

# **ANNUAL IN-PERSON OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce the 65th Annual Professional Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program.

1. **Objectives** - These classes will fulfill the continuing education credit (CEC) requirement for certified operators. You will receive **12 CECs for each session** attended. Roll will be taken during the sessions to verify attendance. 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. **There are no exams associated with the trainings.**

2. **Registration** – Go to the Eventbrite page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-nddeq-spring-training-tickets-1109411602969?aff=oddtcreator>

**A \$30.00 registration fee is required. NO SHOWS will not be refunded.** Each class will be limited to 220 attendees. A confirmation email will be sent by Eventbrite confirming registration. *If you need to reschedule or cancel, please call Shawn Heinle at 701-328-6627.*

3. **Location** - All training sessions will be held at the Russel Reid Auditorium in the North Dakota Heritage Center, 612 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck.

6. **pH certification** will be offered in conjunction with the water and wastewater training sessions. Training will be 10:00 am at the Environmental Training Center. For more information on the pH certification, please contact Montana Kruske at 701-328-5172 or [mkruske@nd.gov](mailto:mkruske@nd.gov).

7. **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

8. **Special needs** - If you need special accommodations or more information, please call Shawn Heinle at 701-328-6627.

9. A list of hotels offering state rate is posted on the Eventbrite registration page.

## Class Schedule:

### Water - Bismarck

1. March 31 – April 2, 2025
2. April 7-9, 2025

### Wastewater – Bismarck

1. April 28-30, 2025

Check-in time for registration is 12:00 p.m. on March 31, April 7 and April 28.

### pH Certification -

March 31, April 7, and April 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the ETC

10. **Topics** in Water Treatment and Distribution may include.

SDWA Update; Operator Certification; Overview of Water Treatment Rules; RTCR 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; Others.

11. **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; Others.

12. **All operators working in community and non-transient noncommunity public drinking water treatment and/or distribution systems which serve a population of 3,300 or less are eligible for reimbursement. Please pick up the appropriate forms during the training sessions. After payment to the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference and/or state is made, you may apply for reimbursement.**

**Because our Division of Accounting will now be issuing the checks, they require that each individual operator or System (City) requesting reimbursement must also submit a signed IRS W-9 Form with the request.**

**If the operator does not want to complete the W-9, then the option is to indicate on the Operator Reimbursement form that the city should receive the reimbursement. The city will submit a W-9 and then the city can reimburse the operator.**

Copies of the Operator Reimbursement form and W-9 form will be available at the trainings, they also can be found on the Department website:  
<https://deq.nd.gov/MF/Forms.aspx>, scroll down to Operator Reimbursement.

As a reminder for those who may not know, the Operator Certification Portal is now LIVE! Training videos and the link to the portal can be found at the following web address: <https://deq.nd.gov/MF/OperatorCertification/Training.aspx>.