



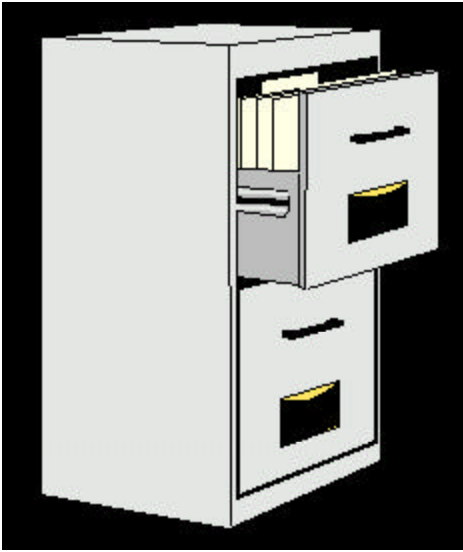
## NMWWA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Gene Salazar*

It has been a privilege to serve as your president in the year 2000. I want thank Caroline and all the executive board members for all the help during my term. We just had an officer's seminar which was very successful. We went over the policy statements, the constitution & by-laws and the duties of the officers. I have enjoyed meeting the members at the schools and I hope to continue being a part of our Association. This year we are celebrating our 45th Anniversary and for your information, I have listed the past presidents of the Association.

### NMWWA PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

1956: Robert Lowe, Santa Fe	1979: Galen Roumpf, Albuquerque
1957: M.H. Alexander, Hobbs	1980: Ed Archuleta, Albuquerque
1958: Ernest Martinez, Taos	1981: Ray Lucero, Rio Rancho
1959: Henry Gaines, Las Cruces	1982: Paul McGinnis, Santa Fe
1960: Farrell McLean, Carlsbad	1983: Debbie Hartell, Espanola
1961: Melvin Smith, Albuquerque	1984: Harry Smits, Las Cruces
1962: Ted Price, Clovis	1985: Robert Sparks, Albuquerque
1963: John Allison, Farmington	1986: Billy Roquemore, Farmington
1964: Hal York, Los Alamos	1988: Richard Deubel, Santa Fe
1965: Merle Kindel, Lovington	1989: Ray Archuleta, Espanola
1966: William Walker, Alb.	1990: Charlie Sparnon, Roswell
1967: Wayne Baker, Las Cruces	1991: Tim McDonough, Alb.
1968: J. B. Archuleta, Aztec	1992: David Ceballes, Espanola
1969: Dean Miller, Santa Fe	1993: Terry Mount, Las Cruces
1970: Cade Lancaster, Clovis	1994: Carmine Flammia, Artesia
1971: Jim Flemmons, Lovington	1995: Arthur Torrez, Roswell
1972: Pepe Perez, Fruitland	1996: David Salazar, Chamita
1973: Harold Wheeler, Hobbs	1997: John Pelayo, Las Cruces
1974: Orlando Vigil, Santa Fe	1998: Cas Ruybalid, Aztec
1975: Clyde Vigil, Espanola	1999: Armando Cordero, LC
1976: John Gavahan, Las Vegas	2000: Gene Salazar, Espanola
1977: Charles Rosacker, Santa Fe	2001: Ray Espinoza, Gallup
1978: John Norman, Albuquerque	



# CERTIFICATION NEWS

## AMENDMENTS MADE TO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS

*Dennis Quintana*

- Change in basic requirements ( High-School Diploma or GED Certificate is now required for all classes of certifications) see section 20.7.4.22.
- Changes in renewal requirements ( 10 training credits of the required 30 hours required every three years will now need to be in the same class as the certificate being renewed. Contact Barbara Giesler @ (505) 827-0152 for more information.
- For a copy of the amendments to the Utility Operator Certification Regulations, call Violet Miera @ (505) 827-2804

## CERTIFICATION OFFICE STARTS NEW ERA

*Mike D. Coffman*

The New Mexico Utility Operators Certification Office has recently had some changes to the structure of the program with the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau. These changes were brought about by the retirement of Pat Hanson and Lourdes Torres. Before we continue I personally would like to thank Pat and Lourdes for all that they have contributed to the Operator Certification Program.

