

## WELCOME

B.L. Myers Bros of MD, LLC is pleased to announce the addition of **Joseph Cibula Jr.**, Assistant Manager to our staff. Joe has an extensive background in construction, estimating, operational management and production. He will be working with Steve Saul, Operations Manager, out of our Frederick Maryland office. Joe and Steve can be reached directly at **301-668-1044**.

## Water FUN FACTS

- It takes 2 gallons to brush your teeth, 2 to 7 gallons to flush a toilet, and 25 to 50 gallons to take a shower.
- It takes about 1 gallon of water to process a quarter pound of hamburger.
- It takes 2,072 gallons of water to make four new tires.



## Did You Know

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1974 represents the first time that public drinking water supplies were protected on a federal (national) level in the United States. Amendments were made to the SDWA in 1986 and 1996.

## Improving Quality and Performance



With the addition of a new design Atlas Copco T4W Rig to our existing fleet of modern drilling equipment. B. L. Myers Bros has once again taken steps to improve quality & performance with its features like 1070/350 air supply, 50,000 pound pull back, 25' drill rods, spur gear rotary head and 600 horsepower QSX15C Cummings tier 111 emission complaint engine. This gives the rig the power to drill 20 inch holes at depths of 2,000 feet quickly and efficiently.



## Open Enrollment

Starting November 2007, B.L. Myers Bros of PA, Inc. will be conducting open enrollment OSHA training at our Glenmoore, PA facility. Classes are presented with hands-on workshops, exercises and through state of the art equipment. The initial 40-hour course is \$495 per student and the annual refresher is \$125. Course dates are November 5th - 8th and December 3rd - 6th. The refresher will be conducted on the last day of the course. Contact **mcassella@blmyers.com** to register or to inquire about customized courses conducted at your facility.

## Alternative Energy Solutions:

- Water
- Geothermal
- Wind
- Solar

B.L. Myers Bros is your source for alternate energy sources. See our next issue of *NewBits* for more information on our products and services. Get to know the facts and join us in **going green**.



## EPA Launches New Water Website for Small Communities



<http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/smmcomm/index.htm>

EPA's Office of Wastewater Management provides financial, technical and programmatic assistance to help small communities achieve adequate wastewater services. This website is intended for anyone interested in improving wastewater services in small communities.

### What can I find on this website?

The following information and resources are available through this website: Basic Information; Grants & Funding; Technical Assistance & Training; Wastewater Technologies; Publications; Tools; and Related Links

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency, September 26, 2007

# Federal Bills Introduced on Definition of Water of the United States

## Could It Cover Ground Water and Well Permitting?

Several court cases have thrown into question what waters are covered under the Clean Water Act. The court cases focused specifically on dredge and fill activities in wetlands. While Supreme Court Justice Scalia, in his opinion, tried to differentiate between dredge and fill activities and other water quality programs, the same definition of waters is used for issuing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and other CWA programs such as storm water.

The Supreme Court opinion was also split, so there is no majority opinion around the same rationale, leaving it uncertain as to how to define and identify the waters that are covered. Several bills have been introduced in Congress to "bring things back to the way they were prior to the Supreme Court decision."

There is uncertainty, however, with the bills' language. One item of uncertainty is whether ground water would be covered under the proposed legislation, making it subject to federal regulation. Questions have been posed as to the bills' impacts on water rights or well-permitting programs. NGWA is researching the issue further, contacting other organizations, and, through NGWA's Washington representatives, the bills' sponsors.

Source: NGWA Well Log, Sept 2007

## Fuel Watch

### Fuel Prices for July 29 to August 6

Each week, the U.S. Department of Energy releases average gasoline and diesel prices for the United States. For the week of September 4 to September 10, gas prices fell across the board compared to last month — with the exception of the Midwest and the East Coast. On-highway diesel prices went up again this month, for the most part. The Rocky Mountain and West Coast regions, which were both more than \$3.00 a gallon last month, saw some relief.

#### U.S. Gasoline Prices, Regular Grade

Region	Average Price (9/10/2007)	Change from Last Month
East Coast	\$2.82	- \$0.00
Midwest	\$2.98	+ \$0.15
Gulf Coast	\$2.69	- \$0.10
Rocky Mountain	\$2.84	- \$0.11
West Coast	\$2.82	- \$0.14

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

#### U.S. On-Highway Diesel Prices

Region	Average Price (9/10/2007)	Change from Last Month
East Coast	\$2.91	+ \$0.04
Midwest	\$2.89	+ \$0.05
Gulf Coast	\$2.87	+ \$0.05
Rocky Mountain	\$2.93	- \$0.05
West Coast	\$2.98	- \$0.10

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

## Industry Stats

### Starts and Permits for July 2007

	Total for July 2007 (in thousands of units)	Percent Change from June 2007	Percent Change from July 2006
Housing Starts	1381	- 6.1%	- 20.9%
Building Permits	1373	- 2.8%	- 22.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Does new residential construction affect your business? Each month the U.S. Department of Commerce releases new statistics on new housing starts and building permits. Building permits—an indicator of future construction—decreased 2.8% for July 2007 compared to June 2007. Housing starts were also down 6.1% compared to June 2007.

To view the most up-to-date prices and to get more information, please visit <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp>.