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Introduction:

Pumping tests are critical methods for assessing the characteristics and behavior of aquifers, which are essential for understanding groundwater resources. These tests involve pumping water from a well at a controlled rate while monitoring the aquifer's response, including changes in water levels in nearby observation wells. The data gathered from these tests help hydrogeologists determine key aquifer properties such as transmissivity, storage coefficient, and hydraulic conductivity.

Pumping tests are fundamental in evaluating aquifers for water supply planning, environmental management, and assessing the long-term sustainability of groundwater resources. This Pumping Tests for Aquifer Evaluation course provides an in-depth understanding of these tests' methodologies, applications, and analysis techniques.

This Pumping Tests for Aquifer Evaluation course delves into the critical techniques and methodologies used in aquifer tests to evaluate groundwater resources effectively. Participants will gain comprehensive knowledge in aquifer test data analysis and evaluation, focusing on the principles and applications of aquifer pumping and aquifer pumping test procedures.

Special emphasis will be placed on conducting and interpreting pumping test scenarios in unconfined aquifers, ensuring a thorough understanding of the dynamics of these tests. The Pumping Tests for Aquifer Evaluation course explores advanced pumping test methods, equipping attendees with the skills to assess aquifer properties accurately and support sustainable groundwater management.

Targeted Groups:

- Hydrogeologists and Water Resource Engineers.
- Environmental Consultants and Specialists.
- Water Supply and Management Professionals.
- Groundwater Researchers and Academics.
- Government Agencies involved in Water Resource Management.
- Environmental Regulators and Policy Makers.
- Engineers and Technicians in the Water Industry.
- Consultants in Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Students in Hydrogeology and Environmental Engineering.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this Pumping Tests for Aquifer Evaluation course, the participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles and significance of pumping tests in aquifer evaluation.
- Learn how to design and implement effective pumping tests for groundwater assessment.
- Develop skills to analyze and interpret data from pumping tests.
- Gain proficiency in calculating key aquifer properties such as transmissivity and hydraulic conductivity.
- Understand the methods for determining aquifer storage and well efficiency.
- Learn to use hydrogeological modeling and software tools for test analysis.
- Acquire knowledge of best practices for groundwater monitoring and well installation.
- Explore the application of pumping tests in water resource management and sustainability.
- Understand regulatory and environmental considerations when conducting pumping tests.

Targeted Competencies:

By the end of this Pumping Tests for Aquifer Evaluation training, the participant's competencies will:

- Understanding of aquifer properties and behavior.
- Proficiency in designing and conducting pumping tests.
- Ability to analyze and interpret pumping test data.
- Knowledge of hydrogeological models and software tools.
- Expertise in calculating transmissivity, storativity, and hydraulic conductivity.
- Competence in water level monitoring and well-installation techniques.
- Skills in evaluating groundwater sustainability and resource management.
- Familiarity with regulatory standards and environmental considerations.
- Ability to generate and present technical reports on aquifer evaluation results.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Introduction to Aquifer Evaluation and Pumping Tests:

- Overview of groundwater and aquifer systems.
- Types of aquifers: confined, unconfined, and semi-confined.
- Importance of aquifer evaluation for water resource management.
- Objectives of pumping tests in hydrogeology.
- Key concepts: transmissivity, storativity, and hydraulic conductivity.
- Overview of pumping test methodologies.
- Relationship between pumping tests and well performance.

Unit 2: Planning and Designing Pumping Tests:

- Defining objectives and scope of the pumping test.
- Selection of test site and well installation requirements.
- Determining test duration, pumping rates, and observation wells.
- Identifying environmental and regulatory considerations.
- Understanding test configurations: single-well vs. multi-well tests.
- Calculating expected drawdowns and monitoring intervals.
- Selecting appropriate equipment for pumping tests.
- Creating a fieldwork plan and safety protocols.

Unit 3: Conducting Pumping Tests and Data Collection:

- Step-by-step process of conducting a pumping test.
- Setting up pumps and monitoring devices.
- Measuring water levels and flow rates in observation wells.
- Monitoring well recovery and response over time.
- Dealing with challenges during field testing: equipment malfunctions, variable conditions.
- Ensuring accurate data logging and documentation.
- Techniques for managing groundwater contamination during testing.
- Handling issues related to water well interference and test failures.

Unit 4: Analyzing Pumping Test Data:

- Introduction to drawdown curves and their interpretation.
- Analyzing the hydrograph for steady-state and transient flow.
- Calculating transmissivity, hydraulic conductivity, and storativity.
- Using Theis and Cooper-Jacob methods for data analysis.
- Error analysis and handling discrepancies in data.
- Applying different methods for aquifer parameter estimation.
- Understanding pumping test results about aquifer types.
- Integrating data from multiple wells for accurate modeling.

Unit 5: Applications and Case Studies in Aquifer Evaluation:

- Case studies of successful pumping tests for groundwater management.
- Use of pumping tests in water supply planning and well field design.
- Evaluating aquifer sustainability and long-term yield.
- Role of pumping tests in contamination assessments and remediation.
- Application of pumping test results in regulatory compliance and policy-making.
- Managing pumping tests in varying geological and environmental conditions.
- Pumping tests are used for aquifer recharge and groundwater protection.
- Lessons learned from real-world case studies and best practices in aquifer evaluation.