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New Contacts For Operator Certification Issues

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  - Forms
    - OIC Designation
    - Contract Operator Report
  - Lists of Upcoming Training

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Operator Designation Reminders

Certified operators are required for animal operations with liquid waste management systems that serve:

- 250 or more swine;
- 100 or more confined cattle;
- 75 or more horses;
- 1,000 or more sheep; or
- 30,000 or more confined poultry.

If you are the owner of an animal operation described above, remember that it is your responsibility to maintain a properly certified Operator in Charge (OIC) to operate and maintain your animal waste management system.

It is also your responsibility to submit a designation form designating an Operator in Charge (who possesses a currently valid animal waste management system certificate of the appropriate type) to DWQ's Technical Assistance and Certification Unit. Designation of a backup operator is optional.

If you own and operate your own animal waste management system, you must still complete and submit a designation form.

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Certification Exam Dates for 2005

The remaining examination dates for 2005 are:

- June 9th;
- September 9th; and
- December 8th.

The required certification training must be completed prior to submitting an application. Applications must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the desired examination date.

Contract Operators Annual Report - A Requirement *and* Good Business

If you are a contract animal waste management system operator, you are required by 15A NCAC 08F .0203(d) to file an annual report with the WPCSOCC.

A "contract animal waste management system operator" means any certified animal waste operator who enters into a contractual agreement with the owner of an animal operation to provide the services and assume the responsibilities of the OIC or back-up operator. An operator who is employed by the owner of an animal operation and whose job responsibilities include OIC or back-up operator duties is not considered a contract animal waste management system operator.

The Contract Operators Annual Report is due by January 15th each year and must include the following information:

1. the name of the certified operator, mailing address, phone number, and certificate number(s); and
2. the name, mailing address, county, and facility identification number, and type of each animal waste management system for which the certified operator has been designated as OIC.

Filing the annual report is a regulatory requirement, but is also good business. Contract operators who submit an annual report and authorize publication of their contact information will be placed on a list of contract operators made available to the public.

Annual report forms will soon be available on the TACU website. Until then, they can be obtained by calling 919-733-0026, extension 304. Completed reports can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to this office.

Save Time — Go On-line

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/tacu/index.html

- Operator Examination Applications
- OIC Designation Forms
- Upcoming Certification and Continuing Education Training
- Certified Operator Lists

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ndpu/ndpuapps.html

- Notification of Change of Ownership
- NPDES Short Form B - Existing Facility
- Request for Modification to Existing COC for State Non-Discharge Permit
- Request for Renewal of Existing Certificate of Coverage for State Non-Discharge Permit

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ndceu/Animal.html

- CAFO Annual Certification Form
- Rain Breaker Form
- Sludge Survey Method
- NRCS Lagoon Pump Down Guidance (pdf)
- Lagoon Pump Down Form
- NPDES Permit Guidance Document

Contact Information for Operator Certification Issues

DWQ Technical Assistance & Certification Unit
1618 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1618
Phone: (919)733-0026 Fax: (919)733-1338
Website: http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/tacu/index.html

Sludge Surveys

Owners of permitted animal operations are required to conduct annual surveys of sludge accumulation in all lagoons. For farms covered under NPDES permits, the first survey was due within one year of permit issuance. For farms covered under the State General Permit, the first survey must be completed within two years of permit issuance.

If the sludge accumulation is greater than the volume for which the lagoon was designed or reduces the lagoon's minimum treatment volume to less than the volume for which the lagoon was designed, a plan must be submitted to DWQ within 90 days which documents removal and waste utilization procedures to be used.

The publication *Sludge Management & Closure Procedures for Anaerobic Lagoons, AG-604*, tells how to carry out a sludge survey and discusses sludge depth measurement, volume determination, and nutrient sampling. This document can be found at: http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/programs/extension/manure/sludge-survey/sludgesurvey.htm.

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A new form must be submitted within 30 days whenever changes in involving the designated OIC occur. Some examples are:

- The designated OIC resigns, is terminated, or is relieved of OIC responsibilities;
- The designated OIC's certification becomes invalid because the operator failed to renew it;
- The designated OIC's certification is suspended or revoked by the Certification Commission as the result of disciplinary action.

You can obtain blank designation forms from the TACU website or by calling Judy Rhodes at 919-733-0026, extension 304.

Failure to have a designation form on file with DWQ that designates a properly certified operator is a violation of 15A NCAC 2H .0224 and may result in the assessment of a civil penalty.

Completed designation forms should be faxed or mailed to:

WPCSOCC
Technical -Assistance and Certification Unit
1618 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC, 27699-1618
Fax: 919-733-1338

Finally, always keep copies of all designation forms for your records.

Supervisor of DWQ Animal Feeding Operations Unit Announced

Paul Sherman was recently named supervisor of the Animal Operations Permitting and Compliance (AFOPC) Unit. Some of you may remember Paul from his days as an inspector in DWQ's Fayetteville Regional Office. More recently, Paul was an Environmental Engineer in the Non-Discharge Permitting Unit. Located in the Parker-Lincoln Building at 2728 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, Paul and staff are part of DWQ's Aquifer Protection Section.

WPCSOCC Disciplinary Actions

Operator	Certification(s)	Action	Grounds
Walter Bill Curlee	WW3 11022 CS3 14142	Revocation	Fraud and deception. Failure to use reasonable care or judgment.
Charles Hubbard	WW3 29244	Revocation	Fraud and deception. Failure to use reasonable care or judgment.
Woodrow Hilton Keel	LA 14365	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care or judgment. Failure to include correct volume of sludge land applied in annual report.
Randolph McMillan	SI 14903	One Year Suspension	Failure to apply knowledge and ability.
Jeffrey Woodruff	WW2 10460 SS 12087	Revocation	Fraud and deception. Falsification of laboratory data.
Tommy Warren	WW1 24343	Revocation	Fraud and deception. Failure to apply knowledge and ability.
Richard C. Anderson	AW 17505	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care or judgment.
Jason M. Jones	AWA 27204	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care or judgment.
Clay K. Carter	AW 16359	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care or judgment.
Terry Green	CS 2 23838 WW 1 6539	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care in maintaining records and proper reporting.
William D. Martin	CS 2 29046 P/C 1 28881	Letter of Reprimand	Failure to use reasonable care or judgment. Failure to apply knowledge and ability.

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