



OOC



Water Boards
Division of Financial Assistance



Office of Operator Certification

Transition Task Force
November 13, 2013

Mission Statement



- ❖ The primary purpose of the Operator Certification Program is to protect public health and the environment by providing for the effective operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants through the certification of wastewater treatment plant operators.



What does that mean?



- ❖ Through education and experience, operators are expected to gain the expertise necessary to safely treat wastewater so its discharge meets Water Board standards.
- ❖ Operators must be aware of their responsibilities and requirements for certification with the Office of Operator Certification.

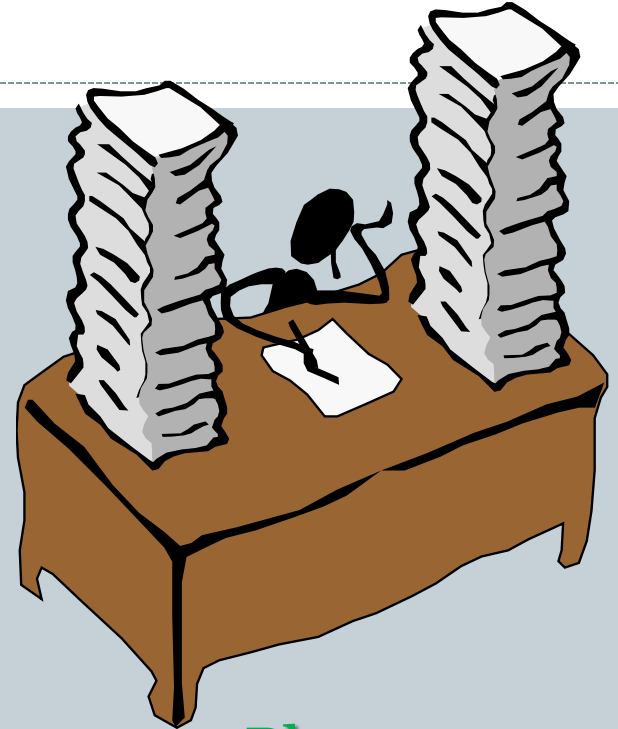
Program - Overview



- ❖ 5, 799 Operators statewide
- ❖ 5 grades of operators (Grades 1 – 5)
- ❖ 2 exams per year (April and October)
- ❖ Approximate 800 examinees per cycle
- ❖ Exams given at 10 sites throughout the state
- ❖ Nine-member Advisory Committee since 1972

Program – Overview Continued

- ❖ Process applications for:
 - ❖ Examinations
 - ❖ New Certifications
 - ❖ Renewal of Certifications
 - ❖ Contract Operator
 - ❖ Provisional Operator (New)
 - ❖ Exemption of Class I Wastewater Treatment Plants (New)
 - ❖ Examination waivers (State and Tribal Reciprocity) (Updated)
- ❖ Administer operator examinations
- ❖ Classification of wastewater treatment plants



Office of Operator Certification

Organizational chart – Administration

Division of Financial Assistance



Staff Support for Office of Operator Certification

- ❖ Examination graders (10 – 12 staff)
Water Resource Control Engineers
- ❖ Legal counsel (1 staff)

Regulations



Updated April 1, 2013

- ❖ **Provisional operator**
- ❖ **Exemption of Class I WWTPs**
- ❖ **Inclusion of privately owned WWTPs**
- ❖ **Examination waivers**
- ❖ **Qualifying experience credit**
- ❖ **Updated Fees**
- ❖ **Updated Definitions**
- ❖ **Other Updates**

Fee Schedule



| Grade | Exam | OIT Cert. | Operator Certification | Operator and OIT Certification Renewal |
|-------|-------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| I | \$140 | \$170 | \$170 | \$170 |
| II | \$180 | \$230 | \$230 | \$230 |
| III | \$350 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| IV | \$440 | \$340 | \$340 | \$340 |
| V | \$440 | \$340 | \$340 | \$340 |

Program Updates & Improvements

New Web-based Operator Certification Information System (OCIS) – Enhanced features

- * Searchable operator listing
- * Online operator Improvements
(coming soon!!!)
- * View profile online
- * Submit application online



Operator Certification Program

Our Mission...

