



Hole Talk

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ESWWDA Fall Meeting

Hunter Mountain/Last Chance Antiques & Cheese Café and Restaurant
October 12-13, 2018

Although the room accommodations will remain the same and the general membership meeting will be held at the Mountain House/Laurel Conference Room at Hunter, *there is a change in the format for the board meeting and the cocktail party on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.*



*Reservations can be made by calling **800 775-4641** or **518 263-5580**. Deadline for reservations is September 6th.

*Please refer to the **ESWWDA** when making reservations for the **group rate** of **\$150-\$175** for suites.

***See directions on page 4** to Hunter, and from Hunter to Tannersville.



The board meeting will begin at **4pm** in Tannersville at the "**Last Chance Antiques & Cheese Café and Restaurant**" located at 6009 Main St., Tannersville, NY.

The usual cocktail party will be replaced with an **American-Tapas** option (hors d'oeuvres served by a server) to include pulled pork sliders, mini reubens, mini grilled cheese, cheese platters and more. A **cash bar** will open at **6 pm**. We will not be providing dinner. Members may choose to have dinner on their own following the cocktail hour, if they wish.

As always, we have our meeting in October during **Hunter's Oktoberfest** celebration and members are free to attend at the completion of the membership meeting on Saturday around noon.

*Cabs will be available on site for those who choose not to drive to Tannersville and back. *Cost is to the individual.*

*The speaker for the Saturday general membership meeting is **Alex Bartholomew** from **New Paltz University Department of Geology** who will present his passion for geology in simple terms so non-science people can understand. 🗣️



*See page 2 for the complete meeting itinerary.
See page 4 for directions.*

Mission

The ESWWDA is committed to taking a leadership role in protecting our natural resources through the promotion of the ground water industry. It strives to support a spirit of cooperation, communication, and education within the industry and with the consumers and regulatory agencies. 🗣️

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We are proud to offer gluten free, vegan & kids menu.*

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Meeting Itinerary

2018 Empire State Water Well Drillers Association

October 12-13, 2018

FRIDAY OCT. 12TH

4-6 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

At **LAST CHANCE ANTIQUES & CHEESE CAFÉ**
in Tannersville

6-7 p.m. Supplier's sponsored American-Tapas gathering w/cash bar

7 p.m. Dinner on your own

SATURDAY OCT. 13TH

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m. General Membership Meeting

Speaker: **Alex Bartholomew**
New Paltz University Department of Geology

Topic: **Geology in simple terms for non-science people**

12 noon Meeting adjourned

****Oktoberfest** at Hunter



Hotel Information:

Hunter Mountain, Hunter, NY

Hunter Mountain is located just over 2 hours north of New York City in the northern Catskill Mountains of New York State. Whether you are coming from the north or the south, Hunter is a convenient half-hour ride from the New York State Thruway, exits 20 or 21.

Use this address in Mapquest: **64 Klein Ave, Hunter, NY 12442**

Please Note: Google Maps currently gives an incorrect location; if you search for Hunter Mountain, it will leave you several miles away on a dead end road. Use the address listed above to get you to the Village of Hunter.

Hunter Mountain coordinates for your GPS or Google Maps: **N42 12.289 W74 12.598**

Please obey the posted speed limit signs while on the mountaintop. Local law enforcement agencies strictly enforce the posted speed limits.

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**Professional Standards • Communication
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The President's Thoughts Practical Regulations

Well, the summer is off to a hot, dry start.

It is very good that the rigs aren't prone to being stuck. Some of the weaker wells are in need of being deepened or that there is pump service work to be done.

We had quite an impressive meeting and training exposition at **Cronin's Golf Resort** in Warrensburg on **July 16-18**. On behalf of the association, I would like to thank **Jim Dwyer** and **Carol Lawrence** and their teammates, the owners and staff from **Cronin's**, as well as the **suppliers** that made the event as productive as it was.

Demonstrations included pulling a large capacity pump on flexible pipe and reset it, beveling, and installation of **Baker** pitless unit on an 8" well. Also, a **GEFCO** rig was on site for anyone that wanted to get on the controls. There was a great deal of prep work for this to take place. Again, thanks to all and my apologies to anyone I failed to mention.

There is a small number of people who spend their own money with trucks, welders, rigs, pump hoists that are used at these field demonstrations to make them successful. I do appreciate the people who make it all happen. Attendance was fair, at slightly more than 50 members and guests, but it is a busy time of the year.

