

## REMEMBERING CYNTHIA

Cynthia A. Hiers-Robinson, instructor - mentor - friend, died August 4<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. As an instructor at the Doña Ana Branch Community College Water Technology Program for 23 years, her impact on New Mexico's water and wastewater field has been very significant and her death came as a shock to us all.

Cynthia was born May 26, 1947, in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated in 1970 from NMSU with a BS in Biology, and in 1982 earned a Master of Art in Educational Management and Development. She became a full professor at NMSU in 1997 and had completed some course work towards a Ph.D. at the time of her death. Contributions can be made to the National Cancer society and Casa Esperanza House at UNM Medical Center, Albuquerque.

In her youth she had served two years as a Naval Communications Officer at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and had a great love of the ocean. She and Eugene Robinson, whom she married in 1974, enjoyed vacationing at Martha's Vineyard Island on the Great Tisbury Pond. Eugene

preceded her in death in April of this year.

Cynthia worked for the City of Las Cruces, NM in the Wastewater Department from 1975 until October 1978, when she joined the staff of the Water Tech Program. She became the Coordinator of the Water Tech



**In 1992 Cynthia received the John Clark Award from the NMWWA for "Outstanding Service to the Association"**

Program in 1985, a position she held until 1991 when she stepped down to devote more time to her own course work and fiction writing. At the time of her death, Cynthia had nearly completed work on a multi-media, interactive activated sludge training program using Hyperstudio. Hopefully this CD Rom training program will be finished and made available in the future.

A very spiritual person, Cynthia was the Chairperson of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is in Las Cruces.

On a personal note, this editor remembers Cynthia as a friend. When my husband Bob first started work for the Doña Ana Branch in 1983, Cynthia and Eugene opened their home to us and we spent some very pleasant evenings together discussing spiritual matters. Cynthia and I also shared something a little different in common - the same china pattern... "Botanica" by Villeroy & Boch, a collection of many different wild flowers. So you see, I'll never really be able to forget her.

What follows are reflections from various friends and colleagues.

Like many of you reading this, I was shocked and saddened by the death of Cynthia Hiers-Robinson. I knew Cynthia as a teacher at the Doña Ana Branch and as an instructor at the various short schools held around the state. Since she didn't have any of her own children, the Water Tech Program was her child.

She was relentless in her quest to educate herself, those entering the field, and the veterans in it. When asked a question, I often heard her respond, "I don't have that answer, but I will get back to you with it." Cynthia would do just that! She would spend the time to find out the answer even if her students had quickly forgotten the question. Like many dedicated people in the field of water and wastewater, she wasn't teaching for the money, but because she believed that she could make a difference in an individual's life and improve the environment.

Speaking as one of the many thousands of students who sat through her math and activated sludge classes over the years, I honor her for her commitment and service to education in the field of water and wastewater and to a life well spent. Cynthia, you will be missed by many.

- Mary Beth Garcia  
Operator,  
RAD Liquid Waste  
Plant LANL

Every time I am in Las Cruces teaching at the annual school I break away one afternoon for a hike in the Organ mountains. There is a trail there that is one of my favorites in all of New Mexico. It dawned upon me at the memorial service that Cynthia is the person that introduced this trail to me. Among the many gifts that she gave to me, I value this one very highly. I will think of Cynthia the next time I am there.

- Robert George, Field Training Specialist, WUTAP

I will always remember Cynthia's smile.... The day she told me she was going to step down at Dona Ana to spend more time in class... The last time we talked about her plans for her retirement ... And every time in between, as we would meet in the hall after a long day of classes at the short school... That smile she always wore because she was doing what she loved...

- Fred Ragsdale, Technical O&M Instructor, City of Albuquerque



Cynthia was a gem. She was working on her Master's degree in microbiology when she came to work for the City Laboratory. Apparently she decided to make a change in career choices, one that lasted many years and touched many lives.

