assessment is based	Understand the relative weightings of various competencies of the occupation on which assessment is based
<b>Program Content</b>	Identifies detailed program content and competencies	Allows individual to check program content areas against their own knowledge and performance expectations against their own skill levels

## **Section 2**

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

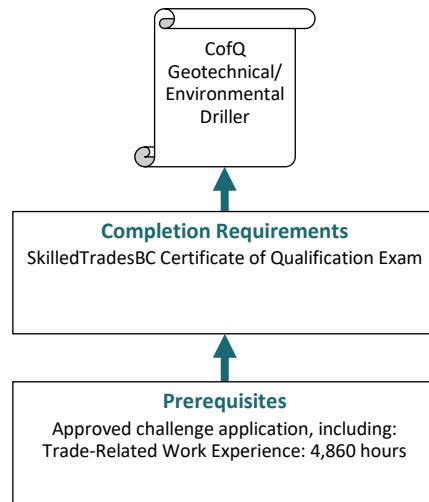
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## Program Credentialing Model

### Challenge Pathway

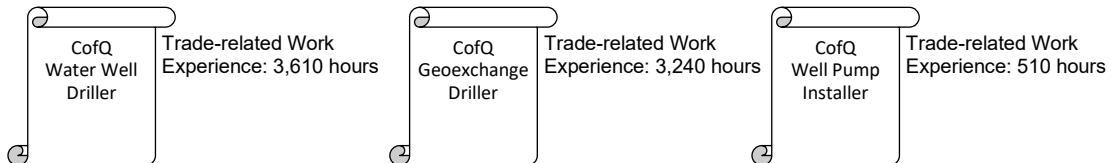
#### Geotechnical/Environmental Driller

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification




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## Occupational Analysis Chart

### GEOTECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLER

**Occupation Description:** A “Geotechnical and Environmental Driller” (Geo/Enviro Driller) is a person who operates various types of mobile soil and rock drilling equipment for the purpose of gathering site characterization information and data. A Geo/Enviro Driller typically works together on site with an engineer or technologist to achieve a greater understanding of the stratigraphy or hydrogeological conditions present by collecting soil or water samples, performing various types of probe or in-situ tests, or by setting various types of installations for either geotechnical or environmental monitoring. A Geo/Enviro Driller must have both training and experience with various drilling, sampling and testing techniques in order to conduct a safe and efficient site investigation program, and to ensure the maintenance of drilling and support equipment. All drillers must also have a competent understanding of provincial hole closure regulations to ensure safety to both the environment and public.

<b>Industry Overview and Professional Work Practices</b>  <b>A</b>	Describe the scope of the trade in BC.  <b>A1</b>	Describe the BC Certification System.  <b>A2</b>	Apply trade math.  <b>A3</b>	
<b>Workplace Safety</b>  <b>B</b>	Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade.  <b>B1</b>	Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.  <b>B2</b>	Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products.  <b>B3</b>	Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.  <b>B4</b>
	Recognize and comply with the BC Groundwater Protection Regulations.  <b>B6</b>	Work safely on the drilling and ground water monitoring sites.  <b>B7</b>	State the safety considerations when dealing with hazardous vapours.  <b>B8</b>	
<b>Drilling Methods</b>  <b>C</b>	Describe the different types of drilling methods applicable to the trade.  <b>C1</b>	Use drilling methods as applicable to the trade.  <b>C2</b>		

