



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

WASTEWATER OPERATOR NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Class IV Exam

The Municipal Class IV Review will be held on August 5th, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the fifth floor training room at ADEQ. The Class IV exam will be held on September 2nd, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the sixth floor computer room at ADEQ. The Class IV exam will be a computer based exam utilizing the ABC testing service. Information pertaining to the subjects covered on the exam and study guides can be found at www.abccert.org. There will still be an essay portion as Part B of the exam. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Applications and the application fee to take the exam must be received five (5) days prior to the exam date. Good luck and don't forget to STUDY!

Eighteen-Month Renewal Leading to Two-Year Renewal

Remember - You must complete **18 training hours** in order to renew your license in 2009 (January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). A **minimum of nine (9)** of these hours must be **direct** training hours. *Direct training hours are in subjects directly applicable to the field of wastewater treatment processes, collection, pumping, or management.* The July 2009 renewal will be for 2 years (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009) and will require twenty-four (24) training hours. A minimum of twelve (12) must be direct training hours. There will no longer be any hours carried over from the previous year. Due to the recent mix up with the renewal letters (everyone should have received a corrected renewal form with the correct fee of \$40.00 per license instead of \$30.00) the renewal period has been extended until August 31st, 2009. You have until this date to submit your renewal without the penalty of a late fee. Renewals may be submitted up to one year after the expiration date (June 30, 2009) but after this one year grace period if you have failed to meet the training requirements and pay the correct fee then your license will be inactivated.



Regulation No. 3, Licensing of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators

The changes of Regulation 3 became effective March 17, 2008.

The changes to Regulation 3 that will probably affect you:

- The application and licensing fee must be received by ADEQ no later than 5 business days prior to the test date.
- If you pass an exam and meet the education, experience, and training requirements for the next level of licensing, you may proceed to the next level with no waiting period.
- If you fail an exam, you must wait 3 months before testing again.
- To retest a failed examination, you must submit an application and testing fee of \$20.00.
- If you do not hold an Industrial License, you have one year from the effective date of the Regulation to request, in writing, to be grandfathered in.

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Wastewater Licensing's information is located on the ADEQ Water Division webpage. It includes forms, calendars, curriculum, and needs-to-know, plus links to Regulation 3, the licensing database, and training institutes.

To register for classes through the AR Environmental Academy (AEA), call (870) 574-4589, or www.sautech.edu/aea_entry.html

To register for classes through AR Rural Water Association (ARWA), call (501) 676-2255, or www.arkansasruralwater.org

Calendar of Events

Always confirm class dates and schedules prior to beginning of class date with the appropriate training provider.

JULY			
July 6-17	Extended Aeration Activated Sludge	Internet	AEA
July 7-9	Advanced Industrial	Maumelle	AEA
July 13-24	Basic Industrial	Internet	AEA
July 13-31	Class I	Internet	AEA
July 14-16	Class I	Lonoke	ARWA
July 21-23	Wastewater Collection Systems	Mountain Home	AEA
July 28, 2009	Wastewater Short School	Clarksville	ARWA
AUGUST			
August 3-14	Advanced Activated Sludge	Internet	AEA
August 3-21	Class II	Internet	AEA
August 10-28	Advanced Industrial	Internet	AEA
August 11-12	Advanced Wastewater	Lonoke	ARWA
August 11-13	Class I	Paragould	AEA
August 18, 2009	Wastewater Short School	McGehee	ARWA
August 30 - September 4	Class II	Fayetteville	AEA
SEPTEMBER			
September 7-18	Advanced Activated Sludge	Internet	AEA
September 7-25	Class I	Internet	AEA
September 14-17	Class II	Lonoke	ARWA
September 14-18	Class III	Arkadelphia	AEA
September 14-25	Basic Industrial	Internet	AEA
September 22, 2009	Wastewater Short School	Heber Springs	ARWA
September 28 - October 1	Class II	Maumelle	AEA
OCTOBER			
October 5-16	Industrial Pretreatment of Poultry Processes	Internet	AEA
October 5-23	Class II	Internet	AEA
October 12-14	Class I (ARWA Annual Conference)	Hot Springs	ARWA
October 13-14	Basic Industrial	Camden	AEA
October 19-30	Advanced Industrial	Internet	AEA
October 20-22	Class I	Camden	AEA
October 27, 2009	Wastewater Short School	Lonoke	ARWA
NOVEMBER			
November 2-4	Advanced Industrial	Camden	AEA
November 2-13	Overview of Industrial Treatment	Internet	AEA

November 2-27	Class III	Internet	AEA
November 3, 2009	Wastewater Short School	Harrison	ARWA
November 9-12	Class II	Camden	AEA
DECEMBER			
December 7-11	Class III	Fayetteville	AEA
December 7-11	Class III	Lonoke	ARWA