Cynthia was a friend of mine - not the kind you see often, but the kind that you light up when you see, as she did when she saw me. I miss the chance to call her to go to lunch and to catch up on all her many, many activities. I was always amazed to hear what she was taking on next, from

working on another degree to writing mystery novels. She had a wonderful sense of humor and always cracked me up when she sang her little songs, "Up in the Air Junior Bird men" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold". The first one she did with her hands turned backwards and upside down to form aviator goggles for her eyes (lots of flexibility there). And the second, she did with the perfect amount of schmaltz, "...in the boarding house where I lived everything was growing old, silver threads among the

butter and the bread was on the mold...".

Cynthia was a Renaissance woman and was so interesting to listen to because of her love of knowledge. The world has certainly lost some of its sparkle.

- Bill McKinney, retired,  
(City of Las Cruces)

Cynthia became a Baha'i in the early 70's in Hawaii when she was stationed there in the Navy. When she heard Baha'u'llah's teachings of the oneness of the great living religions and the oneness of all humanity, she fell in love with the Baha'i Faith.

She moved to Las Cruces shortly thereafter, and served for more than 20 years as a member of the Spiritual Assembly, which is the elected body of nine who consult and make decisions. Much of that time she was elected to serve as the chairperson because of her great capacity to guide discussions. She had a way of summarizing a variety of suggestions that brought about decisions which resulted in action.

She used to love to hike, and several times we would take the 3 hour trek up Baylor Pass, which is near our home here in Las Cruces, NM. We would sit up on a huge flat rock about half way up to rest and look out over the valley.

She sometimes would update me on a novel she has been writing for many years— a sort of outer space, science fiction about the world of the future. Cynthia loved puns and with her quick mind could make them up in almost any conversation. I loved being with her.

I visited her in the hospital the day before she passed. She loved Baha'i prayers and was a very spiritual person. We laughed and talked about many things. As she was sitting on the edge of her bed, we had a big hug before I left. She always gave the greatest hugs!

I will always remember her as my dear friend and a handmaiden of God.

- Pauline Hoff, Secretary  
Baha'is of Las Cruces

I have some very fond memories of Cynthia. She had a self-made sign hanging in her office which said "It takes alkynes". Alkynes is a chemistry term and it showed her type of humor in our highly technical business. She and I always shared a laugh out of that sign.

I also remember the day that she found out that she was going to be the Coordinator of the Water Technology Program. I saw her walking down the hall alone and all of a sudden she jumped up and clicked her heels. She was thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Program.

She was a sweet person, a dedicated person, a fantastic educator and a wonderful friend and co-worker. I will always be glad to have known her in my life.

- Gene Nelms, former Coordinator,  
Water Tech Program, DABCC

I will always remember Cynthia as being one of the most knowledgeable, patient, and humorous teachers I ever had. She helped me attain the feeling that I was not just making a career change, but that I was becoming an integral part of society.

She was always ready to spend after hours with students like me who benefitted from working in a study group. I admired her dedication to the field. Not only did she teach and work with us after school hours, but she was also a student herself for most of the time I was in the Water Tech Program getting her masters degree. On top of her private life, she also came to my rescue when my private life went haywire.

My husband, my son, and I will miss her in this world.

- Gina George, Environmentalist,  
County of Los Alamos

I Remember the time that I was taking a lab class while going through the Water Tech Program and we were looking at microorganisms. As we all sat in amazement over the different microorganisms that we were finding in the microscopes, I realized that there was still somebody more amazed at what they were finding. That individual was Cynthia Heirs-Robinson and she was our instructor. That day she jumped out of her chair and asked everyone to hurry and come and see what she had found in the slide. Everyone rushed over and got in line to see the rotifer she had centered on her microscope. It amazed me that an individual that had been doing this for several years still got excited about things of that nature. After I graduated and began my career with the City of Las Cruces, I was able to keep in touch with Cynthia. Her enthusiasm for her job and the service she offered to individuals and to this region remained the same as that day when I was in her lab class.