<b>Geology</b>	Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.
D	D1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ground Water</b>	Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).
E	E1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Use proper terminology to describe various water-bearing zones.
	E2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations.
	E3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Describe different sources of water.
	E4 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Artesian Water Flow</b>	Describe the characteristics of artesian water flow.
F	F1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Describe the measures to contain/close artesian water flow.
	F2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Recognize and prepare for the likelihood of encountering artesian water flow.
	F3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify the potential hazards associated with artesian water flow.
	F4 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pump Types and Applications</b>	Identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their components and application.
G	G1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Use different types of pumps for drilling, based on their capabilities and limitations.
	G2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hydraulic Systems</b>	Explain the principles of operation of different types of hydraulic systems applicable to the trade.
H	H1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Describe the functions of the basic components of hydraulic systems.
	H2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify component and system failures of hydraulic systems and their causes.
	H3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Explain the importance of maintenance schedules and required system servicing.
	H4 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Monitoring Well/Borehole Reclamation</b>	Identify the equipment required for closing a monitoring well and/or borehole.
I	I1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Close a monitoring well and/or borehole in accordance with the regulations.
	I2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>



## Suggested Weighting for Exam

### GEOTECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLER

		Weighting %
<b>Line A</b>	<b>Industry Overview and Professional Work Practices</b>	<b>5%</b>
A1	Describe the scope of the trade in BC.	
A2	Describe the BC Certification System.	
A3	Apply trade math.	
<b>Line B</b>	<b>Workplace Safety</b>	<b>10%</b>
B1	Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade.	
B2	Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.	
B3	Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products.	
B4	Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.	
B5	Recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.	
B6	Recognize and comply with the BC Groundwater Protection Regulations.	
B7	Work safely on the drilling and ground water monitoring sites.	
B8	State the safety considerations dealing with hazardous vapours.	
<b>Line C</b>	<b>Drilling Methods</b>	<b>15%</b>
C1	Describe the different types of drillings methods applicable to the trade.	
C2	Use drilling methods as applicable to the trade.	
<b>Line D</b>	<b>Geology</b>	<b>10%</b>
D1	Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.	
<b>Line E</b>	<b>Ground Water</b>	<b>6%</b>
E1	Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).	
E2	Use proper terminology to describe various water-bearing zones.	
E3	Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations.	
E4	Describe different sources of water.	
<b>Line F</b>	<b>Artesian Water Flow</b>	<b>5%</b>
F1	Describe the characteristics of artesian water flow.	
F2	Describe the measures to contain/close artesian water flow.	
F3	Recognize and prepare for the likelihood of encountering artesian water flow.	
F4	Identify the potential hazards associated with artesian water flow.	

		<b>Weighting %</b>
<b>Line G</b>	<b>Pump Types and Applications</b>	<b>7%</b>
G1	Identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their components and application.	
G2	Use different types of pumps for drilling based on their capabilities and limitations.	
<b>Line H</b>	<b>Hydraulic Systems</b>	<b>8%</b>
H1	Explain the principles of operation of different types of hydraulic systems applicable to the trade.	
H2	Describe the functions of the basic components of hydraulic systems.	
H3	Identify component and system failures of hydraulic systems and their causes.	
H4	Explain the importance of maintenance schedules and required system servicing.	
<b>Line I</b>	<b>Monitoring Well/Borehole Reclamation</b>	<b>8%</b>
I1	Identify the equipment required for closing a monitoring well and/or borehole.	
I2	Close a monitoring well and/or borehole in accordance with the regulations	
<b>Line J</b>	<b>Sampling and Testing</b>	<b>15%</b>
J1	Identify different types of samples and tests and their purpose.	
J2	Use specific devices to conduct sampling and testing.	
<b>Line K</b>	<b>Soil and Ground Water Monitoring</b>	<b>11%</b>
K1	Describe the purpose and operating principles of various devices that are installed in monitoring wells.	
K2	Install various types of monitoring devices.	
K3	Identify ground water contamination sources.	
K4	Describe containment movement.	
K5	Construct ground water monitoring wells.	
	<b>Total Percentage for Geotechnical/Environmental Driller</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **Section 3**

### **PROGRAM CONTENT**

#### **Geotechnical/Environmental Driller**

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>A    INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>A1    Describe the scope of the trade in BC</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Describe the scope of the trade as it applies to BC.
- Identify industry associations and whom they represent.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the scope of the trade
2. Identify industry associations

**CONTENT**

- Role and responsibilities of a Geotechnical/Environmental Driller
- British Columbia Ground Water Association (BCGWA)

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>A INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>A2 Describe the BC Certification System.</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to state the certification process for the trade in BC.

