



NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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A NEW ERA FOR WUTAP

NMSU DACC WUTAP, originally known as UOTP and now better known as “just plain WUTAP”, has been serving the State of New Mexico since 1982. Always a grant based training program, monies to operate the office and pay salaries come 100% from NM Environment Department (NMED) and US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA 104g) grants. The WUTAP program has never received any funding directly from the University.

Over the past few years federal and state grant money has been getting tighter and tighter and starting in FY09 US EPA eliminated funding for the 104g Program, which was one of the funding cornerstones for NMSU WUTAP. With the absence of this funding, and no sign of its re-instatement in the foreseeable future, the University has not expressed any

interest in continuing the facility outreach and troubleshooting work of the WUTAP program.

But that doesn't mean and end to WUTAP. It just means that, starting in April 2009, the NMSU Dona Ana Community College will no longer be the administrative agency for the Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program. The training and technical assistance provided by WUTAP will morph into a private company at that point.



Robert and Nancy Gott will retire from New Mexico State University in April of 2009.

WUTAP's primary function has always been to provide on-site as well as telephone training and technical assistance to New Mexico municipalities and publicly owned wastewater and water treatment facilities. The grant money to perform this kind of plant specific, on-site, over-the-shoulder

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Robert Gott, who was in the 1st graduating class of the DABCC Water Technology Program, joined Haywood Martin in the UOTP in 1983. As Field Trainer, Bob has travelled all around the state troubleshooting plants and teaching workshops. Over the years, he was joined in his field training efforts by Bernie Garcia and Robert George. WUTAP Program Coordinator since 1998, Bob stretched tight grant money & shrinking personnel funds to maintain on-site training. This was accomplished by taking on dual roles as Coordinator and Field Trainer. Bob's troubleshooting expertise extends into all areas of wastewater treatment, from big systems to small ones, from on-site to over-the-phone help. The worldwide web has now also become an instrument for that assistance with his instruction of on-line wastewater classes for SFCC.

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assistance comes from NMED Surface Water and Groundwater Quality Bureaus (SWQB & GWQB) along with US EPA 104g Outreach Operator Training Program money. It's SWQB who foots the bill for Robert Gott (and former WUTAP employees) to provide core instruction and curriculum over-site to the NMWWA short schools. If WUTAP's been to your surface water treatment plant, it's SWQB that paid for him to help. If your plant has an NPDES permit it's either been SWQB or EPA 104g that paid for WUTAP to help. NMED GWQB funds WUTAP's assistance to facilities with Groundwater Discharge Permits.

But there have been other entities throughout the years that contributed funding to WUTAP operations. We've provided a wide variety of assistance to many NMED Bureaus, Federal Agencies, and educational institutions including:

- NMED Construction Programs – WUTAP reviewed Preliminary Engineering Reviews and construction plans for operability, i.e. will that treatment process actually work and is it operator friendly.
- NMED Drinking Water – WUTAP took the lead on the state's first CEP program to review surface water treatment plants for O&M and compliance issues.
- NMED Liquid Waste – Robert Gott has served on the Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee since 2004, and in that capacity reviews treatment & disposal systems used by individual homeowners.
- US PHS Indian Health Service – WUTAP provided a "circuit rider" program to IHS that served NM Tribes with wastewater training and technical assistance.
- US Homeland Security Administration - WUTAP helped LANL's finest, Dave Volz and Fred Bolton, to present 1st Responder and Hazardous Materials training to NM wastewater operators
- Santa Fe Community College – WUTAP provides primary curriculum development and instruction for the SFCC Water Tech Program. The on-line "On-Site Wastewater Systems" course developed for SFCC has helped numerous environmentalists to understand wastewater technology.

Starting in April 2009, WUTAP will have to do a little morphing in order to maintain its on-site assistance to New Mexico operators. The Gott's are going to retire from NMSU and the University will not be continuing the program. But if you need "just plain WUTAP", the Gott's will still be here. No change in PO Box or phone #, only the e-mail address will change...and we *will* keep you posted on that change when it happens. In fact, when you need troubleshooting and technical assistance call WUTAP, we'll still be here, just like we have been for 25 years.

Nancy Gott started as a part-time secretary for the UOTP in 1984. Over the years (with a hiatus in the late 80s to work for SunRise Springs Resort and Spa), that part-time position turned into a full-time Office Manager. She's been responsible for producing, and later editing, this newsletter over all those years. As belts have tightened, she's taken on more and more responsibility for WUTAP's administration and day to day operations. Over the past few years, Nancy has been instrumental in translating the classes that Bob has developed for SFCC into an on-line format. They both plan to continue with more on-line course development.