- Eric Lopez, Plant Manager,  
Jacob A. Hands Wastewater Treatment Plant

Cynthia's contributions to the water and wastewater field will be felt for many years to come. I never had classes with her, but I was in awe of her teaching abilities. She taught me a lot about student interaction and general instruction. My fondest memories of Cynthia all relate to "bear hugs". When that lady laid a bear hug on you, you knew that you had been hugged.

- Robert Gott, Coordinator  
Water Utilities Technical Assistance Prog.

Cynthia was a wonderful person who truly loved her role as an educator. If there was something an operator was interested in learning she would do anything to help them. So many of us owe our certification to her in no small degree. She was a tremendous asset to the water and wastewater field and we will miss her terribly.

- Nick Tobey, Wastewater  
Superintendent, Town of Bernalillo

I was not a close personal friend of Cynthia but I had numerous occasions to observe her work with students, faculty, and with others in the water utilities field. My observation was that Cynthia was very highly dedicated to her profession as a teacher and that she was very effective in managing a large workload. She communicated well with students and challenged them to learn and appreciate technical concepts and information in the water utilities field. Cynthia took on a lot of responsibility and made things happen both for students and for working associates.

Cynthia's heart was always in the right place and she was a model of service to her students and to her community. Her passing is a loss to all of us who work in the education and water utilities fields.

- Haywood Martin, Bureau Chief,  
NMED Construction Programs

Cynthia always took the time to lend an extra few minutes to help teach someone something they didn't understand. Her knowledge helped me obtain my double IV. I owe a lot to her. She was a great lady. God Bless her.

- Ken Mosley, Water Superintendent,  
Village of Ruidoso

I have lots of fond remembrances of Cynthia. Her creativity was always at work, dreaming up new methods and materials to make learning fun. She never lost focus on the individual student and always made time to meet their needs. She and I often took students on field trips, some as far away as San Diego and New Orleans. I remember sitting on the beach and wondering why we drug 10 students half way across the United States for a 10-day field trip.

I still chuckle when I think of Cynthia's mind. It always reminded me on a game of "Candyland". Her thoughts never went in a straight line, but somehow she always managed to get to the end. She will be dearly missed as a colleague, mentor, commiserator, and friend.

- Doug Roby, Professor, Water Tech,  
Doña Ana Branch Community College

# 2001 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2001

## SEPTEMBER

### NMWWA SOUTHWEST SECTION — JAKE HANDS MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: September 12-13, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Mesilla, Com. Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago

REGISTRATION: \$60, members; \$80, non-members

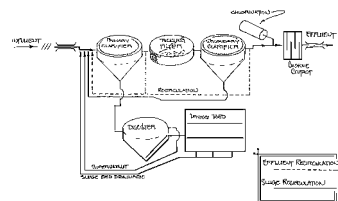
CONTACT: Tony Parra, 505-528-3554

NMED EXAM: September 14, 8 to 2:30. *Submit your test application by August 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS — ■ BASIC & ADVANCED WATER SYSTEMS O&M

TOPICS: water characteristics, water wells, disinfection, surface water treatment, regulations

DATE: September 12, Wednesday



### ■ BASIC & ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS O&M

TOPICS: wastewater characteristics, trickling filters, activated sludge theory & math, lagoons

DATE: September 13, Tuesday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Philmont Scout Ranch

REGISTRATION: \$75 for both workshops or \$40 for one workshop.

*Preregistration requested.* Send to: P.O. Box 4192, Santa Fe, NM 87502

CREDITS: 7 hours per day

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

### NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: September 26-27, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Taos Convention Center

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031, 1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOP

#### ■ TOTAL & FECAL COLIFORM

TOPICS: Co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Water Quality Analysts Association, this workshop will cover presence/absence, Most Probable Number (MPN), coliform membrane filtration, indicators, and E-coli.



