



Environmental Operators Certification Program
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BC Water & Wastewater Operators
BC Municipal and Regional District Chief Administrative Officers
BC Water & Wastewater Facility Managers

Subject: **Continuing Education Requirement for Certification Renewal**

Although it has been announced many times in the past, and consistently during the last two years, the EOCP is still getting feedback from a few people that they are not aware of the requirement for continuing education for all Certified Operators.

Effective January 1, 2008, every Level I to IV Operator, certified by the Environmental Operators Certification Program, must confirm completion of 24 hours of approved, appropriate training taken in the period September 2004 to December 2007 in order to renew their certification for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. Small Water and Wastewater System Operators must complete 12 hours of training during the same period. For those not familiar, this is comparable to virtually every other jurisdiction in North America and formally announced in January 2004. Check the EOCP website at www.eocp.org for info regarding CEU allocations for various courses, etc.

Those Operators who do not complete the necessary continuing education will be considered Not in Good Standing and if the operator is the Chief Operator for that facility/system their employer will be considered not in compliance with the Drinking Water Protection Regulation (Water Distribution or Treatment) or the Municipal Sewage Regulation (Wastewater Treatment) depending upon the nature of the facility.

In order to return to Active membership, the operator will have to show proof of completing the required continuing education and pay a re-instatement fee. The fee has yet to be determined by the EOCP Board.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement please contact the EOCP office or visit the EOCP website at www.eocp.org

Yours truly,

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