I will be taking over most of the duties of Pat Hanson which involve the direction of the Facility Operations Section. Our staff currently includes Dennis Quintana, Barbara Giesler, Marie Ortiz, and Violet Miera. I feel privileged to have such a supportive staff and on a personal note, they are a great bunch of people so get to know them when you get the chance.

Our program will implement many new initiatives over the next year. The staff and I are looking forward to working with as many groups and individuals as we can to streamline the operator certification procedures, exams and training within the State of New Mexico. This program belongs to the water and wastewater operators of New Mexico, and together we can continue to make it one of the elite programs in the nation.

### PROGRAM RESTRUCTURE

There has been some restructuring at the NM Environment Department. The affect on the Facility Operations Section is as follows:

James Davis – SWQB, Bureau Chief

Glenn Saums – SWQB, Point Source Regulation Section, Prog. Manager

Mike Coffman – WRES 1, Facility Operation Section Team Leader

Facility Operations Section Staff

## CERTIFICATION BOARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Utility Operators Certification Advisory Board seeks nominations of certified operators to serve on the Board for the three-year term to end June 30, 2004. The Advisory Board is appointed by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to function with the Commission to establish qualifications of operators, classify utility systems, adopt regulations and advise the administration of the Utility Operators Certification Act. The terms of appointment for two current members and two alternate members expire on June 30, 2001.

The requirements for membership are 1) current utility operator certification and 2) the ability to attend the meetings of the Board (missing three consecutive meetings results in automatic removal). The Board meets several times a year, with most meetings held in Santa Fe. In addition, the Board is looking for members who have a breadth of experience in operating public water and wastewater utility systems, and who have good contacts with other operators in the field.

Nominations may be made by the candidates themselves, by employers, or by sponsoring organizations. Please include the nominee's address, telephone number, and description of their work experience and qualifications to serve on the Advisory Board. Letters of recommendation are also welcome, whether submitted with a formal nomination or separately. Nominations may be submitted to the Advisory Board in care of : Facility Operations Section, NMED SWQB, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

The Board will review all nominations at their meetings in March in Las Cruces (see enclosed announcement) and in May in Santa Fe, and will forward them to the Water Quality Control Commission for consideration. The Board is particularly interested in interviewing candidates at one of these meetings. All meetings of the Advisory Board are open to the public.

If you have any questions regarding the Advisory Board, please contact Mike Coffman, for the NMED Facility Operations Section at (505) 827-0108.

# 2001 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2001

APRIL

## NMWWA NORTHWEST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic & Adv. Water & Wastewater

DATE: April 9-12, Monday -Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 4:30, each day

LOCATION: Farmington, San Juan College

REGISTRATION: \$125, members; \$155, non-members.

*Advance registration is requested.*

CONTACT: Cindy Huntsman, 505-334-8684

CREDITS: 26 hours

NMED EXAM: April 13, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## NMSU WUTAP — BOD LABORATORY WORKSHOP

TOPIC: This workshop will help prepare lab workers for the voluntary laboratory certification testing that is available through the Rocky Mountain Water Quality Analysts Association. The WEF/ABC manual "Wastewater Laboratory Analysts' Guide to Preparing for the Certification Examination" will be available to interested parties.



DATE: April 26, Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5

LOCATION: Albuquerque, WWTF Training Building,  
4201 2nd Street SW

REGISTRATION: \$40 (optional manual available for \$42),

*Space is limited. Advanced registration is required*

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

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

## NMSU WUTAP TRIBAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

### TRAINING — MATH

✦ DATE: April 24, Tuesday

LOCATION: Sandia Pueblo, Sandia Lakes conference room

✦ DATE: April 25, Wednesday

LOCATION: Gallup, UNM Auditorium

TIMES: 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)

## NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: April 25-26, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Gallup, Red Rock State Park

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031,

1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## NMWWA SEMINAR — WELLS O&M

TOPICS: well construction & components, well operations, operational troubleshooting, well/pump hydraulics, casing & screen, line shaft applications, well logs, data interpretation, mechanical troubleshooting.

