As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, and state and federal guidance related to social distancing, the May 16th Drinking Water Operator Certification Treatment Examination has been cancelled. The State Water Resources Control Board understands this decision will have negative effects on a lot of individuals and as such, every attempt was made to continue with the examination before the ultimate and very difficult decision of cancelling the examination was made.

All examinees who were approved/scheduled to take the May 16th, Drinking Water Operator Certification Treatment Examination, will automatically be rescheduled for the November 2020 Drinking Water Operator Certification Treatment Examination. Examinees will not be required to pay additional fees to take the November 2020 Drinking Water Operator Certification Treatment Examination.

The State Water Resources Control board is currently working to identify any viable options to assist those Drinking Water Treatment plants who may have emergency needs to have a Drinking Water Operator Certification Treatment Examination (e.g., water system compliance needs, etc.) in the Spring. Therefore, if your Drinking Water Treatment plant has an emergency need for an examination to be conducted, please inform the Drinking Water Operator Certification program by sending the following information to the dwopcertprogram@waterboards.ca.gov e-mail address:

1. Name of Examinee
2. Grade Level of Examination Needed
3. Drinking Water Treatment System Location
4. Drinking Water System Supervisor Contact Information (Name, Phone Number & E-mail Address)
5. Emergency Need

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented circumstances.