



NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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KUDOS FOR THE NM OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Associated Boards of Certification (ABC) named NMED's Operator Certification Program "**Operator Certification Program of the Year**" for 2007. ABC announced the award at its annual conference on Jan. 17, 2008. The program was selected by the department's peers in operator certification based on the successful implementation of a database project that streamlined program operations, innovations in online access to certification records for operators, improvements in study guides, customer service, program efficiency, and recent updates to state laws and regulations.

"The proper operation of water and wastewater systems by qualified operators is necessary to protect public health, the quality of New Mexico's ground and surface waters, and the state's enormous capital investment in water and wastewater utility infrastructure," said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. "NMED's Surface and Drinking Water Bureaus worked hard to develop

a database that provides a wide variety of information regarding water and wastewater system operations."

All Public Water and Wastewater Systems are required by state regulation to be operated by a certified operator. The department's Operator Certification Program certifies operators as professionals to maintain and operate the many complex aspects of water and wastewater systems.

ABC has been assisting states and provinces with environmental certification programs since 1972. Membership consists of over 90 certifying authorities representing more than 40 states and 10 Canadian provinces which certify over 150,000 water and wastewater operators.

Congratulations go to Mike Coffman, Dennis Quintana, Marie Ortiz, and Violet Miera of SWQB FOS; Jeff McGuire who provided I.T. expertise & support;

and Violette Valerio-Hirschfeld of DWB.



Members of the Facility Operations Team (left to right):

**Dennis Quintana, Violet Miera, Marie Ortiz,
Mike Coffman**

NEW MEXICO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD GOES TO PUBLIC HEARING

It's been a long and winding road, but the NM Water Quality Control Commission granted, on Tuesday, November 11, 2007, the NM Utility Operator Advisory Board a Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2008. The hearing will be to adopt the proposed regulations covering the Minimum # of Operators at public water and wastewater facilities.

In May of 2006, the NM Advisory Board was tasked by the Commission to develop and propose criteria for determining the **minimum** number of operators a treatment facility must have while a facility is being operated. The NMUOC Advisory Board conducted 7 public board meetings and 2 public forums in drafting the criteria. These meetings (which I might add, had record attendance) were attended by stakeholders interested in the drafting of the regulations. The Stakeholders included representatives of organizations such as the NM Water & Wastewater Assoc., NM Municipal League, NM Rural Water, OMI of Rio Rancho, water/wastewater operators, and individual municipalities such as the City of Bloomfield, Red River, and several others.

The Advisory Board is proposing criteria that will assist the NMED and Public treatment facilities in determining the minimum number of operators needed to operate the systems. There are several reasons for the new regulations that date back 4 to 5 years.

To begin with, the Board has identified that millions of State and Federal dollars are spent each year on water and wastewater infrastructure projects in New Mexico, and the responsibility of certified and non-certified operators is to protect those investments through maintenance, and operating programs.

The Advisory Board also recognized that the current regulations do not contain criteria that require more than one operator to operate any facility regardless of the size or complexity of the system. The Board stated that, "for many of the systems in New Mexico, it would be impossible for just **one** Certified Operator at the appropriate level of certification, to have the ability to oversee all the operations that occur in treatment facilities of any substantial size." Therefore, the criteria is intended to assist facility designers, NMED and public facilities to identify how many operators would be necessary to safely and properly operate treatment systems in New Mexico.

The proposed regulations also include language that will allow facilities to request an adjustment of the Minimum Number of operators required at their facility, by petition through the Department. This language is intended to take into account modern technologies, operation plans, and automated systems to help determine the minimum number of operator's necessary. Many of the Small Systems, (fewer

than 500 population served) should not see any change to their current requirements. Small systems are required, under the current regulations, to have a certified operator at the appropriate level.

The UOC Advisory Board has put an enormous amount time and effort into drafting this regulation, if you get a chance, thank these people for a job well done. Chairman Ken Mosley is still taking comments and questions @ kenmosley@ruidoso-nm.gov.



**New Mexico
Water & Wastewater
Association**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Cindy Huntsman

As we begin a new year I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to be a part of this great organization as your President. We have just completed the Annual School in Las Cruces and it was a huge success. We had a wonderful dinner at the Banquet. A special thank you to Dr. Dale Alexander he was our guest speaker and kept everyone's rapt attention.

The "Meet and Greet" was a huge success thanks to all the Exhibitors. Everyone enjoyed all the exhibits with the newest of equipment available in the field displayed. Elvis kept everyone in stitches. Thanks to Eric Lopez for organizing the entertainment and Mario Gonzales for organizing the displays. The guys in the Southwest Section are always around trying to lend a hand at the school and this is really appreciated.

Many deserving individuals & facilities received awards:

- Good Housekeeping went to City of Roswell - Ground Water System; City of Farmington, OMI - Activated Sludge Wastewater System, 20 yrs and under; City of Aztec- Surface Water System, 20 yrs and under; West Mesa Industrial Park, Lagoons; and Jake Hands Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of Las Cruces- Activated Sludge Wastewater System, 20 yrs and older.

