William A. McEllhiney Distinguished Lecturer Series Well Technology

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To foster professional excellence in water well technology, the National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation has established the William A. McEllhiney Distinguished Lecture Series in Water Well Technology.

Initiated in 2000, the lecture series honors William A. McEllhiney, who was the founding president of the National Ground Water Association in 1948, and a ground water contractor and civil engineer from Brookfield, Illinois.





"McEllhiney and the other founders of the Association saw several primary functions for the new national group," explains Foundation Executive Director Kevin McCray, "including serving as a clearinghouse for information and its dissemination, serving as an intermediary in coordinating advances occurring in different parts of the country, and serving as a place to bring contractors together so that they might have a working knowledge of contracting from all parts of the nation. NGWREF's McEllhiney Lecture series promotes and perpetuates those original aims."









Annually, a panel of ground water contractors invites an outstanding ground water contracting professional to share his or her work with the industry. Individuals may nominate themselves or others they believe to be qualified to serve as the NGWA McEllhiney distinguished lecturer.



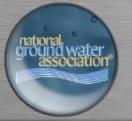




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2008 Lecturer

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How Much Is Enough? Making Decisions in the Water Well Industry







Decisions Carry Consequences

A drilling project can be looked at as a series of decisions.

Unfortunately, most of our decisions get locked in place as steel and cement.





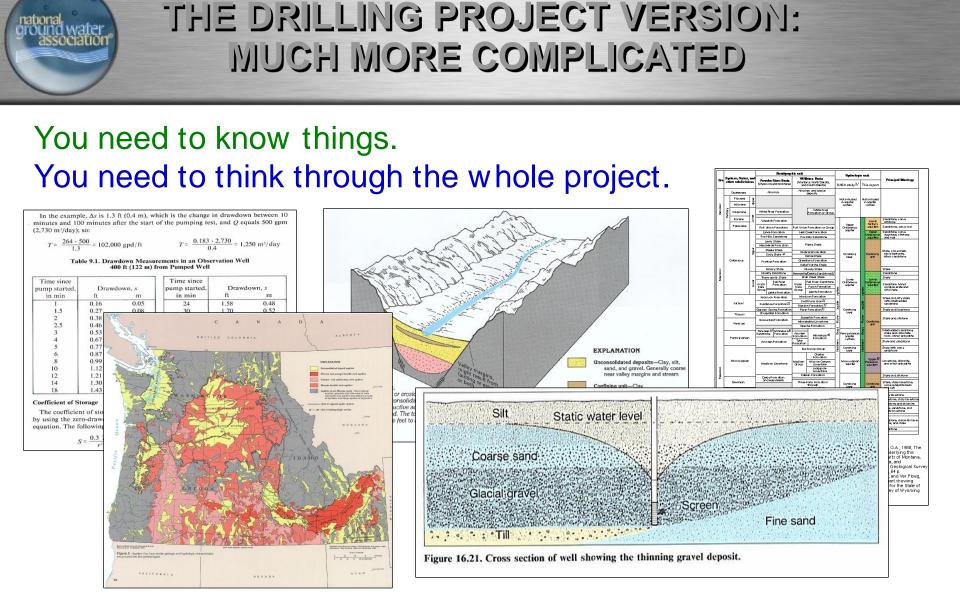


Knowing and doing the right things in the right order.

Your mom taught you critical path thinking when you were very young.

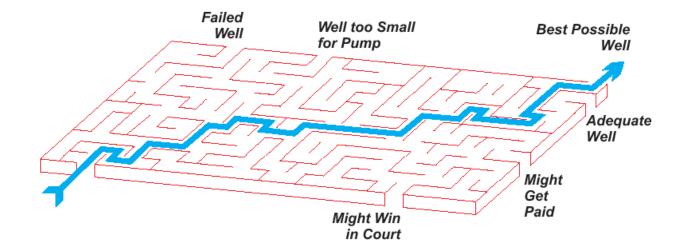
Socks then shoes!











A drilling project is much like the maze puzzles you did as a child.