New Mexico Water & Wastewater Association

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Cindy Huntsman

Well the year is almost over and so is my term as President. I have really enjoyed my involvement with the Association and I encourage you to get involved as an officer or as an instructor for the State schools or Section workshops. In January Martin Lopez will take over as President. We will be mailing out the ballots soon so you can vote for state officers for 2009. Please take the time to fill out the ballots and mail them to the state office in Espanola. If you are interested in being on the State Executive Board please call Caroline and let her know. We are always in need of additional help. Along the same lines, if anyone is interested in teaching at the state schools or at a section workshop please let Caroline know.

At the last Executive Board meeting the executive board voted to raise the membership fees by \$10. The fees have not been raised for about 10 years. Along with a ballot you will get a membership application. Thank you in advance for supporting the NMWWA.

In this Newsletter you will see the school & workshop schedule for 2009. You will notice that a couple of workshops will not offer a testing session. Testing will be limited for 2009 but, we are still fortunate to offer 7 testing sessions throughout the year.

Caroline is accepting applications for "Operator of the Year" so if you have someone in mind that is worthy of this award, please contact her and she will forward you the applications. These awards will be given at the January annual school. Please visit our web site: www.nmwwa.org for information on other awards available. You will also find a pre-registration form for the school in this newsletter or on the web site. So get in your application early if you plan to attend the school.

I would like to thank you all again for your support and the opportunity to work with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns about the NMWWA you can contact Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager, at 505-753-8840 or e-mail her at csmartinez@windstream.net

You can find previous editions of this
newsletter at
www.nmwwa.org

- OPERATIONS SPOTLIGHT - SEWER LINE TV INSPECTION

Jake Martinez, NMWWA Northeast Section

For years maintenance was simply known as “flushing sewer lines.” But little did we know that the lines were not being cleaned.



Before



After

a gas delivery line right through the sewer line. If we had used a root cutter to clean this line, that routine maintenance could have caused an explosion. So with this one example the camera paid for itself, not necessarily with money, but by saving lives.



Sewer pipe pierced
by a gas delivery line.

Today with TV inspection we can see what the sewer system really looks like after line flushing. This has made a big difference with today’s maintenance, as you see in these before and after pictures taken by the Los Alamos County Sewer Maintenance Program.

The cost of the camera pays for itself in the long run. Take a look at the picture below. By performing a TV inspection of this line prior to cleaning it we saved lives.

Someone had bored



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION NEWS

Mike Coffman, Certification Officer
NMED SWQB Facility Operations Section

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE NMED

In early October a new address went into effect for the NM Environment Department. Of course this change effects the Operator Certification Program. The new address to be used in all correspondence with the NMED Utilities Operator Certification Program is now:

**NMED SWQB
Utility Operator Certification Program
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469**

The physical address remains:

NMED
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Since this address change came about very suddenly, there is still a large amount of paperwork (letterhead, certification applications, etc. etc.) out there that has the old address on it. So before you send in any renewal forms or fees, be sure that you address your submission to P.O. Box 5469. Thanks in advance for your patience as we make the change.

WASTEWATER LABORATORY CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The UOCP will be accepting applications for the *Wastewater Laboratory Technician* certifications for the December 2008 Examination Session in Clovis. The deadline to apply is November 12, 2008. Please see the New Mexico UOC regulations for the qualifications and training requirements to qualify for the examination.

ON-LINE REVIEW

Certified New Mexico Facility Operators can now check their current status for training, certification and renewal records through our online database. Exam session applications can be reviewed online now as well!

2009 UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Training Event</i>
12/31/08	1/30/09	Las Cruces	NMWWA Annual Schort School
03/10/09	4/09/09	Albuquerque	NMRWA Annual Conf. + NMWWA CT Workshop
04/15/09	5/15/09	Espanola	NMWWA Northern Short School
06/17/09	7/17/09	Ruidoso	NMWWA SW Section Workshop
07/08/09	8/07/09	Carlsbad	NMWWA SE Section Workshop
08/19/09	9/18/09	Albuquerque	NMWWA Central Short School
10/07/09	11/06/09	Farmington	NMWWA NW Section Workshop

Test Dates, Locations and Fees are subject to change.