The [mission](#) of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. One aspect to accomplishing this mission is to ensure that operators of wastewater treatment facilities in the State meet the minimum level of competence; thereby, protecting the public health and the environment. The Legislature has given the State Water Board this responsibility.

The State Water Board adopted regulations to define the experience and training requirements necessary to meet the minimum levels of competence. To administer this responsibility, the State Water Board established the Office of Operator Certification in the Division of Financial Assistance.

Announcements

Updated! The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has revised its regulations in chapter 26 of division 3 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, regarding wastewater treatment plant classification, operator certification, and contractor registration for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification Program. The regulations are effective April 1, 2013.

Please see:

- [Final Text of Regulations](#)
- [Underline/Strikeout Version of Regulations](#)
- [Operator Certification Rulemaking Package](#)
- **New!** [Fact Sheet/New Regulations](#) (posted 3/21/13)

Office of Operator Certification (OOC) staff will develop and post a list of FAQs, revise applications and provide guidance as necessary. The OOC will post new information to the web site as it becomes available. (posted 2/1/13)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 1, 2013

NEXT SCHEDULED EXAM

October 5, 2013

(Must be **RECEIVED** by the deadline.)

» [Examination Schedule and Important Information for Examinees](#)

Public Listing of Certified WWTP Operators

Provides a list of Certified WWTP Operators by County, Grade Level, etc.

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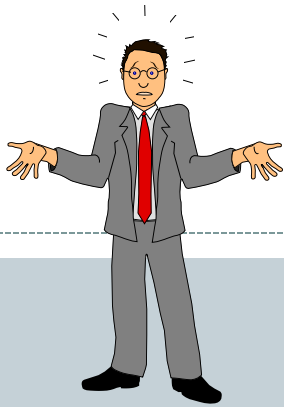
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Updated on: March 13 2013.

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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE INITIAL | CITY | STATE | COUNTY | CERTIFICATE NO | GRADE | ISSUED | EXPIRATION |
|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|
| Smith | Rick | D. | Cedar Ridge | CA | Placer | 3817 | IV | 06/04/2012 | 06/30/2014 |
| Smith | James | L. | Lakeside | CA | San Diego | 2331 | III | 05/20/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith | Donald | L. | Carefree | AZ | Out Of State | 3404 | V | 05/04/2012 | 06/30/2014 |
| Smith | Vincent | M. | Placerville | CA | El Dorado | 9691 | II | 01/03/2012 | 12/31/2013 |
| Smith | James | R. | Sn Juan Capistrano | CA | Orange | 7050 | V | 06/20/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith, I I | Samuel | S. | Lake Elsinore | CA | Riverside | 9418 | II | 12/12/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith | Jennifer | R. | Berkeley | CA | Alameda | 5440 | V | 12/16/2011 | 12/31/2013 |
| Smith | Patrick | A. | Mi Wuk Village | CA | Tuolumne | 7489 | II | 11/09/2012 | 12/31/2014 |
| Smith | Terry | L. | Needles | CA | San Bernardino | 7550 | II | 12/05/2011 | 12/31/2013 |
| Smith | Howard | P. | Santa Maria | CA | Santa Barbara | 4853 | III | 05/20/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith | Charles | E. | Quail Valley | CA | Riverside | 7346 | III | 05/13/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith | Jeffrey | L. | Riverside | CA | Riverside | 5113 | III | 05/09/2012 | 06/30/2014 |
| Smith | Charles | J. | Oceanside | CA | San Diego | 4871 | III | 10/29/2012 | 12/31/2014 |
| Smith | Robert | M. | San Jose | CA | Santa Clara | 10206 | II | 11/19/2012 | 12/31/2014 |
| Smith | Bruce | J. | Lockeford | CA | San Joaquin | 8445 | II | 05/13/2011 | 06/30/2013 |
| Smith | Mark | W. | Santa Barbara | CA | Santa Barbara | 9562 | III | 03/19/2012 | 06/30/2014 |
| Smith | Archie | L. | Fairfield | CA | Solano | 8878 | IV | 04/26/2012 | 06/30/2014 |
| Smith | Marlon | | Lompoc | CA | Special Handle | 34961 | OIT-I | 07/18/2011 | 06/30/2013 |



Questions?



Website:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/operator_certification

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