- The Charles Caldwell Award for highest percent increase in membership went to the Southwest Section.

- Outstanding Operator of the Year Award went to Patsy Hernandez for Lab Analyst Operator; Robert Hays for Wastewater Treatment System Operator; Edward Salazar for Wastewater Collection System Operator; Ray Dimas for Water Production System Operator; and Victor Perez for Water Distribution System Operator.

- Section Presidents Award for Most Improved Facility in 2007 went to City of Lovington, Southeast Section; Berino MDWC & SWA, Southwest Section; City of Gallup Wastewater Plant, West Central Section; & City of Albuquerque Surface Water Pilot Plant, Central Section.

- Lifetime Membership Awards were given to Jose Renteria, Gilbert Escalante, Leo Wilson, Richard De Los Santos and Alfredo Dominguez III.

- The Cynthia Hiers-Robinson Outstanding Instructor Awards were given to Michael Alvidrez and Steve Hanson.

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WATER SAMPLER CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE

The Operator Certification Program introduced two new certifications in January 2008. Testing for Water Sampling Technician 1 and 2 will be available at all NMED Certification Examination Sessions.

Many questions have been asked about the new Certifications. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers:

- I take bacteriological samples for a small public water system, what level of Certification do I need?
ANSWER: Water Sampling Technician 1
- Who needs the Water Sampling Technician 2 certifications?
ANSWER: NMED samplers, and anyone who collects Chemical and Radiological samples on Federal Facilities.
- How long do we have to get the sampling certificates, before enforcement actions are taken?
ANSWER: Since the examinations became available in January 2008, the Department will not take any action until January 2009.
- I have a Water Systems Level 2 certification; Do I need the sampling certification?
ANSWER: NO, the WS2 incorporates both levels of the sampling certification.
- I have a Water Systems Level 1 certification; Do I need the sampling certification?
ANSWER: If you are just taking bacteriological samples, then NO, your Level 1 is sufficient. But if you are taking Chemical/Radiological samples, then YES, you will need to take the WST2 examination.

More information and applications can be obtained from the Facility Operations Team Web Site at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWQB/FOT/index.html> or by calling Mike Coffman @ 505-222-9575.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION NEWS

*Mike Coffman, Certification Officer
NMED SWQB Facility Operations Section*

WASTEWATER LABORATORY STUDY GUIDE

RELEASED

The NMED Operator Certification Program has released a new Study Guide for wastewater laboratory analysis. The UOC Program would like to thank Mr. Doug Roby for providing the manual for laboratory technicians, and all the lab technicians that assisted in the review of the manual. The manual took well over a year to put together and is the 4th guide the program has provided over the last three years. The UOC program is confident that this manual will assist all laboratory technicians in running wastewater analysis and will prove to be a valuable tool in the laboratory, not to mention a good source of study material for the three levels of certification. As with any study manual the UOC has provided, if you find corrections in the content of any manual, please email the corrections and your comments to mike.coffman@state.nm.us. If you get the chance and see Mr. Roby, thank him for his contributions to the operators of New Mexico.

NOTES FROM VIOLET'S DESK

- * Training Credits must be submitted electronically.
- * When submitting training please do not change the excel sheet you download from our website.
- * If you do not remember your operator ID# please put your SS# so can receive credit hours.
- * Because the Operator ID# is a number that has been generated to replace your SS#, the Operator is the ONLY person that can call to obtain that information.
- * You obtain an Operator ID# once we have entered your very first test application, therefore we need your SS# on your first application.
- * When applying for a test, please remember what you put on your application is what will go in our database so *please print legibly*.
- * The application fee is a NON REFUNDABLE FEE.
- * The ONLY time you receive a re-examination application is when you fail a test.

Editor's note to Training Providers - Don't use fancy colors, change the location of boxes, etc. You should however, rename the form something unique to the training and keep a copy for your records.

We are here to help, so do not hesitate to call our office at (505) 827-2804. Thank you.

Violet Miera

2008 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2008

MARCH

RAGSDALE AND ASSOCIATES & MEC TECH SERVICES

■ BASIC WATER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

TOPICS: Levels 1&2 basic water topics

DATE: March 17-19, 2008; Monday-Wednesday

■ ADVANCED WATER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

TOPICS: Levels 3&4 advanced water topics

DATES: March 17-19, 2008; Monday-Wednesday

REGISTRATION: \$250 for each three-day workshop. **Advanced registration is required, 35 students max.**

CREDITS: 21 hours for three days

TIMES: 8-5, each day

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

CONTACT: Niki Mangin, MEC TECH Services,
505-459-6832

NMRWA 30TH 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: March 17-20, Monday to Thursday

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 -
Advance registration (\$170 or \$270 after March 1);
single day registration \$75 for members, \$95 for non-
members; 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CREDITS: 18 hours

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

NMED EXAM: March 20, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by February 19th at the latest.