**LEARNING TASKS**

- | <b>LEARNING TASKS</b>                                | <b>CONTENT</b>  |
|--|---|
| 1. Describe the requirements for certification       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skills and qualities</li><li>• Specific job knowledge</li><li>• Work experience</li></ul>   |
| 2. Describe the challenge pathway and certification  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certification process</li><li>• British Columbia Ground Water Association (BCGWA)</li></ul> |
| 3. Describe registration process with the Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration process</li><li>• Role of BC Government</li></ul>                              |

**Line (GAC): A INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES**  
**Competency: A3 Apply trade math.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to perform measurements and conversions using metric and imperial units.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Perform measurements and conversions

#### **CONTENT**

- Metric and Imperial measurements
- Convert between units of measurement

**Line (GAC):      B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**

**Competency:      B1    Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the types of personal hazards associated with the trade.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1.    Describe common personal safety hazards

#### **CONTENT**

- Tools and systems hazards including hydraulic systems
- Rotating machinery
- Compressed air
- Water pressure
- Exhaust gases
- Lifting and hoisting equipment - fall, crane and overhead hazards

**Line (GAC): B WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency: B2 Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify and use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. Identify and use safety equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PPE<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Personal apparel</li><li>○ Hand protection</li><li>○ Leg and foot protection</li><li>○ Headgear</li><li>○ Eye protection</li><li>○ Ear protection</li><li>○ Lung protection</li></ul></li><li>• Use, inspect, maintain and store PPE</li></ul>
2. Identify and use safety procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use safety procedures guided by regulations that specifically govern the:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Drilling and construction of boreholes</li><li>○ Installation of monitoring devices</li></ul></li></ul>

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>B    WORKPLACE SAFETY</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>B3    Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products.</b>

### Objectives

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Describe the purpose of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).
- Explain the contents of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).
- Use the WHMIS System.

### LEARNING TASKS

	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. State the purpose of WHMIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate labelling to ensure protection of workers</li> <li>• Recognition of rights</li> <li>• Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).</li> <li>• Labelling of containers for hazardous materials</li> </ul>
2. Describe the key elements of WHMIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazardous ingredients</li> <li>• Preparation information</li> <li>• Product information</li> <li>• Physical data</li> <li>• Fire or explosion</li> <li>• Reactivity data</li> <li>• Toxicology properties</li> <li>• Preventive measures</li> <li>• First-aid measures</li> </ul>
3. Describe the information disclosed in MSDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compressed gases</li> <li>• Flammable and combustible materials</li> <li>• Oxidizing materials</li> <li>• Poisonous and infectious materials</li> <li>• Corrosive materials</li> <li>• Dangerously reactive materials</li> </ul>
4. Identify symbols found on WHMIS labels and describe their meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage, storage and disposal of hazardous materials such as Portland cement, Bentonite powder, Caustic soda, products containing Silica dust etc.</li> </ul>
5. Use the WHMIS system	

**Line (GAC):**      **B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B4    Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1.    Describe the hazards to the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•    Contamination of ground water</li><li>•    Discharge of drill fluids (Bentonitic products and polymers associated with drilling geotechnical and environmental boreholes)</li><li>•    Hydraulic oil leaks</li><li>•    Hydrocarbon spills (gas, diesel, hydraulic oil)</li><li>•    Silica exposure from DTH drilling or installation of monitor well supplies</li><li>•    Environmental impacts when working by water ways or sensitive areas</li></ul>

**Line (GAC):            B      WORKPLACE SAFETY**

**Competency:          B5     Recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Interpret and comply with WorkSafeBC regulations as applicable to the trade

#### **CONTENT**

- Regulations
- Standards
- Guidelines
- For example:
  - Limits of approach to overhead or underground electrical power lines.
  - Safety around rotating equipment.
  - Winch operation
  - Rigging and hoisting.
  - Moving and setting up equipment in soft/ slippery soil conditions etc.

