



**NEBRASKA wellcare® WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005
THE CORNHUSKER HOTEL
LINCOLN, NE**

**Workshop is co-sponsored by Water Systems Council, NE Well Drillers Association
and the Groundwater Foundation**

AGENDA

9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 Welcome

Lee Orton, Executive Director, Nebraska Well Drillers Association

Introduction & Workshop Overview

Paula Thomas Kirk, Program Manager, Water Systems Council

9:50 Groundwater Resources in Nebraska

Greg Steele, Groundwater Specialist, U.S. Geological Survey
Water Science Center

10:35 Break

**10:45 State Perspective on Private Wells in Nebraska-
Agency Roles & Responsibilities**

Tom Christopherson, NE Health and Human Services System,
Department of Regulation and Licensure,
NE Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Program

Pam Bonebright, Groundwater Supervisor, Nebraska Department of
Natural Resources

11:15 Issues and Innovations in Groundwater in Nebraska:

The Importance of Properly Decommissioning Wells-

David Miesbach, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

A Public/Private Water System Model- Hastings Area Case Study

Marty Stange, Environmental Engineer, Hastings Utilities

The Groundwater Guardian Program-

Jennifer Nelson, Groundwater Guardian Director, The Groundwater Foundation

12:30 LUNCH

2:00 Private Wells, Pollution Prevention, and Education:

Rachael Herpel, Community Programs Director, The Groundwater Foundation

Safe Water Tomorrow Through Pollution Prevention Today-

E.J. Schumaker, Environmental Public Health Educator, Lincoln/Lancaster
County Health Department

Water Wellness-

Rodney Verhoeff, Coordinator, Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

**2:30 Creating A Well Census- A Database of Information on Well Locations,
Depths, Water Quality, and More**

Robert Royall, Master Well Driller, WSC Technical Advisor

3:15 Water Systems Council's wellcare® Program and wellcare® Hotline

Paula Thomas Kirk, Program Manager, Water Systems Council

3:30 Next Steps and Wrap-up

Paula Thomas Kirk, WSC

4:00 Adjourn