DATE: April 27, Friday

TIMES: 8 to 4:30

LOCATION: Taos, Volunteer Fire Department,  
323 Camino de La Placita

REGISTRATION: \$25, *Space is limited,*

*pre-registration is required.*

CREDITS: 7 hours

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

FAX 505-753-9810

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## NMWWA SEMINAR — WELLS O&M

TOPICS: well construction & components, well operations, operational troubleshooting, well/pump hydraulics, casing & screen, line shaft applications, well logs, data interpretation, mechanical troubleshooting.

DATE: May 11, Friday

TIMES: 8 to 4:30

LOCATION: Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington,  
Room A & B

REGISTRATION: \$25, *Space is limited,*

*pre-registration is required.*

CREDITS: 7 hours

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

FAX 505-753-9810

## 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)



# 2000 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2000

## AUGUST

### NMWWA SOUTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: August 8-9, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Carlsbad, NMSU-Carlsbad, 1500 Univ.

at the Industrial Air Center, 20 West Mathis

REGISTRATION: \$60, members; \$80, non-members. *Advance registration is requested.*

CONTACT: Debra Edwards, 887-5412

NMED EXAM: August 10, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by July 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

### NMRWA TRAINING SESSION — WATER O&M

DATE: August 29-30, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Bloomfield Cultural Center

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031, 1-800-819-9893, FAX 505-884-1031, www.nmrwa.org

### NMSU WUTAP TRIBAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

#### TRAINING — FIELD TRIP

DATE: August 28, Tuesday

LOCATION: Sandia Pueblo Wastewater Treatment Plant

TIMES: 8:30 AM to Noon

REGISTRATION: *Free to tribal members only*

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

## 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.*

### 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

### 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

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

## 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, 505-955-4618

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

*Submit your test application by September 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

### NMSU WUTAP TRIBAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

#### TRAINING — DISINFECTION

✦ DATE: October 30, Tuesday

LOCATION: Sandia Pueblo, Sandia Lakes conference room

✦ DATE: October 31, Wednesday

LOCATION: Gallup, UNM Auditorium

TIMES: 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)

## CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

TOPICS: Water, Wastewater, Collections, Distribution

REGISTRATION & MANUAL: various

CONTACT: Kenneth Kerri, 916-278-6142, FAX 278-5959

### ARC PUBLICATIONS

TOPICS: Small Water, Small Wastewater, Math, Electrical Fundamentals, Cave-in Protection and Competent Person, O&M of Chlorine Systems, Water Distribution System Construction, Flash Certs™

REGISTRATION: various

CONTACT: 541-928-6199

# NM WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WELLS O&M SEMINARS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

## Pre-payment & Pre-registration Required

<b>FEE:</b> \$25	<b>TOPICS:</b> Well Construction & Components, Well Operations,
<b>CREDITS:</b> 7 Hours	Operational Troubleshooting, Well/Pump Hydraulics,
<b>TIMES:</b> 8:00-4:30	Casing & Screen, Line Shaft Applications, Well Logs,
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b> Fred Ragsdale	Data Interpretation, Mechanical Troubleshooting

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Taos Volunteer Fire Dept.  
323 Camino de La Placita  
Taos, NM  
Friday, April 27, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruidoso Council Chambers  
313 Cree Meadows Drive  
Ruidoso, NM  
Friday, June 8, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ Farmington Civic Center (revised location)  
200 W. Arrington Room A&B  
Farmington, NM  
Friday, May 11, 2001

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

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

**EMPLOYED BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER 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

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NM Utility Operator Certification Advisory Board**  
Mike Coffman 505-827-0108  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502 FAX 505-827-0160

## OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT

### ART TORREZ

*DEBRA EDWARDS & ART SENA, SOUTHEAST SECTION*

There are a lot of very high quality water and wastewater operators so it was hard to recognize just one operator. But, one does come to mind, Art Torrez (Bull). This man is well recognized throughout the state of New Mexico. He takes lots of pride in his city, plant, and family. He's always offering to help others, even the other sections throughout the state. He's also willing to help out smaller communities with his service with only one requirement - LUNCH.

One thing about Art - he's a go getter. The Southeast Section is very fortunate to have such a great operator and person. We are very proud and honored to have Art working with us.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



## 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