We also had **Beth Guidetti** from the **NYS DEC**, speak prior to our general meeting. Her main focus was on **well completion reports**. There was some at-length discussion on pump installers and how it fits into the well completion report. The membership treated her



with respect and she did her best to answer comments and questions. We should remember the history to the well completion reports and the function that they serve. They are not only a great record keeping document for the wells we drill; but also, a way of reinforcing our contract with our customers. Remember, in New York State any contracting work over

a certain amount is supposed to be done under a contract and for the most part that sum is under what a water well would cost. If, in your contract, you have that the well log will be supplied when the contract has met all the payment processes, it will help the well contractor to be able to close out the deal with the customer. There are some exceptions, but there are always are in different applications. For the most part, this system does benefit the well contractor.

There are more regulations on the horizon with the **Board of Health** and **DEC**. **Vice President Tyler Wills** and I will be traveling to meetings with our lawyers, as well as being flanked by **Jeff Smith** and **Janice Baldwin**, to try to make these thoughts and ideas that the **DOH, DEC**, as well as our **state lawmakers** stay within our practical drilling, water testing, and well testing standards.

Regulation is a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority. Our **lawmakers, DOH, DEC** are the authority. We try to bestow the authority with our knowledge to make the well water construction and use for the customers we serve to be not only affordable and executed in a timely fashion, but also a safe and reliable natural resource.

Sometimes the authority needs to have input from the people carrying out these functions to ensure that the regulations are practical to all that need to be regulated by them.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting in October.

President James Wild 

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ESWWDA Summer Meeting

July 16-18, 2018 - Cronin's Golf Resort/Adirondack/Lake George, NY

President James Wild called the *July meeting of the Empire State Water Well Driller's Association* to order at 12:15 p.m. on **July 17, 2018** with 51 members in attendance.

A roll call of officers showed the following **Board members** to be in attendance:

Jim Wild, *President*

Tyler Wills, *Vice President*

Charles Crover, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Julie Bullock, *Correspondence Manager*

Rus Turnbull, *Director*

Chris Root, *Director*

Bernie Kistner, *Director*

Jeff Quinn, *Director*

Dave Keough, *Director*

Dave Root made a motion to accept the reading of the **minutes** as they

appeared in the last edition of *Hole Talk*. **Tyler Wills** seconded the motion with no additions or corrections. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by **Jeff Quinn** to suspend the reading of the **Treasurer's report** since it was reported to the Board the day before. **Sherri Gray** seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all with no objections. Copies of the report are available upon request.

President Wild thanked everyone for attending. He would table any additional reports at this time. He thanked **Beth Guidetti** from the **DEC** for attending and for her presentation.

Communications: **Julie Boyd** reported that we had received a thank you from the **Dauksza family (Barmore Pump)**. **President Wild** had invited **Governor Cuomo** to our meeting. The Governor thanked us

for the invitation but sent an email that he was unable to attend. It was also the 47th wedding anniversary of **Phil and Rebecca Skowfoe**.

Sickness & Health: **Julie Boyd** reported that **Ed Bates** was home recovering from paraesophageal hernia surgery. A card was available for all to sign at the main table. **Rikki Bruckman**, **Dave Chugg's** partner, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Insurance: **Sherri Gray** announced that she would be retiring at the end of the month. **President Wild** has asked **Analisa Jesco** to fill Sherri's position as chair of the insurance committee. The association presented Sherri with a card and parting gifts.

Membership: **Julie Boyd** reported that we have a total of 332 members. 290 members are current with their dues payment and 42 are unpaid.

... Directions continued from page 2

New Jersey

Western, southern & northern - Interstate 287 north to the NY Thruway north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

North Eastern - Est. Time: 4½ Hours from Atlantic City

Route 17 north to the NY Thruway north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Southern New Jersey

Garden State Parkway north to Rt. 17 in Paramus, north to the NY Thruway north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Connecticut

Hartford, CT - Est. Time: 3 Hours

Rt. 84 west to the NY Thruway (Newburgh), take Thruway north to Exit 20. Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Massachusetts

Boston, MA - Est. Time: 3½ Hours

Mass Pike west to the end. Follow signs for

Albany, pick up NY Thruway south to Exit 21 (Catskill), go west on Rt. 23A.

Springfield, MA - Est. Time: 2¼ Hours

Mass Pike west to the end. Follow signs for Thruway south, pick up NY Thruway south to Exit 21 (Catskill), go west on Rt. 23A.