DATE: September 26, Wednesday

TIMES: 8-5

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Howard Johnson Hotel & Convention Center, 15 Hotel Circle NE, Emerald Room

REGISTRATION: \$40. *Preregistration requested.*

Send to: P.O. Box 4192, Santa Fe, NM 87502

CREDITS: 7 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137;

### NMSU WUTAP TRIBAL OPERATOR CERT. TRAINING — COLLECTION SYSTEM & LIFT STATION PUMPS & MOTORS

DATE: September 28, Friday

LOCATION: Sandia Pueblo, Sandia Lakes conference room

TIMES: 8:30 AM to Noon

REGISTRATION: *Free to tribal members only*

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

## OCTOBER

### NMWWA NORTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: October 3-4, Wednesday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Espanola, National Guard Armory

REGISTRATION: \$60, members; \$80, non-members

CONTACT: Pete Padilla, 505-662-8472

NMED EXAM: October 5, 8 to 2:30.

*Submit your test application by Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

### NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: October 24-25, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Clovis

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031, 1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

### NMSU WUTAP TRIBAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING — DISINFECTION

DATE: October 23, Tuesday

LOCATION: Sandia Pueblo, Sandia Lakes conference room

TIME: 8:30 AM to Noon

REGISTRATION: *Free to tribal members only*

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

e-mail [wutap@swcp.com](mailto:wutap@swcp.com)

### NMSU WUTAP OPERATOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING — DISINFECTION & NPDES LABORATORY OVERVIEW

DATE: October 31, Wednesday

LOCATION: Gallup, Best Western Hotel, 3009 W Hwy 66

TIME: 8:00 AM to 5 PM

REGISTRATION: \$40

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CREDITS: 7 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

e-mail [wutap@swcp.com](mailto:wutap@swcp.com)

## NOVEMBER

### NMWWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

TOPICS: This general water & wastewater operations school is for both basic and advanced, Levels 1-4.

DATES: November 5-8, Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day [26 hours credit]

LOCATION: Albuquerque, UNM Continuing Education Bldg.  
1634 University Blvd., NE

REGISTRATION: \$150 for members, \$180 for non-members.

**Advanced registration is required**

CONTACT: Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840,

FAX 505-753-9810.

NMED EXAM: November 9, 8 to 2:30.

*Application due by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>*

### NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: November 28-29, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Silver City

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031,  
1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## DECEMBER

### NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: December 12-13, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Carlsbad, Convention Center

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031,  
1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## CERTIFICATION NEWS

The New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) has petitioned the Water Quality Control Commission (Commission), pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 61-33-4 and Section 301 of the Guidelines for Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. Hearings to amend Sections 20.7.4.7.Q, 20.7.4.23, and 20.7.4.25 of the Commission's Utility Operator Certification Regulations, 20.7.4



NMAC. The SWQB also requested that the Commission hold a public hearing on the proposed regulatory changes after its regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2001.

### PROPOSED CHANGE:

#### 20.7.4.7 DEFINITIONS:

Q. "public water supply system" means:

(1) a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption or domestic purposes through pipes or other constructed conveyances if the system:

### PROPOSED CHANGES:

**20.7.4.23 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION:** If, after reasonable time and effort by an owner, a qualified operator cannot be employed, ~~temporary certification may be issued for the operator of a system or facility.~~ the system or facility may apply for temporary certification for the operator of a system or facility. In support of the application, the system or facility shall submit documentation demonstrating that it cannot employ a qualified operator and a schedule of compliance that includes the actions the system or facility will take to employ a certified operator, the date by which the system or facility will employ a certified operator, and a contingency plan that outlines the actions to be taken if the system's or facility's schedule fails to result in the employment of a certified operator. ~~Such a certificate is~~ A temporary certificate may be issued to an individual for a period not to exceed six months. A temporary certificate may be

extended to a maximum of 18 months if the operator is involved in a training program that will qualify ~~him~~ the operator for the required level in that period. An extension to the six month temporary certification will require prior approval of a training program to ensure coverage of areas that are specific to the system, facility or individual's knowledge and skills. [20.7.4.23 NMAC – Rp 20 NMAC 7.4.203, 1-26-01]

