

CERTIFICATION EXAM NOTICE WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATOR

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will conduct written examinations at the Training Center in Franklin, NH, for all levels of wastewater treatment plant operator certification on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The examinations will commence promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Registration: Applications for the examination must be received at the NHDES Wastewater Operations Section office by 4:00 p.m. on October 3, 2011. The Certification Committee will review the applications and notify the applicants in writing of their eligibility to take the examination. The Committee will consider only information submitted on or before the application due date. Applications that are incomplete or those lacking supporting evidence will be returned unprocessed. Visit the DES web site to download an Application for Certification at <http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/applications.htm>, or contact DES at (603) 271-5553 and request a copy.

Payment: Legislation requires a \$50 application fee (non-refundable) for certification examinations. Please indicate on the check: "WASTEWATER EXAM FEE." Make check or money order payable to:

TREASURER - STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mail fee with complete application to:

**NHDES Water Division
Wastewater Operations Section
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095**

Exam Criteria: Applicants who achieve a score of 70% correct or higher on the OIT exam must complete the full experience requirement prior to receiving a full grade license. Applicants who take the Grade 1 examination and achieve a score of 70% correct or higher will receive a Grade 1 license. Operators achieving a score of 70% correct or higher on the written examination for Grades 2, 3 and 4 may be required to attend an interview with the Certification Committee as the second step of the certification process. The education and experience requirements for the various grades are as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1-OIT	0 years	12 years	Full Grade 1 after one yr of full time experience
1	1 year	12 years	HS diploma or GED for education
2-OIT	1 year	12 years	HS diploma or GED for education
	<u>or</u>	13 years	HS diploma <u>plus</u> 1 yr wastewater certificate
2	3 years	12 years	HS diploma or GED for education
3-OIT	2 years	14 years	HS or GED <u>plus</u> 90 CEUs or 2 yrs college
3	4 years	14 years	HS or GED <u>plus</u> 90 CEUs or 2 yrs college
4-OIT	4 years	14 years	HS or GED <u>plus</u> 90 CEUs or 2 yrs college
4	6 years	14 years	HS or GED <u>plus</u> 90 CEUs or 2 yrs college

Applied WW Math Review: There will be an Applied Wastewater Math Review class for all grades prior to the exam. The class will be held at the DES Training Center (FTC) in Franklin, NH, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The fee is \$40 per person. The next certification exam will be administered in June 2012.

<u>Schedule of Dates:</u>	
Application Due Date	October 3, 2011
Math Review: All Grades	November 16, 2011
Written Examination: All Grades	December 7, 2011

Recommended Review Materials: An excellent set of wastewater operator training manuals for all levels of certification are available from the California State University, Sacramento, Calif., Office for Water Programs. Contact NHDES Wastewater Operations Section at (603) 271-5553 for a brochure or contact CSU, Sacramento directly at (916) 278-6142 or by fax at (916) 278-5959 or on the Internet at <http://www.owp.csus.edu>