IMPLICATIONS TO PROJECT SUCCESS AND BUSINESS SUCCESS

Good decisions for *projects*:

Ability to reach depth

Provide best completion

Install appropriate pump

Higher production, efficient wells

Clean & clear water production

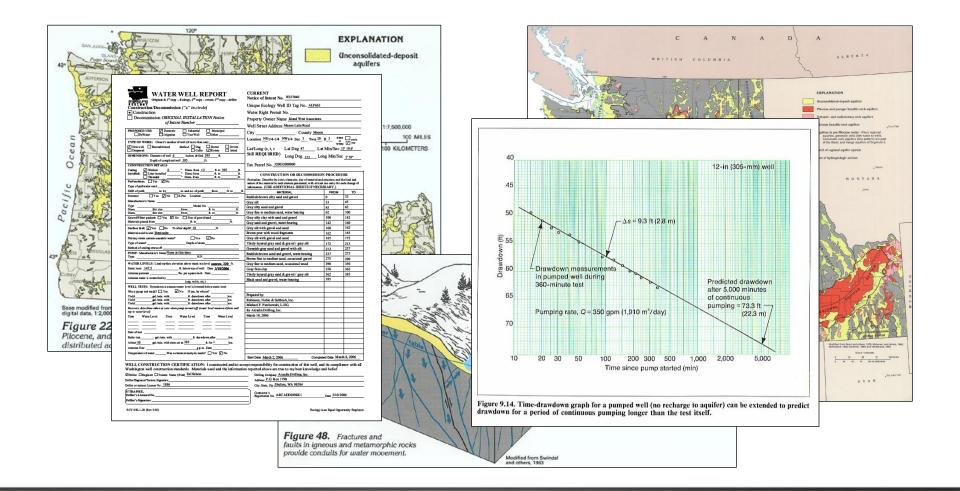
Good decisions for *business*: People pay the invoice You do not end up in court Reputation gets customers Explain what you did and why Good decisions save time and \$



DO RESEARCH AND MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON FACTS

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KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: CREATE A CHECK LIST

Ask the customer

Inspect the site

Research the area

Formally plan the work

PRE-QUOTE CHECKLIST Questions to be answered before submitting a quote

 \Box Where is the site?

- □ Can I get my equipment on the site? Will site preparation be needed?
- □ Does the site meet regulatory requirements? (setbacks from septic etc.)
- $\hfill\square$ What is the intended use of the water?
- □ What production rate is needed? Does the customer desire or expect more?
- □ Are there specific water quality requirements?
- □ Which aquifers in the area are likely to meet the need?
- □ How deep is the well likely to have to be drilled to get the desired water?
- □ What is the likely static water level? Pumping water level?
- □ What casing or hole diameter is needed for the appropriate pump?
- □ Is a water right needed? Does the customer have one?
- □ Are there known groundwater problems in the area?
- □ Are there known regulatory problems in the area?



DO NOT PRESUME YOU KNOW THE SITE

Don't skip the basics Make a site visit every time

Don't miss the obvious

Due diligence saves you from surprises (Soft ground, for instance)







KNOW WHAT THE CLIENT NEEDS AND EXPECTS

Interview the customer

Ask questions about what is needed / wanted

Communicate the options and their implications

Get as much in writing as possible





DECIDE ON A SPECIFIC SITE

Define setback issues

Define access issues

Where will the spoils go?

What do the regulations require?

What is convenient for the owner? (piping, power, ease of use)







DEVELOPING YOUR QUOTE

Item

1

Clearly state your units					
Research prices					
Keep written records					
Produce a written quote					
Communicate the detail					

		Base	Base Bid Total		
13	Salvage Credit for 16-inch casing	80 feet	(\$/ft)	()
12	Operate pump	24 hours	\$/hr		
11	Provide, install & remove test pump; pump for four hours,	One	Lump Sum		
10	Stand-by/shop time	15 hours	\$/hr		
9	Hourly rig work	100 hours	\$/hr		
8	Extra materials. Cost plus 15%.	Grouped estimate	lump sum		
7	Provide well screen and fittings (Estimating 70 feet of 12-inch).	70 feet	\$/ft		
6	16-inch shoe cut	One	Each		
5b	Provide and install 12-inch casing (casing cost only, installation part of Item 9)	137 feet	\$/ft		
5a	Provide and install 16-inch casing	205 feet	\$/ft		
4	Drill hole for 16-inch casing	170 feet	\$/ft		
3	16-inch drive shoe	One	Each		
2	Place and complete flow-protection seal (drill temporary 24-inch, place & cement 20-inch casing)	30 feet	\$/ft		

Units

One

Price Per

Unit

Lump Sum

Estimated Cost

Description

Mobilization and demobilization

Diago and complete flow



ONCE YOU HAVE QUOTED THE JOB, YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE DECISIONS

At the very least, be aware they are made and make sure the customer knows these decisions have consequences to the job

Drilling rig

Casing size

Maximum depth you can reach

Possible types of completion

Maximum production

Pumping equipment that can be used

Testing that can be done





THE RIG IS ON SITE - NOW WHAT?

The decisions keep coming

When should I stop drilling?

How thorough a completion is appropriate?

How much development should I employ?