Pennsylvania

Allentown, PA - Est. Time: 3 Hours

Take Interstate 78, east to Interstate 287, north to the NY Thruway, north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Philadelphia, PA - Est. Time: 4 Hours

Take Interstate 76, east Interstate 95, north to Interstate 287, north to the NY Thruway, north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Pittsburgh, PA - Est. Time: 8½ Hours

Pennsylvania Turnpike (70, 76) east to Interstate 78 near Allentown. Take Interstate 78, east to Interstate 287, north to the NY Thruway, north to Exit 20 (Saugerties). Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A west.

Scranton, PA - Est. Time: 3½ Hours

Take Rt. 84 east to Newburgh, pick up the NY Thruway north to Exit 20 (Saugerties).

Take Rt. 32 north to Rt. 32A north to Rt. 23A

Directions from Hunter to Last Chance Antiques & Cheese Café

6009 Main St. Tannersville, NY 12485.

1. Head northeast on Klein Ave toward Colonels Dr 13 ft
2. Continue onto Height Mountain Rd 279 ft
3. Continue onto Co Hwy 83/Co Rd 83 0.1 mi
4. Turn right onto NY-23A E/Main St 4.3 mi
5. Turn right onto Tompkins St. 0.1 mi
6. Turn right onto S Main St 62 ft

Approximate drive time 9-10 minutes

Deletion of members owing 3-years' of past dues, will take place after this meeting. Since the last meeting, we have had seven new members: **Kelly Walters** from *Safewell Technologies Inc.*, **Dan Gibbons** from *Amber Well Drilling*, **Dan Farrell** from *D&S Pump & Supply*, **Daniel Dowdy** from *Federated Insurance*, **Roy Jaswell** from *R Jaswell Supply* and **Robert Frost** from *Vermont Well & Pump*.

Scholarship: **Tyler Wills** reported that the committee is reviewing our scholarship program and all decisions on current applications have been tabled for future review. The membership discussed making a donation to the scholarship fund being set up by the **Dauksza family** in memory of their son, **Steve**. It will be a scholarship for diesel mechanics school. **Dave Root** made a motion that the association make a **one-time donation of \$200**. **Bernie Kistner** seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no nays.

Government Affairs: **Jeff Smith** reported the committee would be having a meeting with the **DEC** before September regarding issues of building permits and overflowing wells. The outcome of this fall's election could impact the environment in Albany. **President Wild** thanked **Jeff Smith** and the committee for all their time and effort on behalf of the association.

NEWWA: **Henry Boyd** reported that the **Expo** was very successful. Our next Board meeting is the end

of September. We are looking for class ideas. The **NEWWA Expo** is scheduled for **March 8-9, 2019**.

Budget & Finance: **Chuck Crover** reported that we are working within our budget.

Education: **Henry Boyd** reported that we will have a class at the annual meeting.

NGWA: **Jeff Smith** reported that the **Groundwater Expo** would be in **Las Vegas** this year, on **December 5-9**. There are new member benefits available. For more information go to **www.NGWA.org**.

WSC: **Bernie Kistner** will be attending the fall meeting.

Holetalk: The next deadline is **August 1, 2018**.

Public Information: **Chuck Crover** reported that the website is working well. Please let us know if you have any changes to your listing.

DOT: As the Board had discussed the day before, there are significant differences between **HVUT** (heavy vehicle use tax), **2290** (IRS filing) and **DMV** special commercial registrations. Each has to be addressed separately. The Board is looking at getting clarification on them and our service vehicles.

Accreditations: **Jim Dwyer** reminded the membership the **Expo** would give them most of their voluntary accreditation points for 2019. Also **JD** wanted to thank everyone for working on the expo and donating

either product or financially toward the meeting. The list includes **Carol** and the **expo committee**, **Goulds, Group One, FW Webb, Epiroc, Grundfos, Preferred Pump, Baker, Boyds, Victory Steel, Numa, Morris, Baroid, GEFCO, Assured Partners, Arthur J. Gallagher**, and the **staff of Cronins**. **President Wild** thanked **Jim** and **Carol** for all of their hard work and for making it a great demo.

Past President: There was no report to be given.


Old Business: **October** meeting is the **12 and 13** at **Hunter Mountain**. The Board meeting and the cocktail party will be held at an off-site location. We will be returning to **Turning Stone** for the **Annual meeting** from **January 15-16, 2019**. The **spring meeting** will be held in the **Hudson Valley** and hosted by **Chuck Crover** and **Jim Wild**. The fall meeting is being hosted by **Willey Well Drilling**.

New Business: There was no new business at this time.

