

Future Direction of the OETC Program



2009 Clean and Safe
Drinking Water
Workshop:
Rural Reactions and
Remedies



Operator Education Current Practices

■ Water Distribution

- Water Distribution Basics (1-day)
- Water System Hydraulics (1-day)
- Water Quality Issues (1-day)

■ Water Treatment

- Water Treatment Level I and II (3-day)



Operator Education Current Practices Cont'd

- Wastewater Collection
 - Wastewater Collection Basics (1-day)
 - Wastewater Collection Part 2 (1-day)

- Wastewater Treatment
 - Wastewater Treatment Level I (3-day)



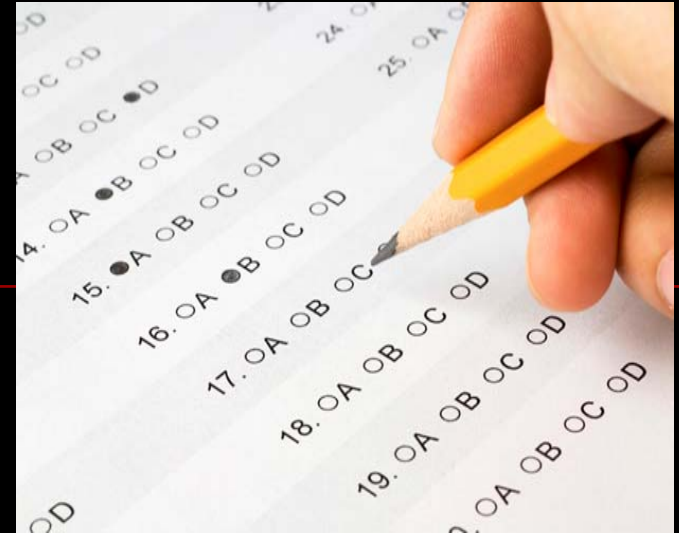
Operator On-site Training Current Practices

- Disinfection
- Liquid Chlorination
- Gas Chlorination
- Leak Detection
- Control Valve Management
- Pipe Tapping
- Hydrant Maintenance
- Water Distribution System Flushing



Operator Certification Current Practices

- Certification in 4 Categories
 - Water Distribution
 - Water Treatment
 - Wastewater Collection
 - Wastewater Treatment



- Certification in 4 Levels per Category
 - WD I to IV
 - WT I to IV
 - WWC I to IV
 - WWT I to IV

Operator Certification Changes are Coming!

- **Mandatory Certification**
 - Being phased in
 - Participation monitored by CW&W Section
- **ACWWVCB will cease to function**
 - OETC will operate Certification Program
- **Window of Opportunity for Changes**
 - VSWDS Certification
 - VSWWCS Certification

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We want to continue to offer more education and training opportunities to operators, and do so in a manner that is convenient.....



**We need your
help!!!**

Questionnaire

Section 1 – Operator Information

- # of years working as an operator
- Operator status:
 - Volunteer, Seasonal, Part-time, Full-time, Town Clerk/Staff, Council Member, etc.



Questionnaire

Section 2 – Operator Education (Classroom)

- Do you participate in education seminars?
- What do you like about the seminars?
- What would you like to see changed?
- What topics would you like to see in future seminars?



Questionnaire

Section 3 – Operator On-site Training (MTUs)

- Have you participated in on-site training?
- What type of training would like to see in the future?
- What additional equipment could we add to the MTUs?
- What can we do to improve our on-site training program?



Questionnaire

Section 4 -Operator Certification

- Do you think operators should be certified?
- Are you certified?
- When should certification exams be held?



Questionnaire

Section 5 - Other

- Have you visited the OETC website?
- What would you like added to our website?
- Do you feel there is adequate communication between the OETC Program and communities?
- Any additional comments...

www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/Env/waterres/Template_OTEC.asp#mark

Prize Draw....

The questionnaire can be submitted anonymously, however...

If you provide us with your name (last page of questionnaire) we will include you in a draw for a small gift



Submit your questionnaire to a member of the OETC Section