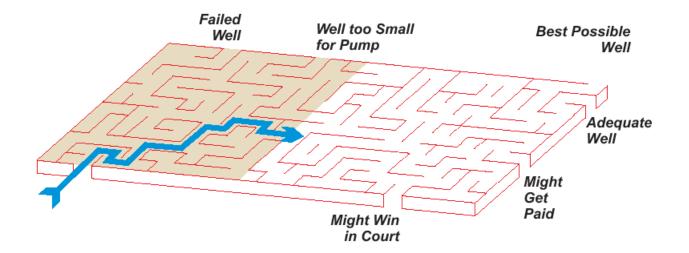
What is the necessary testing?

How much water should I tell the customer they have?

What information should I give the customer?



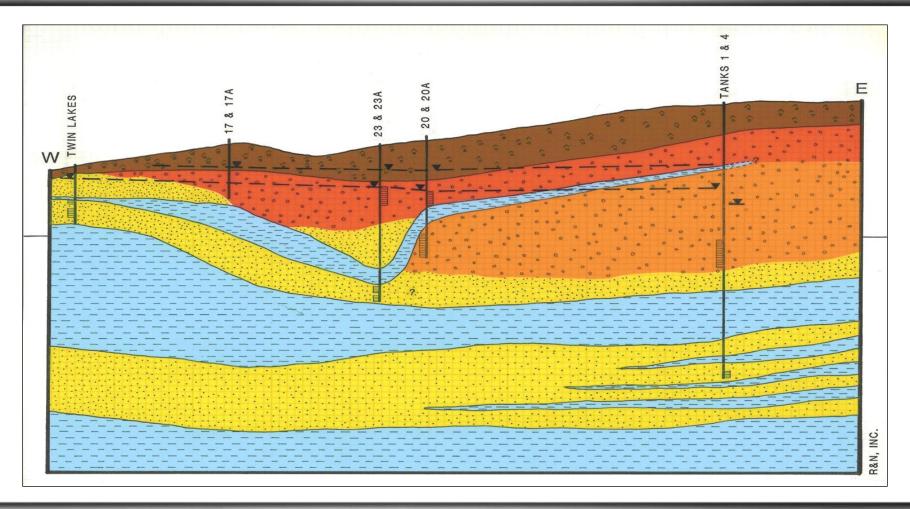




You have avoided some of the bad decisions



IT IS A COMPLICATED WORLD IN WHICH WE WORK







DECISIONS IN THE FIELD

How deep is deep enough?

Watch the water levels during drilling Get the drawdown you need – then use it wisely

Never drill just enough to get by - things change

Drill all of the aquifer zone (unless only very little water is needed) Part of the aquifer is not as productive as all of the aquifer

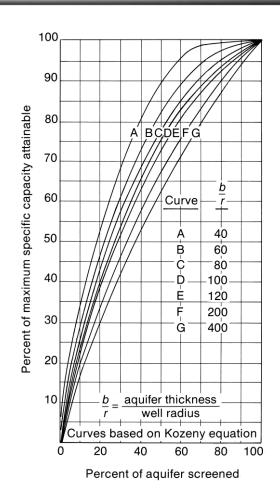


THE MATH OF ONLY TAKING "SOME OF IT"

Lower specific capacity

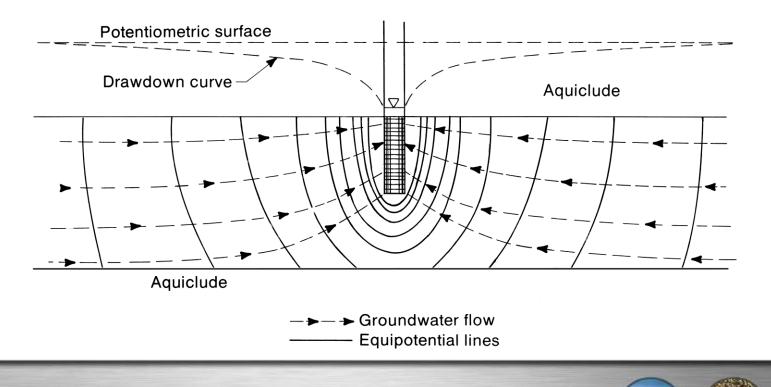
More susceptible to loss of efficiency

You cannot screen what you do not drill

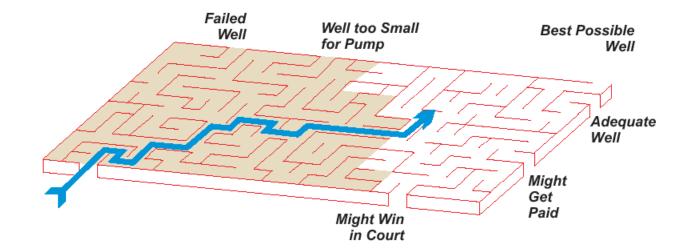


WHY THE WELL CARES ABOUT "ALL OF IT"

Rock and sediments are usually layered Kh is much larger than kv - water prefers to move horizontally If you make it move vertically - it makes you pay for the right







You have drilled the hole. Now you have to get the water out.