2008 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2008

NOVEMBER

NMRWA TRAINING – WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION FUNDAMENTALS

TOPICS: Certification Program facts; basic water chemistry; sampling & reporting; disinfection/chlorination; safety; distribution systems design & quality control; pumps, motors, & mechanical systems; wells; math - conversions/formulas, areas & volumes, flow calculations, Cl₂ dosage formulas; successful studying, test taking, & practice exams

DATES: November 11-13, 2008; Tuesday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Moriarty, Civic Center, 202 Broadway

CREDITS: 21 hours

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

Please Note: On its website NMRWA posts the following: "**Handouts will not be provided.** You are encouraged to bring a copy of the NM Water Systems Operator Certification Study Guide available for download from www.nmrwa.org/training.php or www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqbfot/index.html"

NMWWA CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: November 12-13, 2008; Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

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

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: John Fitzgerald, 505-277-2465

NMED EXAM: November 14, 8 to 2:30

Submit your test application by Oct. 15th at the latest.

NMRWA TRAINING – WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION FUNDAMENTALS

TOPICS: (see November 11-13, 2008 training for details)

DATES: November 18-20, 2008; Tuesday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Lordsburg, Baxter Civic Center, 313 East 4th St.

CREDITS: 21 hours

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

NMRWA TRAINING – INTRODUCTION TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS (LEVELS SMALL, I & II)

DATES: November 18-20, 2008; Tuesday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Dona Ana County Offices

CREDITS: 21 hours

REGISTRATION: \$75; 505-884-1031, FAX 505-884-1032

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

DECEMBER

NMRWA TRAINING – WATER OPERATOR MATH

TOPICS: math fundamentals; areas & volumes; flow calculations; dosage math

DATES: December 2, 2008; Tuesday

– SDWA, REGS, SAMPLING, REPORTING

TOPICS: SMF; Water Sample Technician Certification; bacteriological, lead, & copper sampling; sanitary surveys; security

DATES: December 3, 2008; Wednesday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Tucumcari, Convention Center, 1500 West Historic Route 66

CREDITS: 7 hours each day

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

NMSU WUTAP – BASIC & ADV. WASTEWATER TOPICS

TOPICS: Wastewater characteristics; lagoons; fixed media systems; activated sludge basics, math, and process control; NPDES current issues; Certification update, BOD methodology review

DATE: December 4 - 5, Thursday & Friday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Socorro, City Council Chambers, 111 School of Mines Rd.

REGISTRATION: \$100. **Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 14 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137, or wutap@vcimail.com

NMSU WUTAP – ADVANCED WASTEWATER TOPICS

TOPICS: Advanced wastewater characteristics; advanced fixed media systems; activated sludge basics, advanced math, and process control; sludge composting; NPDES current issues; Certification update, BOD methodology review

DATE: December 10-11, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd., Rm. 101

REGISTRATION: \$100. **Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 14 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137, or wutap@vcimail.com

NMED EXAM: December 12, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by November 12th at the latest

2009 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2009

NMRWA TRAINING –SDWA, REGS, SAMPLING, REPORTING

TOPICS: SMF; Water Sample Technician Certification; bacteriological, lead, & copper sampling; sanitary surveys; security
DATES: December 9, 2008; Tuesday

– WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

TOPICS: basic water chemistry; rules & regs; flow calculations; distribution systems; safety & security
DATES: December 10, 2008; Wednesday

– WATER SYSTEM SECURITY

TOPICS: SMF; Water Sample Technician Certification; bacteriological, lead, & copper sampling; sanitary surveys; security

DATES: December 11, 2008;
Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day
LOCATION: Anthony, W&S District
Multipurpose Bldg.,
1155 N 4th St.

CREDITS: 7 hours each day
REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032
CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

NMRWA TRAINING –SDWA, REGS, SAMPLING, REPORTING

TOPICS: SMF; Water Sample Technician Certification; bacteriological, lead, & copper sampling; sanitary surveys; security
DATES: December 16, 2008; Tuesday

– WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

TOPICS: basic water chemistry; rules & regs; flow calculations; distribution systems; safety & security
DATES: December 17, 2008; Wednesday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day
LOCATION: Gallup, City Council Chambers, 110 West Aztec
CREDITS: 7 hours each day
REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032
CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

JANUARY

NMRWA TRAINING – BASIC WASTEWATER LAB TESTING

DATES: January 15, 2009; Thursday
TIMES: 8 to 5 each day
LOCATION: Artesia, Artesia WWTP
CREDITS: 7 hours
REGISTRATION: \$25
505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032
CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

NMWWA 54th ANNUAL SCHOOL

TOPICS: This general water & wastewater operations workshop is for both basic and advanced, Levels 1-4. Includes special workshops.
DATES: January 26-29, 2009; Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 Telshor
REGISTRATION: \$250 for members, \$300 for non-members.