### PROPOSED CHANGE:

#### 20.7.4.25 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES:

D. Renewal will require that each certificate holder be credited with having obtained thirty training credits in the three-year period preceding the date on which renewal application is due. The thirty credits must include at least ten training credits for approved training in the operation and maintenance of the same ~~class~~ type of public water supply system or public wastewater facility as each certificate being renewed. This requirement will apply after the third year of New Mexico certification for each operator. [20.7.4.25 NMAC – Rp 20 NMAC 7.4.205, 1-26-01]

## FIELD TRAINING

The New Mexico State University, Water Utilities Technical Assistance (WUTAP) - Robert Gott, Robert George, & Bernie Garcia - can provide on-site, no cost training in operations & maintenance, process control, laboratory, & financial management of water supply or wastewater treatment operations to municipal facilities and Indian Pueblos.  
505-984-0676; FAX 505-982-3137; e-mail [wutap@swcp.com](mailto:wutap@swcp.com)



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Ray Espinoza*

I can't believe that the summer is almost over. The NMWWA has been quite busy doing the 1-day Technical Operation & Maintenance Seminars (TOMS) all over the state. We have had terrific responses and evaluations on these seminars. Fred Ragsdale is an excellent instructor and thanks to Caroline Martinez for setting up these seminars and for handling registrations. We just completed a series on Disinfection in Espanola, T or C, and Santa Rosa and have scheduled 1-day Disinfection seminars in Albuquerque, Gallup, Silver City, and Las Vegas. If you are interested in attending fill out the pre-registration form included in this newsletter and mail to Caroline.

We are also soliciting nominations for the different Annual School awards: Good Housekeeping, Max Summerlot, Operator of the Year, and Achievement. If you are interested in nominating your plant or operator, please contact Caroline and she will give you information and the forms you need.

The NMWWA Executive Board voted on changing the dates of the Annual School, held annually in Las Cruces, from March to January for the year 2002. The dates are January 28-31, 2002, at the Las Cruces Hilton. Included in this newsletter is a combination pre-registration form for Central & Annual Schools. Additionally the 2002 Central School will be moved to the last week of September instead of November. It will remain in Albuquerque. Another change being considered is changing the format of the May School. The details are still being worked out but it will still be held in May...stay tuned.

Again, if anybody is interested in teaching at our schools or workshops, please contact me or Caroline. We need new instructors.

In this Newsletter we have made a tribute to one of our most loyal instructors who recently passed away - Cynthia Hiers-Robinson. She will surely be missed not only as an excellent instructor but also as a true friend to many. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. May God bless her and may she rest in peace.

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## NMWWA

### DISINFECTION - TECHNICAL O&M SEMINARS

*Pre-payment & Pre-registration Required*

**Fee:** \$25  
**Credits:** 7 Hours  
**Times:** 8:00-4:30  
**Instructor:** Fred Ragsdale

**Topics:** Waterborne diseases, Disinfectants, Forms of chlorine, Hypochlorites, Chloramines, Residuals & Detention Time, Storage, Handling, Emergency Response, Changing cylinders, Batching Hypochlorite Solutions, Gas Chlorinators, SCBA Units

✓ **Please mark which session you plan to attend:**

\_\_\_\_\_ UNM - Gallup Campus  
Gurley Hall - Rm. 207 (downstairs)  
200 Callege Rd.  
Gallup, NM  
Friday, October 5, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ Luna Community College  
Student Service Conf. Rm 101  
Hot Springs Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NM  
Friday, November 30, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ Bank of America Conf. Rm  
1211 N. Hudson St.  
Silver City, NM  
Friday, October 26, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ NMSU - Carlsbad  
1500 University Dr. Rm. 106  
Carlsbad, NM  
Friday, December 14, 2001

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYED BY \_\_\_\_\_ EMP. PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Classes are limited and pre-registration is required. No registration at the door. Please call Caroline Martinez at 505-753-8840 to confirm registration. Refunds apply only if cancellation is received 1 week before seminar. (Fax: 505-753-9810) Please mail registration form & check or purchase order to : Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager  
NM Water & Wastewater Association  
P.O. Box 819  
Española, NM 87532

# NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

### CENTRAL SHORT SCHOOL

November 5-8, 2001  
UNM Continuing Ed. Building  
1634 University Blvd., NE  
Albuquerque, NM

*Pre-Registration Deadline:*  
October 30, 2001

*Make check or PO payable to:*  
N.M. Water & Wastewater Association  
*Mail form & check or PO to:*  
Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager  
P.O. Box 819  
Española, NM 87532

### ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL

January 28-31, 2002  
Las Cruces Hilton Hotel  
705 Telshor Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM

*Pre-Registration Deadline:*  
January 21, 2002

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION: YES NO

ARE YOU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED? YES NO

**IMPORTANT:** Payment in full must accompany this registration form or it will NOT be processed. Student enrollment is limited to the number specified for that category. Pre-registration is on a "first come - first served" basis. There will be NO registration at the door. Registration confirmation will NOT be sent--call (505)753-8840 to confirm registration or for questions on payment process. Refunds apply ONLY if cancellation instructions are received one week before the short school and there will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations or substitutions.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** ( what you are paying)  
Member \$150 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Member \$180 \_\_\_\_\_  
Extra Banquet Ticket ( Annual School only) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**NMWWA State & Section Dues (if not yet paid):**  
Active \$30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate \$28 \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSES:**  
You MUST the categories of classes that you will be attending in order for this form to be complete. You may attend and receive credit for one or two CATEGORIES of classes. Each category offers 26 credit opportunities.

ENROLLMENT		CATEGORY
55 people	Basic Water (Levels I,II)	_____
55 people	Basic Wastewater(I, II)	_____
55 people	Advanced Water (III,IV)	_____
55 people	Advanced Wastewater(III,IV)	_____
40 people	*Workshops (III,IV)	_____

\*WORKSHOPS: See the NM Training Pages for details.

*Accommodations Central School:*  
Make your motel reservations **before Oct. 10th 2001.**  
Be sure to tell them you're with NMWWA.

- Le Baron Motel 2120 Menaul Blvd., NE  
\$42 single, \$50 double 1-800-444-7378
- Super 8 Motel 2500 University Blvd., NE  
\$42 single, \$50 double 1-505-888-4884
- Roadway Inn 2108 Menaul Blvd, NE  
\$37 single, \$39 double 1-800-601-1873

*Accommodations Annual School:*  
Make your motel reservations **before January 8th 2002.**  
Mention tthat you are with NMWWA to get these rates:

- The Hilton 705 Telshor Blvd.  
\$61 single, \$61 double 1-505-522-4300
- Mesilla Valley Inn 901 Avenida De Mesilla  
\$42 single, \$50 double 1-800-327-3314
- Super 8 245 La Posada Lane  
\$34 single, \$38 double 1-5-5-523-8695

# OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT

## JAMES SLACK

*BRITT CHESNUT, NORTHWEST SECTION*

James Slack has been a Lead Operator at the City of Farmington Wastewater Treatment Plant for 17 years and has served as the plant safety officer for 10 years and is currently employed by Operations Management International (OMI). James is looking forward to the challenges ahead as the wastewater plant is being upgraded from a trickling filter plant to an activated sludge plant. James is a member of the NMWWA, and his hobbies off the job include; prospecting for gold, fly fishing the San Juan River, and bow hunting in the fall. James has lived in Farmington for the past 27 years.



### NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

- Southeast Section
  - ⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating
  - ☎ Art Sena, 505-745-3511
- Southwest Section
  - ⊕ 3rd Wednesday, Las Cruces
  - ☎ Tony Parra, 505-528-3554
- West Central Section
  - ⊕ 4th Wednesday, Gallup
  - ☎ Ray Espinoza, 505-863-1210
- Central Section
  - ⊕ 1st Monday, Albuquerque
  - ☎ John Kelley, 505-857-8286
- Northeast Section
  - ⊕ 2nd Monday, rotating
  - ☎ Andrew Medina, 505-662-8141
- Northwest Section
  - ⊕ 1st Tuesday, rotating
  - ☎ Cindy Huntsman, 505-334-8684