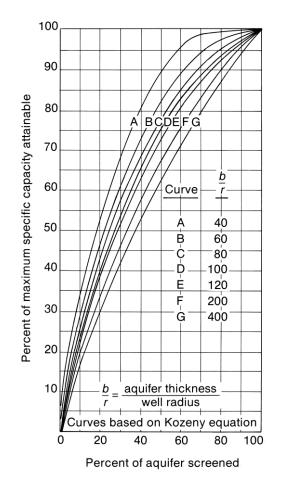
LIMITED AQUIFER EXPOSURE

Same arguments as not drilling it all

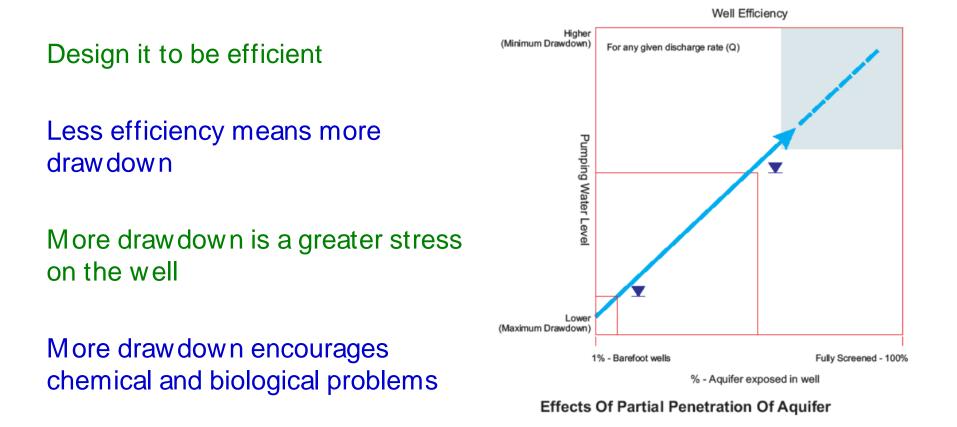
If you need all you can get, screen all that you have

2/3 of total thickness in unconfined aquifers

The less aquifer you use, the more drawdown you get



MEEK DESIGNS MAKE INEFFICIENT WELLS



POOR DESIGN COSTS MONEY - FOREVER

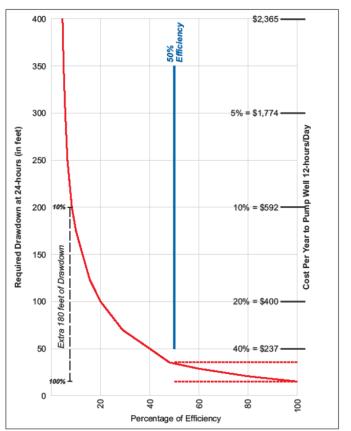
Partial penetration = greater inefficiency

Inefficiency = more drawdown

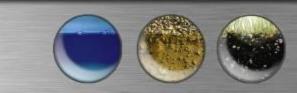
More drawdown = higher pumping costs

More drawdown = higher maintenance costs

Spend the money on the well



Well Producing 100 gpm in Aquifer with Transmissivity of 10,000 gpd/ft.



WELL COMPLETION SO MANY QUESTIONS, SO LITTLE TIME

Should I use a liner?

Should I use a screen?

What about gravel packing?

How much screen?

What type of screen?

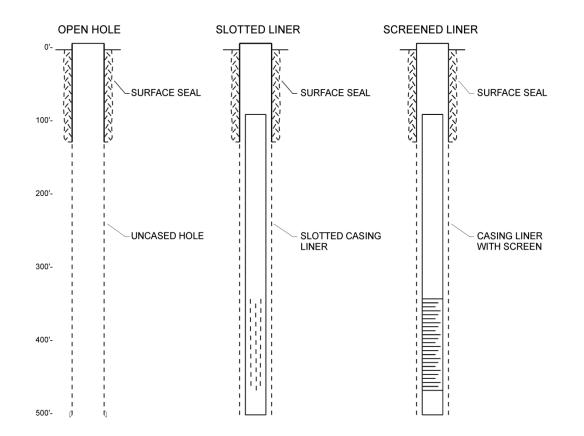
What cost is justified?



CONSOLIDATED ROCK WELLS

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Liners add security, stability, and reliability.



