

ANNUAL OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The North Dakota Department of Health is pleased to announce the 49th Annual Professional Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program.

1. **Objectives** - These classes will fulfill the continuing education credit (CEC) requirement for certified operators. You will receive **12 CECs for each session** attended. Roll will be taken during the sessions to verify attendance. Expect to hear presentations regarding regulations and how to avoid mistakes that can lead to non-compliance for your facility. This will include general operation and maintenance topics. **However, the courses are not geared specifically to prepare operators for certification exams.**
2. **Registration** - Please **preregister** using the **enclosed registration form**. You may attend both water and wastewater sessions. Please indicate a second choice when selecting class sessions. The classes will fill up quickly. A **\$20.00 registration fee payable to the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference (NDWPCC)** is required. This covers attendance at one or more sessions. A confirmation letter will be sent and must be presented at the time of registration. If you need to reschedule or cancel, please call Patty Carman at (701) 328-6628.
3. **Membership** - A \$10.00 membership fee for the NDWPCC is optional. Membership includes the Official Bulletin and may be added to the total payment.
4. **Certification exams** - **A separate application form** is required. Applications must be received by the certification officer **15 days before the examination date. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected.** No walk-in exams will be allowed. **An application form is included; please fill out completely; do not use previous applications.** Please make copies if more than one operator will be testing.
 - A. *A photograph identification card is required to take exams.*
 - B. A confirmation letter will be sent and must be presented at the time of testing.
 - C. If you need to reschedule or cancel, please call Craig Bartholomay at (701) 328-6626.
 - D. Please bring your own calculator and pencils.
 - E. **Do not send exam payment with application.** You will be billed separately by the **North Dakota Department of Health.**
 - F. Results of the exams will be sent out after all of the training sessions are completed and after payment has been received for the exam(s).
5. **Location** - All training sessions and certification exams will be held at the **Environmental Training Center, 2639 East Main, Bismarck.**

6. **pH certification (for applicable wastewater operators)** - This will be offered in connection with the wastewater treatment training sessions (see schedule). For more information on the wastewater pH certification or to see if you should attend, please call Randy Kowalski at (701) 328-5239.
7. The North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association is offering a Membrane Technology Workshop April 28 and 29, 2009, at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck. Call Deon Stockert at (701) 221-0530 or Meredith Quinn at (701) 746-8087 for more information.
8. **Sponsors**
 - North Dakota Department of Health
 - North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference
 - North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association
 - North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association
 - North Dakota Water Environment Association
9. **Special needs** - If you need special accommodations or more information, call Mike Brisben at (701) 328-6622.
10. A block of rooms at the Ramkota Hotel (next to Kirkwood Plaza at 800 South 3rd Street) has been booked for the operator training sessions. Please call (701) 258-7700 for reservations. If you elect to use the Ramkota Hotel, the rates are \$55.00 (single) and \$75.00 (double).

11. Class Schedule:

Water Treatment and Distribution - in Bismarck.

March 2, 3 and 4, 2009
March 9, 10 and 11, 2009
March 23, 24 and 25, 2009
March 30, 31 and April 1, 2009

Check in time for registration is 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on March 2, March 9, March 23 and March 30.

Exams are scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on March 4, March 11, March 25 and April 1.

Wastewater Treatment and Collection - in Bismarck.

April 14, 15 and 16, 2009*
April 20, 21 and 22, 2009

Check in time for registration is 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on April 14 and April 20.

Exams are scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on April 16 and April 22.

* Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Membrane Technology Workshop – Kelly Inn, Bismarck

April 28 and 29, 2009

pH Certification - (for applicable wastewater operators)

April 14 and 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for wastewater treatment operators.

12. **Topics** in Water Treatment and Distribution may include:

SDWA Update, Operator Certification, Overview of Water Treatment Rules, BacT Update, Stage I & II Disinfectants/Disinfection By-products Rules, Filtration, Chlorine Meters and Measurements, Disinfection of Pipes and Reservoirs, Fire Hydrants, Groundwater Rule, Lead and Copper Rule, Math, Cross Connections, Pumps, System Security, Fluoridation, Well Head/Source Water Protection, and others.

13. **Topics** in Wastewater Treatment and Collection may include:

Wastewater Basics, History of Wastewater Treatment, Troubleshooting, Physical Aspects of Lagoons, Wetland Systems, Microbiological Life in Ponds, Collection Systems, Operator Certification, Math, Discharge Permits, Lift Station Rehabilitation, Stormwater Update, Pond Construction, and others.

14. **All operators working in public water treatment and/or distribution systems which serve a population of 3,300 or less are eligible for reimbursement. Please pick up the appropriate forms during the training sessions. After payment to the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference and/or state is made, you may apply for reimbursement.**

15. **Questions:**

Regarding exams, call Craig Bartholomay at (701) 328-6626.

Regarding training sessions, call Mike Brisben at (701) 328-6622

Regarding pH certification, call Randy Kowalski at (701) 328-5239.