Tom Bates sold raffle tickets for the **50/50 drawing** and the winner was **Ron Nursey** from **Group One** for **\$115**.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Joe Flood** and seconded by **Dave Root**. **President Wild** adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Boyd

Correspondence Manager 



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Professional Standards ◦ **Communication**
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT August 2018

New Members this quarter = 7

CATEGORY	PAID	UNPAID	TOTAL
Contractors	172	21	193
Suppliers/Manufacturers	50	5	55
Associates	68	10	78
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Total Members	290	36	326

Payments may be made by mailing checks to:
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Welcome New Members

CONTRACTORS

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Your membership gives you access to programs and services specifically formulated for the professional growth and success of water well drillers and pump installers.



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- **Educational programs in:** water well drilling, pump installation, general management.
- **Informative newsletter:** *Hole Talk* covers local, state and national issues and news.
- **Annual Tuition Scholarships**
- **A united voice:** ESWWDA speaks for drillers on issues of far reaching impact.
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National Member Yes No

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Summary of Beth Guidetti's Presentation:

Beth Guidetti is Engineering Geologist II who works for the NYS DEC Water Well Program.

Who am I?

- Not just "the girl on the phone!"
- The person who...
 - » processes your paperwork
 - » sends you new forms when you run out
 - » helps you out when you have a question
 - » lets you complain when it all goes horribly wrong
 - » talks to homeowners who have well issues
 - » received a complaint about you
 - » etc. . .
- » Bachelor's and Master's degree in Geology
- » 6 years in consulting as a field geologist and project manager for remedial investigations, database and geographic information systems
- » 2 years with DOH working on remedial sites and spills
- » 10 years with the Water Well Program, recently became the program manager, replacing Dan Kendall
- » Yes, I have seen a drill rig and "helped" environmental drillers on environmental sites
- » No, I do not consider myself to be a well driller

What Does the Law Require?

- Registration
- Certification
- Constructed according to DOH standards
- Preliminary Notice
- Completion Report
- References General Business Law 36-A regarding Home Improvement Contracts

What happens to all those well logs?

- Database Entry
- Scanning

What happens to all those well logs next?

- General Public
 - » Online data and maps
 - » FOIL
 - » New Homes and Property Transfers

- Geological Studies
 - » USGS – Aquifer mapping, Ambient GW monitoring
 - » NY Rural Water – Source Water Protection
 - » NYS Museum – Mastodons!
- Brownfield's, Environmental Site Assessments
- Emergency Response
 - » Flooding
 - » Bomb Trains

But wait, what about me?

- Drilling Contractors
 - » New areas
 - » Problem areas (low yield, sulfur, etc.)
 - » "Why didn't I hit rock/water yet?"
 - » Pump installation
 - » Cleanout
 - » Deepening



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Okay, so the completion report is important. How do I fill it out correctly?

I am so happy you asked.

Remember, Owner's address and well location might not be the same.

On **Section #29**, **Check no** if you, the driller, did not install the pump. If you **know who did**, please write in their name.

Check yes, if you did the pump, and please input the data.

Geographical Coordinates

Degrees Minutes Seconds:

43 30 53.4 N, 73 48 33.8 W

Degrees, Decimal Minutes:

43 30.890 N, 73 48.564 W

Decimal Degrees:

43.51484, -73.80940

The decimal points and spaces matter:

43.30534, 73.48338 – Kingsbury, NY –
... not the same!

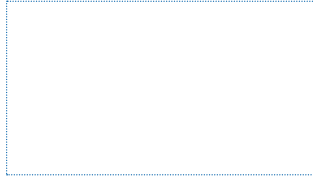
43 51.484, 73 80.940 – Indian Lake, NY –
... not the same!

*Use whatever method you want to,
we can easily convert.*

(Hint – Not in Beth's presentation. Go to Bing Maps and input the address. It will give you the decimal degrees. Just write it down exactly.)

Location Map/Sketch

Really bad...



Kind of bad...



Getting there...



Hey, this is great!



cross-roads, buildings, driveway,
labels, distances, north arrow

Maps – paper or online mapping system



Zoomed out
too far,
no detail

Indicate **where the well is located**.



We can see
buildings, cross-
streets, details
of the landscape,
we can determine
coordinates from
this map.

*Instructions are on the back of the form
if you have any questions.*

Thank you!

Beth Guidetti

Engineering Geologist II

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Application Deadline September 30 for Water Well Projects in 5 New York Counties;

Water Well Trust Seeks Low Income Households to Qualify for Remaining Grant Monies

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The **Water Well Trust**, the only national nonprofit helping low income Americans get access to a clean, safe water supply, announced that it is still seeking eligible households from 5 counties in New York to receive new water wells or rehabilitate existing wells before **available funding expires on September 30, 2018**.