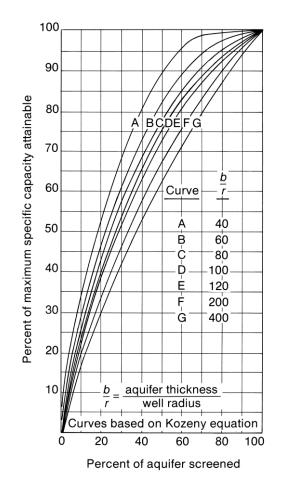
CASED WELLS: THE BAREFOOT WELL

" Everything should be made as simple as possible – but no simpler"

--Albert Einstein

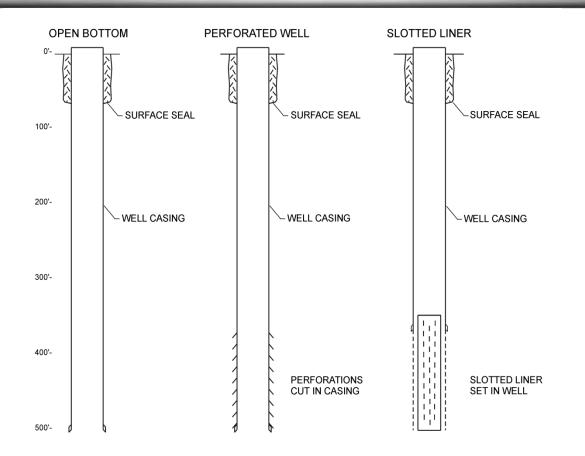
The Barefoot well may be the "but no simpler" part

CHEAP CAN BE EXPENSIVE





PERFORATIONS AND LINERS



They are cheaper but at what cost?



WELL SCREENS ADD VALUE

Screens = open area

- = lower entrance velocity
- = better production
- = lower operational cost





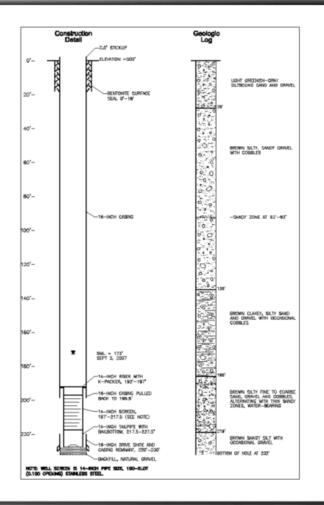
DIRECT SCREEN METHOD

Use your samples and your head

Don't get reckless – more length is usually better than a larger slot size

Risers, tail pipe & packers

Put it in the right place (and leave it there)



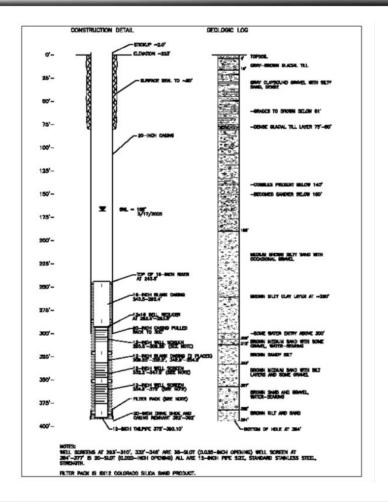


GRAVEL-PACKED SCREENS

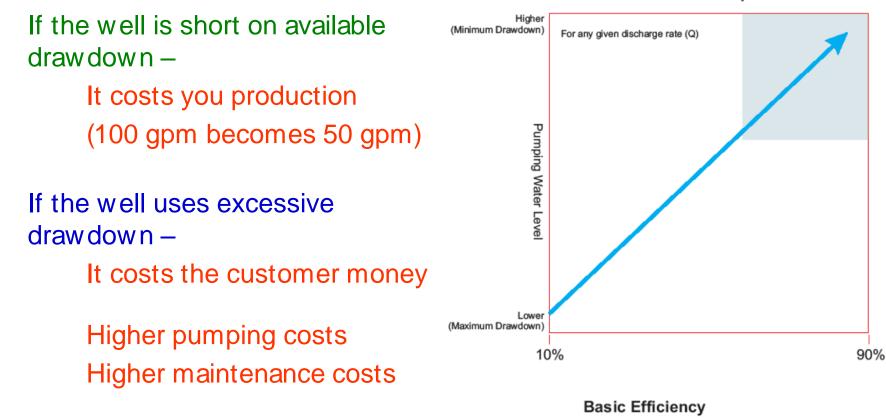
Traditional filter-pack design Careful design (use enough riser) Careful construction Careful development

Provides good efficiency Provides good reliability

Screens pre-packed by manufacturer Expensive, but at times a good alternative



THE COST OF AN INEFFICIENT WELL



Well Efficiency



COMPLETION DECISIONS MATTER

Try to achieve both efficiency and reliability.