**Line (GAC): B WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency: B6 Recognize and comply with the BC Groundwater Protection Regulations.**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and comply with the BC Groundwater Protection Regulations.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. Interpret and comply with BC Groundwater Protection Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulations</li><li>• Standards</li><li>• Guidelines</li></ul>

**Line (GAC): B WORKPLACE SAFETY**

**Competency: B7 Work safely on the drilling and ground water monitoring sites.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to work safely on the drilling and ground water monitoring sites.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Work safely on the drilling and ground water monitoring sites

#### **CONTENT**

- Identify safety hazards related to the work site such as uneven terrain, traffic, energized overhead and underground lines etc.
- Follow safety procedures and regulations on the worksite
- Identify the importance of safety tailgate meetings

**Line (GAC):**      **B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B8    State the safety considerations when dealing with hazardous vapours.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to state the safety considerations when dealing with hazardous vapours.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1.    State the safety considerations when dealing with hazardous vapours

#### **CONTENT**

- Hazardous vapours such as:
  - Methane
  - Hydrogen Sulphide
  - Natural gas
  - Carbon Monoxide
- Specific safety training
  - Use of a gas detection monitor/4-way gas monitors (personal)
  - SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)
  - Engines with positive air shut off devices
  - Steps to take when gas is detected, for example:
    - Shut down equipment engine
    - Move upward or to a designated muster point

Line (GAC):      **C DRILLING METHODS**Competency:      **C1 Describe the different types of drillings methods applicable to the trade.****Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the different types of drillings methods applicable to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe Auger drilling method
2. Describe Mud Rotary drilling method
3. Describe Air Rotary drilling method
4. Describe Coring
5. Describe Sonic drilling method
6. Describe Direct Push drilling method
7. Other drilling methods

**CONTENT**

- Terminology
- Types
  - Solid stem
  - Hollow stem
- Terminology
- Terminology
- Types
  - ODEX
  - DTH Hammer (Down the Hole Hammer)
- Terminology
  - Diamond drilling
- Terminology
- Terminology
- Types
  - CPT
  - Geoprobe systems
  - Soil and water sampling
- Terminology
  - Becker Hammer

**Line (GAC): C DRILLING METHODS**

**Competency: C2 Use drilling methods as applicable to the trade.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use drilling methods as applicable to the trade.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use Auger drilling method

#### **CONTENT**

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

2. Use Mud Rotary drilling method

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

3. Use Air Rotary drilling method

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

4. Use Coring

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

5. Use Sonic drilling method

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

6. Use Direct Push drilling method

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards

**LEARNING TASKS**

7. Use other drilling methods (Becker Hammer)

**CONTENT**

- Principles of operation
- Procedures
- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>D    GEOLOGY</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>D1    Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1.    Describe geological formations as it applies to the trade

**CONTENT**

- Bed rock types (igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary)
- Overburden (Soil) types (clay, silt, sand, gravel, glacial till, organic soil)

**Line (GAC): E GROUND WATER**

**Competency: E1 Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle)

#### **CONTENT**

- Terminology
  - Importance of precipitation
  - Infiltration
  - Transpiration
  - Evaporation

**Line (GAC): E GROUND WATER**

**Competency: E2 Use proper terminology to describe various water-bearing zones.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe various water-bearing zones.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe various water-bearing zones

#### **CONTENT**

- Zone of saturation
- Occurrence and movement of ground water
- Water Table
- Phreatic Surface

**Line (GAC): E GROUND WATER**

**Competency: E3 Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe ground water formations.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe ground water formations

#### **CONTENT**

- Aquifer
  - Confined (Artesian aquifer)
  - Unconfined
- Aquitard
- Porosity
- Permeability

