Iowa

Registration Status: Partial Certification -- Regulatory certification required to Iowa DNR for certain groundwater professionals who provide services at leaking underground storage tank/sites. Information regarding application to become a Certified Groundwater Professional can be accessed through the following link: http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Underground-Storage-Tanks/Groundwater-Professionals.

Iowa does not have a certification or registration program for geologists. However, Iowa does have a certification program for Groundwater Professionals as follows: A Groundwater Professional is defined by Chapter 134 as a "person who provides subsurface soil contamination and groundwater consulting services, or who contracts to perform or who supervises remediation or corrective action services at leaking underground storage tank sites." These services and activities must be provided by or directly supervised by a certified groundwater professional. All reports submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources must be signed by the Certified Groundwater Professional supervising the work at the site.

Effective Date CPG: September 9, 2009

Exemptions: None

ASBOG® Membership: No

Update: The ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Examination is now being administered at Iowa State University in accordance with the procedures and schedules determined by the National Association of State Boards of Geology. Information on taking the FG Examination at ISU can be found at: https://ge-at.iastate.edu/asbog-fundamentals-of-geology-exam/.

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Board Composition:

Requirements: Iowa Administrative Rules Chapter 134, Part A:

http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Underground-Storage-Tanks/UST-LUST-Regulations

Education: Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college.

Experience: Five years of related experience; complete the 16-hour risk-based corrective action (RBCA) course of instruction

Examination: Iowa Certification Examination

Continuing Education: Twelve hours per year to continue groundwater practice.

Exemptions: provided in subrule 134.3(6) of 567-134, Iowa Administrative Code.

Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity):

Registrant Count: Certified Groundwater Professionals: 96

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