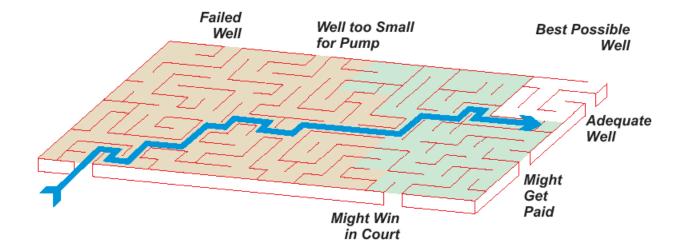
Your design should provide:

- Optimal efficiency and reliability
- Protection of the well and the pump
- Cost effective service throughout the operational life of the well

The cost of screens is generally a bargain.

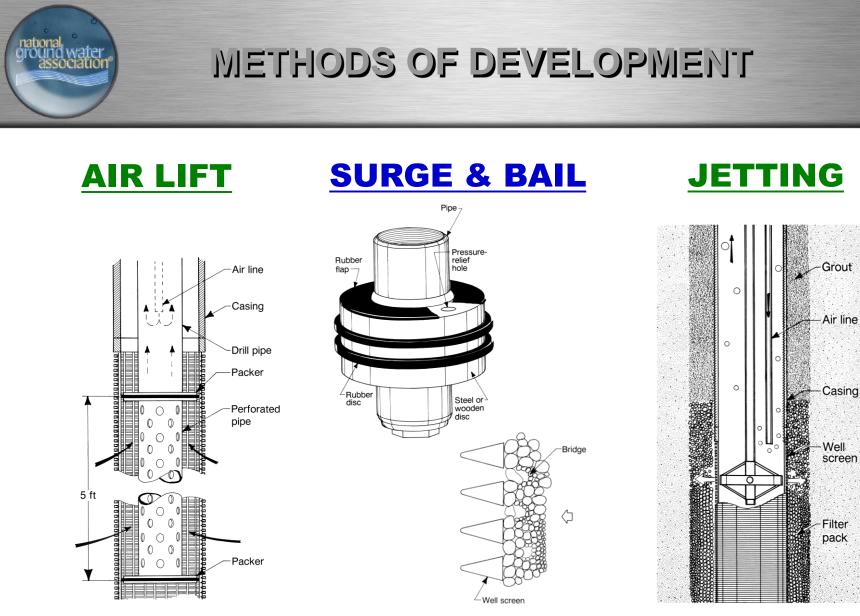






At what point am I wasting my time and their money?







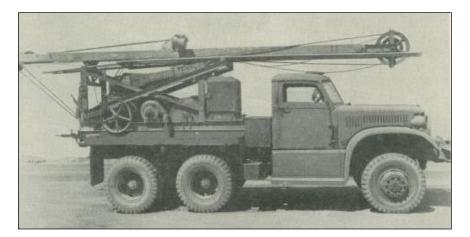
DURATION OF DEVELOPMENT

Earlier in my career: Two weeks of surge development was common

Now adays:

A few hours of blowing with air and it's good to go

Or is it?







HOW CAN YOU TELL WHEN YOU'RE DONE?

Comparative bailer or pumping tests

Does the same discharge have a higher pumping water level than last time?

If so, you are not done!

Compare the development spoils – are they more "mature"?

Has the well response stopped improving? Surge runs no easier, air lift not producing any more water



BENEFITS OF PROPER DEVELOPMENT

Well efficiency

Well stability

Stability during testing (More accurate well rating)

Long-term reliability

Fewer problems with encrustation and biofouling?



WELL TESTING Where the big answer comes from

Well testing is not about water; it is about *information*.

You must be able to project the long-term well performance.

Only proper procedures and accurate data can do that.





TEST PROCEDURES

Step tests tell you about the well

Constant-rate tests tell you about the aquifer

Observation wells tell you more about both

The more you know, the more accurately you rate the well

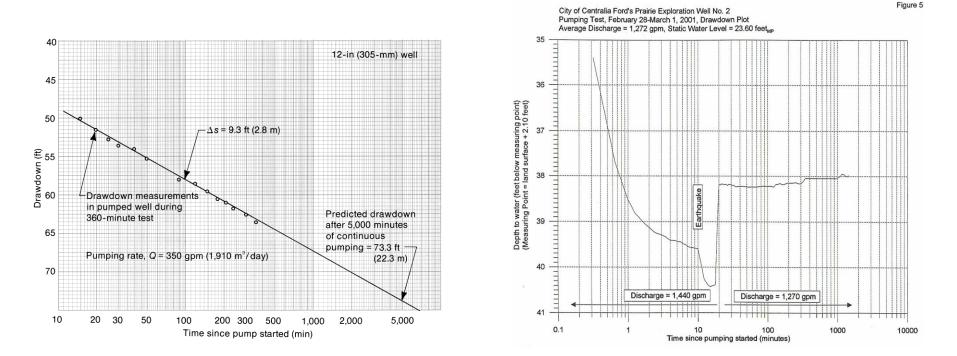








TEST DATA TELL THE TALE



Typical drawdown plot

Earthquake during test

You never know what is going to happen, so keep good data.