**Line (GAC): E GROUND WATER**

**Competency: E4 Describe different sources of water.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe different sources of water.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe different sources of water

#### **CONTENT**

- Surface water
- Effects of surface water on the water table
- Ground water
- GUDI (Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water)

**Line (GAC): F ARTESIAN WATER FLOW**

**Competency: F1 Describe the characteristics of artesian water flow.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the characteristics of artesian water flow.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics of artesian water flow

#### **CONTENT**

- Occurrence
- Pressures
- Flows
  - High head low flow
  - Low head high flow

**Line (GAC): F ARTESIAN WATER FLOW**

**Competency: F2 Describe the measures to contain/close artesian water flow.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the measures to contain/close artesian water flow.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the measures to contain/close artesian water flow

#### **CONTENT**

- Identify if flow control is practical or required
- Flow is contained when:
  - It is conveyed through the production casing
  - It does not pose a risk to property, environmental damage or public safety
  - It can be indefinitely stopped without leakage
- Flow control using
  - Flowing well pitless unit
  - Drawdown seals
  - Flow discharge piping at well head
  - Elevated flow tank
  - Borehole sealant
  - Heavy mud or bentonite chips
  - Pressure grouting
- Measure or calculate artesian pressures, and then calculate the necessary Barite mix to balance the pressure.

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>F ARTESIAN WATER FLOW</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>F3 Recognize and prepare for the likelihood of encountering artesian water flow.</b>

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and prepare for the likelihood of encountering artesian water flow.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. Recognize and prepare for the likelihood of encountering artesian water flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform a database review<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BC Water Atlas online GIS System</li></ul></li><li>• Do a site assessment</li><li>• Use appropriate protocols</li><li>• Use appropriate sealing methods and pressurization for artesian</li></ul>

**Line (GAC): F ARTESIAN WATER FLOW**

**Competency: F4 Identify the potential hazards associated with artesian water flow.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify the potential hazards associated with artesian water flow.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the potential hazards associated with artesian water flow

#### **CONTENT**

- Environmental risks
  - Contamination of surface water
  - Impact on the habitat of aquatic species
- Aquifer depletion
- Subsurface voids
- Flooding of the well site
- Property damage

**Line (GAC):**      **G PUMP TYPES AND APPLICATIONS**  
**Competency:**      **G1 Identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their components and application.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their components and application.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. Identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their components and application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Piston<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Components</li><li>◦ Application</li></ul></li><li>• Progressive cavity<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Components</li><li>◦ Application</li></ul></li><li>• Centrifugal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Components</li><li>◦ Application</li></ul></li><li>• Diaphragm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Components</li><li>◦ Application</li></ul></li><li>• Peristaltic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Components</li><li>◦ Application</li></ul></li></ul>

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>G PUMP TYPES AND APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>G2 Use different types of pumps for drilling based on their capabilities and limitations.</b>

### Objectives

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use different types of pumps for drilling based on their capabilities and limitations.

#### LEARNING TASKS

1. Identify different types of pumps used for drilling and their capabilities and limitations

#### CONTENT

- Piston
  - Capabilities
  - Limitations
  - Procedures
- Progressive cavity
  - Capabilities
  - Limitations
  - Procedures
- Centrifugal
  - Capabilities
  - Limitations
  - Procedures
- Diaphragm
  - Capabilities
  - Limitations
  - Procedures
- Peristaltic
  - Capabilities
  - Limitations
  - Procedures

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>H HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>H1 Explain the principles of operation of different types of hydraulic systems applicable to the trade.</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to explain the principles of operation of different types of hydraulic systems applicable to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Explain the principles of operation of different types of hydraulic systems applicable to the trade
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**CONTENT**

- Hydraulic
  - Schematic/layout
  - Principles of operation
- Electric over hydraulic
  - Schematic/layout
  - Principles of operation
- Different PSI pressures
  - Principles of operation