The **Water Well Trust** (WWT) received a matching grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a project to increase potable water availability to households in 5 rural New York counties, including Columbia, Delaware, Rensselaer, Montgomery, and Tompkins.

To date, the Water Well Trust has completed water well projects in Delaware, Rensselaer, and Tompkins. Funds are still available for low-interest loans to eligible individual households for a new water well or rehabilitation of an existing water well. WWT limits funding to a maximum of \$11,000 per household. Loans have an interest rate of 1% with terms of up to 20 years.

To qualify for a WWT loan, New York applicants must be the owner and occupant of the home as their primary residence. In addition, the annual household income for the applicant and all other occupants of the home must not exceed a combined total of \$64,300.

Prospective applicants can download the application form and instruction letter from the Water Well Trust website at **waterwelltrust.org/apply** or call **202-625-4383** for more information.

The Water Well Trust is a 501(c)3 organization created by the **Water Systems Council** to provide a clean water supply to American families living without access to a precious resource most of us take for granted.

The WWT and its partners build wells for low-income families that need safe drinking water and is the only nonprofit organization solely dedicated to helping Americans get access to a clean, safe water supply.

The WWT serves Americans living primarily in rural, unincorporated areas or minority communities that may be isolated and difficult to reach, and those who live in areas where the extension of public water supplies to serve them doesn't make economic sense.


For more information, visit **waterwelltrust.org**.

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Little Things Count

From NGWA's Safety Talks and The Hartford

You've often heard the expression, "It's the little things that count."

This is true whether you're talking about human relations, expenses that are piling up, or safety.

Maybe we should amend the expression to say, **"In safety, particularly, it's the little things that count."** Hopefully, we all are on the lookout for big hazards that might maim or disable us, but commonplace things can also be brutal.

Recently, an organization became very concerned when its disabling injury toll showed a big increase during a 12-month period. The management began to check out such things as vapor emissions, flammable liquids, heavy equipment failures and other high-hazard areas.

Well, you've probably already guessed what they found. The high-hazard areas were not where the problems were. Those areas were all commendably guarded and all proper precautions had been taken. But, it was the **"little things"** that were at the bottom of most of the trouble.

Injuries were being caused by the floors that everyone walked over, stairs that most people used, hand tools that were used regularly and similar items.

It is not always hard to develop and maintain a safety awareness of hazards that can produce

disastrous results. They are obvious and easily recognized, and usually a special effort is put forth to keep these major problems under control.

But the commonplace hazards, which result in disabling injuries, are the products of ordinary, non-exceptional situations. The repetition of daily operations can distract our attention from the small things that are also important to our safety.

The commonplace accidents we are talking about generally fall into categories such as:

- Those resulting from failure to apply an established procedure
- Getting caught in moving machinery
- Taking shortcuts
- Employing questionable practices because they worked OK before

When we stop to think about it, we can all recall some commonplace hazards that we are confronted with and have grown accustomed to. Tools that have not been stored in their places may form hazards that we sidestep every day before finally tripping over them.

Uneven spots in the floor, use of defective ladders, defective stools or chairs – all of these hazards, and many others, can go undetected without constant

safety awareness. These items should be spotted and reported to your supervisor.

Another example of little things that add up is minor injuries that go untreated. There are many recorded cases of people who have received routine cuts or scratches and have not had them treated in serious infections. This, in turn, caused lost income as well as a lot of suffering.

There are several generally accepted methods of preventing job accidents, all or any of which might have to be used. The first is to eliminate the hazard from the machinery, the procedure, or whatever else is harboring an unsafe condition.

Second, the hazard may be eliminated by properly guarding it. Personal protective equipment might also shield the employee from the hazard.

Another preventive measure is to train people in safe job procedures, so that they will be able to avoid hazards. This is an area that applies to the commonplace hazards we've been talking about. You have to go beyond your regular job training and discipline yourself to watch for hazards.

So, don't take safety for granted. Watch out for the little things, too. They all add up. 🗨️

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- Sign an affidavit established for this voluntary program.
- Must submit five (5) continuing education points as established for this voluntary program, obtained during the year prior to renewal.
- Two (2) of the five (5) points must be from an ESWWDA sponsored event.

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5. Writing an article for a groundwater related publication – two points max per year.
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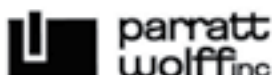
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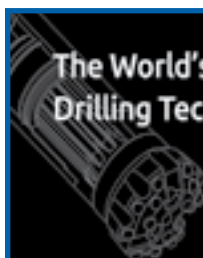
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