MEMORANDUM

FILE: Landfill Operator Training

TO: Owner/Operators of Industrial Waste Landfills, Inert Waste Landfills, Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, Special Waste Landfills, and Transfer Stations

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SUBJECT: 2022 Landfill Operator Training Course

DATE: December 2, 2021

Introduction:
Recent changes to the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules require that all municipal solid waste landfills, municipal waste incinerators, municipal solid waste ash landfills, and special waste landfills which accept primarily oilfield special waste or TENORM waste in North Dakota have a certified operator on-site at all times during facility operation. Also, all industrial waste landfills and special waste landfills which accept primarily coal combustion residuals in North Dakota are required to have at least one certified operator whose primary work location is at the facility. To assist operators in meeting these demands, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is offering a 2 1/2-day Landfill Operator Training Course and Certification Examination at the Department's new office (Normandy Building) in Bismarck.

Who Should Attend:
Landfill and transfer station operators will gain valuable information on the concepts and practices that are needed to properly operate a solid waste management facility. Certified operators who wish to remain certified must attend a course every three years; thus, operators who were certified in 2019 or before must attend this course (or a similar approved course) to be eligible for recertification. To be eligible for certification, an operator must pass the exam and have at least one year’s experience at an industrial waste landfill, an inert waste landfill, a municipal waste landfill, a special waste landfill or transfer station. Consultants, public works officials, and other interested parties are also invited to attend. The training session will explain the state’s Solid Waste Management Rules in a way that is easy to understand by outlining requirements such as site selection, construction, operation, closure, groundwater monitoring, and financial assurance.

When:
There will be two courses offered this year. The draft agenda for each course is attached. Each course includes approximately 12 hours of classroom instruction.

The 1st course is scheduled for February 1 – February 3, 2022, with the certification examination on February 3. This course is intended for municipal solid waste landfill operators that are new or have not passed the course twice previously, and operators of inert waste landfills and transfer stations. MSW landfill operators that have previously passed this course twice have the option to attend this course or the 2nd course (February 8 – February 10, 2022).

The 2nd course is scheduled for February 8 – February 10, 2022, with the certification examination on February 10. This course is intended for operators of industrial waste landfills and special waste landfill operators. MSW landfill operators that have previously passed the other course twice have the option to attend this course or the 1st course (February 1 – February 3, 2022).
Where:

Normandy Building
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503
701-328-5166

Food and Lodging

Those attending the course will be responsible for lodging and all meals. The Department has reserved a block of rooms at a special rate of $86.40 plus tax per night. The rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn Bismarck Hotel (1030 E Interstate Ave). You must make your own reservation by calling 701-223-1911. Please mention “Landfill Operator Training” when making your reservation to receive the special room rates. You must make your reservation by January 17, 2022, for the 1st course or January 24, 2022, for the 2nd course, or you may arrange other accommodations on your own.

What to Have on Hand:

< Calculator
< Supply of pencils, erasers, pens, and highlighter marker.
< Coffee drinkers should provide their own cup to minimize the use of disposable cups.

Cost:

The total cost for the course is $75 per person for individuals taking the exam, and $50 for those attending and not taking the exam.

Registration:

The purpose of this memo is to determine the number of course attendees so the Department can plan accordingly. The course is offered on an annual basis. If you or other representatives from your solid waste management facility wish to attend this year’s Landfill Operator Training Course, there are two registration options:

1. Credit Card Payment:

   To pay by credit card, please register at Eventbrite using the following links and the password NDDEQ

   1st Course: https://2022lotcourse1.eventbrite.com
   2nd Course: https://2022lotcourse2.eventbrite.com

2. Check Payment:

   Please complete the attached registration form, enclose a check in the proper amount, and return it to the Department no later than January 21, 2022, to reserve a spot. PLEASE CHECK THE BOX INDICATING WHICH COURSE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

   Make checks payable to: ND Water & Pollution Control Conference

Should you have any questions concerning landfill operator certification, please contact Lexi Craig at 701-328-5171.

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