

ANNUAL OPERATOR ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM
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The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce the 61st Annual Professional Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program.

1. **Objectives** – The online course will fulfill the continuing education credit (CEC) requirement for certified operators. You will receive **12 CECs for the online course upon completion**. Attendance will be tracked through Bismarck State College Blackboard and a certificate of completion will be printed and mailed by NDDEQ. Expect to hear presentations regarding regulations and how to avoid mistakes that can lead to noncompliance for your facility. This will include general operation and maintenance topics. **The course, however: is not geared specifically to prepare operators for certification exams. An exam training course is being created and information will be sent when course is available.**

2. **Class Schedule:**

Online Course Water 222– Bismarck State College

Course will be online at your own pace but will need to be completed by the course end date. To accommodate all registrants, the course will be open during two time periods: March 1, 2021 to March 26, 2021 and April 5, 2021 to April 30, 2021. You will be able to select your date option during the registration process.

All course units must be completed by course end date to receive a certificate of completion and 12 CECs.

3. **Registration** – This year the training will be an online course setup with Bismarck State College; the Course will be Water 222. Registration will be as follows:

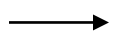
- A. **First, go to the following website to select the March or April course time period and pay the \$200 registration fee:**

https://epayment.ndus.nodak.edu/C22800_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=28&CATID=1926&SINGLESTORE=true

- B. **Upon confirmation of registration and payment, Emily Gullicks from Bismarck State College will be sending two emails. The first email will have the information for the operator to claim their ID and instructions on creating a password. The second email will have the website for logging into the course. Please make sure to look for these emails.**

For questions, please call Shawn Heinle, NDDEQ, at 701-328-6627 or Emily Gullicks, Bismarck State College, at 701-224-2519.

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4. **Sponsors -**

- ND Department of Environmental Quality
- ND Water and Pollution Control Conference
- ND Chapter of the American Public Works Association
- ND Section of the American Water Works Association
- ND Water Environment Association

5. **Topics** in Water Treatment and Distribution **may** include:

SDWA Update, Operator Certification, Overview of Water Treatment Rules, BacT Update, Stage I & II Disinfectants/Disinfection By-products Rules, Filtration, Chlorine Meters and Measurements, Disinfection of Pipes and Reservoirs, Fire Hydrants, Groundwater Rule, Lead and Copper Rule, Math, Cross Connections, Pumps, System Security, Fluoridation, Well Head/Source Water Protection, and others.

6. **Topics** in Wastewater Treatment and Collection **may** include:

Wastewater Basics, History of Wastewater Treatment, Troubleshooting, Physical Aspects of Lagoons, Wetland Systems, Microbiological Life in Ponds, Collection Systems, Operator Certification, Math, Discharge Permits, Lift Station Rehabilitation, Stormwater Update, Pond Construction, and others.

7. **All operators working in community or nontransient noncommunity public water treatment and/or distribution systems which serve a population of 3,300 or less are eligible for reimbursement. After payment to Bismarck State College is made, you may apply for reimbursement. The reimbursement form is located at:**

https://www.deq.nd.gov/Forms/MF/Operator_Reimbursement_Form.pdf?v=4

Please contact LeeAnn Tillotson, 701-328-5293, or ltillots@nd.gov for further information.

8. **Questions:**

Regarding training sessions, call Shawn Heinle at 701-328-6627.

Regarding exams, call Craig Bartholomay at 701-328-6626.

9. **Please Note:**

All certified operators are required to pay annual renewal fees and earn 12 (CECs) in a three-year period. Failure to do so will result in revocation of all certificates.