**Line (GAC): H HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS**

**Competency: H2 Describe the functions of the basic components of hydraulic systems.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the functions of the basic components of hydraulic systems.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the functions of basic components of hydraulic systems

#### **CONTENT**

- Schematic diagrams and symbols for hydraulic components
- Types of hydraulic fittings (JIC, Metric DIN, BSPP)
- Hydraulic hoses
  - Types
  - Pressure rating
- Hydraulic hose clamps
  - Types
  - Uses
- Hydraulic oil
  - Types
  - Designation
  - Uses
- Pumps
  - Suction
  - Discharge
- Motors
  - Vane
  - Piston
- Cylinders
  - Removing safely
  - Checking for damage to shaft seals
  - Keeping shaft clean
- Valves
  - Mechanical valves
  - Electric over hydraulic valves
  - Application of needle valves, flow control valves, ball valves, check valves (pressure controlled)
- Plumbing/fixtures/hoses
- Reservoirs
  - Breather operation
  - Filter screen
  - Check level in reservoir
- Filters

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

- Importance of filtration
- Micron rating
- Types
- Low and High pressure
- Heat exchangers
- Clutches and brakes(hydraulic)
- Electric controls
  - Identify and use
  - Solenoids (on/off, or variable resistance)
  - Need for and use of Kill Switch on the rotary components of the drill rig
- Fuels
  - Types
  - Grades
- Accumulator

**Line (GAC): H HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS**

**Competency: H3 Identify component and system failures of hydraulic systems and their causes.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify component and system failures of hydraulic systems and their causes.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify component and system failures of hydraulic systems and their causes

#### **CONTENT**

- Typical component failures
- Common causes of these failures
- For example:
  - Over heating
  - Cooling fan not working
  - Blown hoses/hose failures
  - Hoses flexing too tightly
  - Chaffed hoses
  - Loose levers
  - Leaking cylinders
  - Blown oil filters
  - Quick connects leaking
  - Hydraulic oil contamination
  - Failures of electric components
  - Engine not starting etc.

**Line (GAC):** H HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS  
**Competency:** H4 Explain the importance of maintenance schedules and required system servicing.

### Objectives

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to explain the importance of maintenance schedules and required system servicing.

LEARNING TASKS	CONTENT
1. Explain the importance of maintenance schedules and required system servicing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need for maintenance</li><li>• Required system servicing – such as changing filters and fluids</li><li>• Exhaust smoke type and implications</li><li>• Daily inspection of cooling systems, coolant quality, fan belt condition, alternator and battery condition etc.</li><li>• Daily/weekly hose wear checks and cleaning</li><li>• Annual inspection by pulling the pumps to check splines etc. and oil change</li></ul>

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>I    MONITORING WELL/BOREHOLE RECLAMATION</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>I1    Identify the equipment required for closing a monitoring well and/or a borehole.</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify the equipment required for closing a monitoring well and/or a borehole.

<b>LEARNING TASKS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
1. Identify the equipment required for closing a monitoring well and/or a borehole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grouting equipment such as grout pumps to pump grout into borehole</li><li>• Drill rig</li><li>• Well cover puller</li><li>• Measuring tape to determine depth and volumes</li></ul>

**Line (GAC): I MONITORING WELL/BOREHOLE RECLAMATION**  
**Competency: I2 Close a monitoring well and/or borehole in accordance with the regulations.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to close a monitoring well and/or borehole in accordance with the regulations.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the regulations for closing a monitoring well and/or borehole
2. Use specific methods to close a monitoring well and/or borehole in accordance with the regulations

#### **CONTENT**

- Current BC Water Act “Controlling Artesian Flow” Section 77
- Drill out well and grout in
- Fill pipe with grout or Bentonite and cut off below grade (if proper seals were put in place during installation the well)

**Line (GAC): J SAMPLING AND TESTING**

**Competency: J1 Identify different types of samples and tests and their purpose.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify different types of samples and tests and their purpose.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify different types of samples and tests and their purpose