Advance registration is required for all classes.

CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez,
505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810, www.nmwwa.org

CREDITS: 26 hours

NMED EXAM: January 30, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by Dec. 31st at the latest.

APRIL

NMWWA

CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: April 7-8, 2009; Tuesday & Wednesday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

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

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: John Fitzgerald, 505-277-2465

NMED EXAM: Thursday, April 9, 8 to 2:30; Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

NMRWA 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TOPICS: Provides water and wastewater professionals the opportunity of learn about new trends, services, and industry products while networking with their peers.

DATES: April 6-8, Monday to Wednesday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town,
800 Rio Grande Blvd.

REGISTRATION: \$150 for members, \$250 for non-members
505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CREDITS: 18 hours

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

NMED EXAM: April 9, 2009, 8 to 2:30. *Submit your test application by March 10th at the latest.*

MAY

NMWWA NORTHERN SCHOOL

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

DATES: May 11-14, 2009; Mon. to Thurs.

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Espanola, Ohkay Casino & Resort Convention
Center; Hwy 68, 1 mile north of Espanola

2009 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2009

REGISTRATION: \$250 for members, \$300 for non-members.

Advance registration is required for all classes.

CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840,

FAX 505-753-9810, www.nmwwa.org

CREDITS: 26 hours

NMED EXAM: May 15, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by April 15th at the latest.

NMRWA TRAINING – BASIC WASTEWATER LAB TESTING

DATES: May 20, 2009; Wednesday

LOCATION: Bayard, Bayard Regional WWTP

CREDITS: 7 hours

REGISTRATION: \$25

505-884-1031, 800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1032

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., www.nmrwa.org

JUNE

NMWWA WEST CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: June 17-18, 2009; Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, each day

LOCATION: Gallup, UNM Gallup, 200 College Dr.

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Pat Sanchez, 505-870-4615

ON-GOING TRAINING

HAZMAT SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

SERVICES: on-site decontamination proficiency eval. & training

CONTACT: David Volz or Fred Bolton, 505-471-1515;

www.hazmatscience.com; dvolz@hazmatscience.com
or fbolton@hazmatscience.com

MEC TECH SERVICES

SERVICES: On-site training, technical support, on-site laboratory services

CONTACT: Nicole Mangin, 505-459-6832; Fax 505-891-4578

www.mectechservices.com

e-mail: nicole@mectechservices.com

RAGSDALE & ASSOCIATES

SERVICES: on-site training, plant start-ups, O&M trouble shooting, technical assistance

CONTACT: Fred Ragsdale, 505-293-4658;

e-mail: fredragsdale@comcast.net

NM MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION AWWA/WEA

DATES: 4th Thursday of each month

TIMES: 11:30 AM to 1 PM

LOCATION: Golden Corral, 3401 NM Hwy 528

CONTACT: Kathy Fitch, 505-243-3200

DONA ANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WATER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

DATES: Ongoing classes each semester

LOCATION: Las Cruces, 3400 South Espina St.

CONTACT: Terry Mount, 505-527-7584 or

<http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/>



NEWSLETTER GOES ELECTRONIC DON'T MISS AN ISSUE!

There are exciting changes in store for the newsletter, but we urgently need your help to make things happen. Currently you can access an electronic version of this newsletter in two different places:

- On the NMWWA web site under "News":
www.nmwwa.org
- On the NMED SWQB FOS web site under "WUTAP Newsletters":
<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/FOT/index.html>

The newsletter is in color in those locations and they both have a good archive of old newsletters.

But funding restraints are making it more difficult to produce and print the "New Mexico Water Utilities Newsletter". We currently distribute the newsletter free of charge to all certified operators and other interested parties. So to shave the printing costs down to a bare minimum, we're going 100% electronic!!!

This ambitious project will require the gathering of current e-mail addresses for all the newsletter recipients - almost 3,700 names. So *please help us* with this undertaking by sending a brief e-note to Violet Miera of the NMED FOS staff, and a CC to Nancy Gott, Newsletter Editor. The CC is important because NMED has a block on some address domains and we want to make sure that we keep in contact with you. Please put "Newsletter address" in the subject line and we'll know what to do with the address.

violet.miera@state.nm.us

wutap@vcimail.com

NMED will put your e-address into a Newsletter Database. If you are a certified operator, mention this in the body of the e-mail and include your Operator ID. This will help the department to keep it's Operator Database current. If you are not yet certified or just an "interested party", then you won't lose touch with the training opportunities offered in New Mexico.