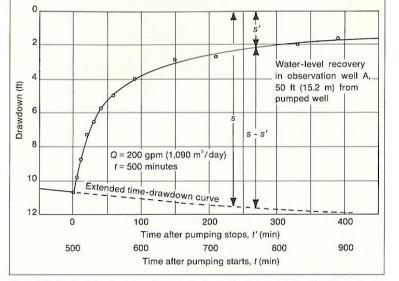


Figure 9.39. Residual-drawdown curve from observation well, with extended time-drawdown curve (on arithmetic scales) showing how calculated recovery is determined at any instant during the recovery period. Producing well pumped 200 gpm (1,090 m?/day) for 500 minutes.

Linear recovery plot

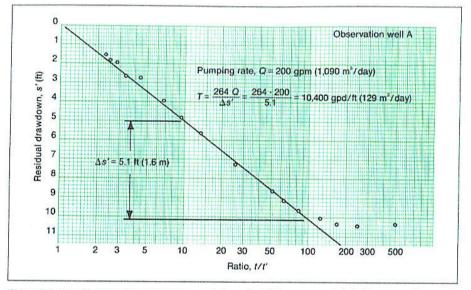


Figure 9.41. Residual drawdown plotted against the ratio t/t' becomes a straight line on semilog graph and permits calculation of transmissivity as shown. Time during recovery period increases toward the left in this diagram.

t/t' recovery plot



WATER LEVEL RECOVERY DATA

RATING THE WELL

Does the drawdown hold its pattern?

Is the drawdown less than would be expected? (Indication of positive boundary)

Is drawdown more than expected? (Negative boundary)

Was recovery complete? Was it timely?

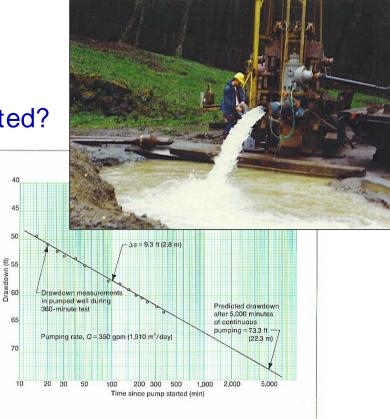
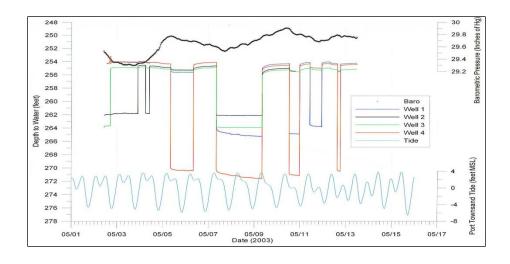


Figure 9.14. Time-drawdown graph for a pumped well (no recharge to aquifer) can be extended to predict drawdown for a period of continuous pumping longer than the test itself.



HOW MUCH INFORMATION SHOULD I DELIVER?