#### **CONTENT**

- Grab sample
- Standard Penetration Tests (SPT)/ Large Penetration Tests (LPT)
- Dynamic cone penetration (DCPT)
- Vane Shear Testing (VST)
- Shelby tube sample
- Pressure meter test
- Packer test
- Bedrock coring (Diamond)
- Overburden coring (Diamond or Sonic)
- Ground water sampling and testing

**Line (GAC): J SAMPLING AND TESTING**

**Competency: J2 Use specific devices to conduct sampling and testing.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use specific devices to conduct sampling and testing.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use specific devices to conduct sampling and testing

#### **CONTENT**

- Shelby tube
  - Push in or piston
- Split spoon
  - Driven
- Vanes
  - Push in and turned to measure torque
- CPT
  - Push in
- Packer test
  - Water filtration
- DCPT
  - Driven

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>K    SOIL AND GROUND WATER MONITORING</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>K1    Describe the purpose and operating principles of various devices that are installed in monitoring wells.</b>

### Objectives

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the purpose and operating principles of various devices that are installed in monitoring wells.

#### LEARNING TASKS

1. Describe the purpose and operating principles of various devices that are installed in monitoring wells

#### CONTENT

- Piezometer (measures water level)
  - Stand pipe piezometer
  - Vibrating Wire/Electronic Transducer
  - Pneumatic piezometer
- Settlement Gauges (measures vertical movement of settlement)
  - Magnetic
  - Borros anchor
  - Deep settlement plates
  - Extensometer
- Inclinometer (measures horizontal movement)
- Operating principles of all various devices

**Line (GAC): K SOIL AND GROUND WATER MONITORING**

**Competency: K2 Install various types of monitoring devices.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to install various types of monitoring devices.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Install various types of monitoring devices

#### **CONTENT**

- Installation methods for various devices
- Piezometer (measures water level)
  - Stand pipe piezometer
  - Vibrating Wire/Electronic Transducer
  - Pneumatic piezometer
- Settlement Gauges (measures vertical movement of settlement)
  - Magnetic
  - Borros anchor
  - Deep settlement plates
  - Extensometer
- Inclinometer (measures horizontal movement)

**Line (GAC): K SOIL AND GROUND WATER MONITORING**

**Competency: K3 Identify ground water contamination sources**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify ground water contamination sources.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify ground water contamination sources

#### **CONTENT**

- Substances found naturally in rocks or soils such as Iron, Manganese, Arsenic, Chlorides etc.
- Release or spills from storage tanks above or below ground containing oil, chemicals or other liquids
- Mixing of aquifers due to improper hole closures when drilling
- Onsite wastewater disposal systems
- Septic systems
- Surface impoundments
- Improper disposal of hazardous waste
- Landfills
- Chemicals and Road Salts
- Pesticides and fertilizer use
- Atmospheric contaminants
- Old lumber mills (creosote)
- Fuel stations (gas/diesel)
- Wood preservative operations
- Dry cleaning operations etc.

**Line (GAC): K SOIL AND GROUND WATER MONITORING DEVICES**

**Competency: K4 Describe containment movement.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe containment movement.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe containment movement

#### **CONTENT**

- Need for containment movement
  - Prevent or reduce the migration of contaminants
- Knowledge about methods for containment

**Line (GAC): K SOIL AND GROUND WATER MONITORING**

**Competency: K5 Construct ground water monitoring wells.**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to construct ground water monitoring wells.

#### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Construct a ground water monitoring well

#### **CONTENT**

- Construct a ground water monitoring well based on the following considerations:
  - Well design
  - Drilling method
  - Materials used
  - Joints
  - Size of boreholes
  - Borehole construction and sealing
  - Monitoring well protection
  - Monitoring well development
  - Monitoring well completion

## Reference Materials

**For reference material and resources please contact BC Ground Water Association.**

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