**New Mexico
Water & Wastewater
Association**

ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL

**January 26-29, 2009
Hotel Encanto de las Cruces
705 Telshor Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM**

Payment in full must accompany this registration form or it will NOT be processed. Please call 505-753-8840 for payment arrangements. Thank you.

NAME: _____ **SSN# or NM Operator ID#** _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____
EMPLOYED BY: _____ **EMPLOYER PHONE #:** _____
NMWWA Member: **YES** **NO** **ARE YOU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED:** **YES** **NO**

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is on a "first come - first served" basis. There will be *NO* registration at the door. To confirm registration call (505)753-8840, or e-mail csmartinez@windstream.net; Fax #505-753-9810. Refunds apply *ONLY* if cancellation notice is received one week before the short school. There will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations or substitutions. Classes are from 8:00 – 5:00.
 NOTE: Please bring your study guide (water & wastewater) if you have copies.

REGISTRATION FEES:

(Mark what you are paying)

Member Fee: \$250 _____
Non-Member Fee: \$300 _____
Extra Banquet Ticket: \$30 _____
NMWWA State & Section Dues (if not yet paid):
 Active \$45 _____
 Corporate \$43 _____
 Associate \$40 _____
 Student \$35 _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

CLASSES:

You **MUST** mark the *category* of classes that you will be attending in order for this form to be complete. You may attend & receive credit for one or two categories of classes. 26 credits each category.

<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
55 people	Basic Water (I - II) _____
55 people	Basic Wastewater (I-II) _____
55 people	Advanced Water(III-IV) _____
55 people	Adv. Wastewater (III-IV) _____
55 people	Workshops (III-IV) _____

Make check payable to:

N.M. Water & Wastewater Association

Mail form & check to:

Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager
 P.O. Box 819
 Española, NM 87532

Pre-Registration Deadline: January 15, 2009

Make your motel reservations before January 15th. Mention that you are with NMWWA to get these rates:

- Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 Telshor Blvd.
 \$65 single \$90 double 1-575-522-4300
- Sleep Inn, 2121 S. Triviz
 \$70 single \$70 double 1-575-522-1700
- Motel 6, 235 La Posada Lane
 \$40 single \$50 double 1-575-525-1010

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 P.O. Box 5469 FAX 505-827-0160
 Santa Fe, NM 87502
www.nmenv.state.nm.us.swqbf/FOT/index.html

DENNIS QUINTANA RETIRES

Dennis Quintana will retire from the NMED SWQB Utility Operator Certification Program in February 2009. Dennis's graduated from Santa Cruz High School in the mid-seventies – "Go Crusaders!" He continued his education at NMHighlands University and graduated with a Bachelor in Environmental Science in the eighties.



Dennis started his state career down in southern New Mexico at the City of Hobbs with the Environmental Improvement Division. From there he worked his way North to Taos, then headed south again to the State Capital. I guess you could say his career with the State has been "up and down".

Dennis's last several years have been with the UOC Program where he has provided direction, support, and insight for the

Dennis Quintana. I could say so many things that have impressed me over the years, but if I had to pick one thing it would be "he is my friend". Thank you Dennis for all that you have done for me and the program over the last several years. You shall be missed.

As Dennis told me; "Well, been there, done that; wishing you Buenos Hatches, you'll find me at the headwaters or deep in the forest...."

Mike Coffman

operation of the program. His biggest contribution to the operators of New Mexico has been, in my opinion, his dedication to the job. Dennis has always taken responsibility, pride in his work, and contributed ideas to the formation of the program as it is today.

As his supervisor for the last several years, it has been my pleasure to have an employee such as

NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

- Southeast Section
 - ⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating
 - ☎ Art Sena, 575-887-5412
- Southwest Section
 - ⊕ 3rd Wednesday, rotating
 - ☎ Martin Lopez, 575-571-3628
- West Central Section
 - ⊕ 4th Wednesday, Gallup
 - ☎ Ray Espinoza, 505-870-7626
- Central Section
 - ⊕ 2nd Tuesday, rotating
 - ☎ John Fitzgerald, 505-277-2464
- Northeast Section
 - ⊕ 2nd Monday, rotating
 - ☎ Jake Martinez, 505-662-8144
- Northwest Section
 - ⊕ 1st Thursday, rotating
 - ☎ Cindy Huntsman, 505-334-8684

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