Information has value. Organize what you deliver 3-ring binders work well



WATER WELL REPORT	Notice of Intent No. W237040	~	
Construction/Decommission ("x" in circle)	Unique Ecology Well ID Tag No. ALP66	É.	
Construction	Water Right Permit No.		
Decommission ORIGINAL INSTALLATION Notice	Property Owner Name Island West Associate	5	
of Intent Number	Well Street Address Mason Lake Road		
PROPOSED USE: Domentic Industrial Municipal DeWater Infigation. Test Well Other	City County Mason		
	Location NE1/4-1/4 NW1/4 Sec 3 Twn 20 R 3 EWM circle		
TYPE OF WORK: Owner's number of well (if more han one)			M 🗹 🚥
Deepened Cubic Rotary Isted	Lat/Long (s, t, r Lat Deg 47 Lat Min/Sec 15 19.8 Still REQUIRED)		
DIMENSIONS: Diameter of well 6 inches, drilled 395#. Depth of completed well 395ft.	Long Deg 123	ong Min/Se	C 2'59"
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	Tax Parcel No. 320032000000		
Casing Z Weidod 6 "Diam. from +2 ft. to 395 ft. Installed: Diam installed "Diam. from ft. to ft. Threaded "Diam. from ft. to ft.			
Threaded Diam. from ft. to ft.	CONSTRUCTION OR DE COMMISSION PROCEDURE Formation: Describe by color, character, size of material and structure, and the kind and		
Perforations: Yes 20 No Type of perforator used	nature of the material in each stratum penetrated, with at le	ast one entry for e	
stze of ports in. by in. and no. of ports from ft. so ft	information. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEC MATERIAL	FROM	то
Screens: Yes No K-Pac Location	Reddish-brown silty sand and gravel	0	33
Massafacturor's Name	Gray silt	33	45
TypeModel No. Diam. Stot size from A to ft.	Gray silty sand and gn vel	45	62 100
Diam. Sot size from ft. to ft. Grave FFilter packed: Yes Z No Size of gravel/and	Gray fine to medium sand, water bearing Gray silty clay with sand and gravel	62	100
Materials placed fromft.	Gray sand and gravel, water-bearing	142	160
Surface Seal: 2 Yes No To what depth? 18 ft.	Gray silt with gravel and sand	160	162
Material used in seal Bentonite	Brown peat with wood fragments	162	165
Did any strata contain unumble water? Yes No Type of water? Depth of strata	Gray silt with gn vel and sand	165	172
Type of water? Depth of strata Method of scaling strats off	Thinly layered gray sand & gravel / gny silt Greenish-gray sand and gnivel with silt	213	213
PUMP: Manufacturer's Name None at this time	Reddish-brown sand and gravel, water-bearing	213	275
Туре:Н.Р	Brown fine to medium sand, occas ional gmvel	275	290
WATER LEVELS: Land-surface elevation above mean scalevel approx. 220 ft.	Gray fine to medium sand, occasional wood	290	350
Static level 147.5	Gray firm clay	350	362
Artesian water is controlled by	Thinly layered gray sand & gravel / gray silt Black sand and gravel, water-bearing	362	395
(cap, valve, etc.) WELL TESTS: Drawdown is amount water is vel is lowered below static level	Trans and the prever, while contrain		+
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Artesian flow ge.mail. what seem ten in is in the in the			
Temperature of water Was a chemical analysis made? 🔲 Yes 🗹 No			
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VELL CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION: I constructed and/or ac	cept responsibility for construction of this well,	and its compli	ance with all
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Well Operations section

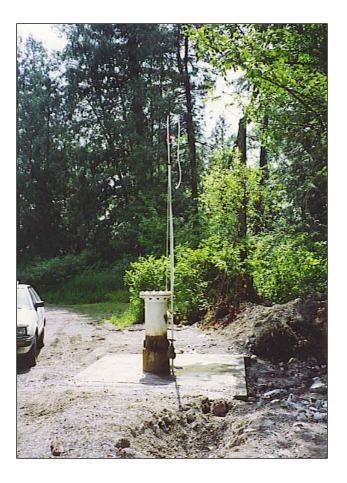
Well construction report, screen info, development records, testing data, use recommendations

Pump Information section

Pump recommendations or description of equipment installed, electrical info, max allowable drawdown, probes & settings

Water level info and directions for measurement

Info for regulatory agencies



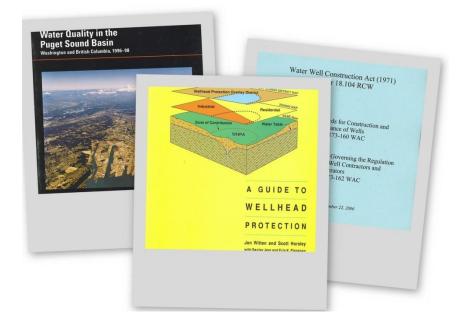




CLIENTS REGULATORY NEEDS & DEFINITION OF PROPERTY

Provide information needed to:

- Demonstrate siting compliance
- Meet regulatory submittal needs
- Support wellhead protection planning
- Meet health department requirements





Before you quote the job, do the whole job in your head.

Drill as much of the aquifer as is practical.

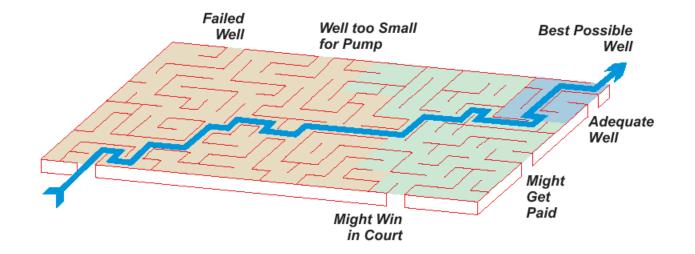
Design the well for maximum efficiency.

Develop the well until it is done.

Test the well sufficiently and report it all in writing



GOOD DECISIONS MAKE GOOD WELLS THE WORLD IS WET - LIFE IS SWEET



Best possible well Happiest possible customer Strongest possible business





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