APRIL

NMSU WUTAP — ADVANCED SECONDARY TREATMENT

TOPICS: fixed & suspend media systems, secondary & tertiary treatment, E-Coli review, Certification update

DATE: April 9, Wednesday

TIMES: 8-5

LOCATION: Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Ave., Jemez Rm.

REGISTRATION: \$55. **Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 7 hours

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

NMWWA NORTHWEST SECTION -

JOHN ALLISON MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: April 14-17, Monday to Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Farmington, San Juan College, 4601 College Blvd.

REGISTRATION: \$140, members; \$180, non-members

Advanced registration is requested

CREDITS: 26 hours

CONTACT: Eric Hall, 505-334-8684

NMED EXAM: April 18, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by March 19th at the latest.

R.A.T.S. — BASIC WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

TOPICS: Levels 1&2 wastewater O&M

DATES: April 15-17, 2008; Tuesday - Thursday

REGISTRATION: \$250 for each three-day workshop. **Advanced registration is required.**

CREDITS: 21 hours for three days

TIMES: 8-5, each day

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

CONTACT: Kat Ragsdale, 505-293-4658

MAY

NMRWA TRAINING – SAMPLING PROTOCOLS FOR WASTEWATER, GROUNDWATER, BIOSOLIDS, & SOILS

DATE: May 6, 2008; Tuesday

LOCATION: Melrose, Village Hall

REGISTRATION: \$25; 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

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

NMRWA TRAINING – SAMPLING PROTOCOLS FOR WASTEWATER, GROUNDWATER, BIOSOLIDS, & SOILS

DATE: May 8, 2008; Tuesday

LOCATION: Grants, Coyote Golf Course Clubhouse

REGISTRATION: \$25; 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

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

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2008 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2008

NMWWA NORTHERN SCHOOL

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

DATES: May 12-15, 2008; Mon. to Thurs.

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Espanola, Ohkay Resort Convention Center

Hwy 68, 1 mile north of Espanola

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 16, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by April 17th at the latest.

AUGUST

NMWWA SOUTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: August 6-7, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Carlsbad, Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel St.

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

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Art Sena, 505-887-5412

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

Submit your test application by July 9th at the latest.

JUNE

NMWWA SOUTHWEST SECTION -

JAKE HANDS MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: June 11-12, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Ruidoso, Inn of the Mt. Gods, 287 Carrizozo Canyon

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

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Martin Lopez, 505-571-3628

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

Submit your test application by May 14th at the latest.

SEPTEMBER

NMWWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

DATES: September 8-11, 2008; Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

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

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

Advanced registration is required

CREDITS: 26 hours

CONTACT: Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840,

FAX 505-753-9810.

NMED EXAM: September 12, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by August 13th at the latest.

JULY

NMWWA WEST CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: July 9-10, 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, 505-863-1211

NMED EXAM: July 11, 8 to 2:30

Submit your test application by June 11th at the latest.

OCTOBER

NMWWA NORTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: October 15-16, 2008; Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

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

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

Advanced registration is requested

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Jake Martinez, 505-662-8144

NMED EXAM: October 17, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by Sept. 17th at the latest.



You can find previous editions of this newsletter at:

www.nmwwa.org

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NOVEMBER

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, 505-227-2465
NMED EXAM: November 14, 8 to 2:30
Submit your test application by Oct. 15th at the latest.

DECEMBER

NMSU WUTAP — ADVANCED TREATMENT TOPICS

TOPICS: fixed & suspend media systems, secondary & tertiary treatment, Certification update, BOD review, sludge composting, Clovis WWTF plant tour
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

ON-GOING TRAINING

HAZMAT SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

SERVICES: on-site decontamination proficiency eval. & training
CONTACT: David Volz or Fred Bolton, 505-471-1515;
www.hazmat-science.com; dvolz@hazmat-science.com
or fbolton@hazmat-science.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 troubleshooting, technical assistance
CONTACT: Fred Ragsdale, 505-293-4658;
fredragsdale@comcast.net

WATER OPS

SERVICES: on-site training, technical assistance, project management, maintenance management consulting
CONTACT: Kit Roush, 505-881-4825; krroush@comcast.net

NM MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION AWWA/WEA
DATES: 4th Thursday of each month
TIMES: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
LOCATION: TBA
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/>



ROCKY MOUNTAIN WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION (RMWEA)

DATES: Over 40 wastewater & water training courses
LOCATION: anywhere with an internet connection
CONTACT: www.rmwea.org & click on Online Training

SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WATER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
DATES: Ongoing classes each semester
LOCATION: Anywhere with an internet connection or in Santa Fe at 6401 Richards Ave.



Coming Fall 2008

“WWTT120 - “Introduction to Small Wastewater Systems”

Course Details: Learn the basics necessary to pass the NM Small Wastewater Systems Certification Exam. This course developed by WUTAP personnel is a good starting point for wastewater operators entering the field. The links within the course will provide a window into many aspects of wastewater treatment.

REGISTRATION: In-State Out-of District - \$202.20, *early bird rate*; \$215.40, after August 3rd.
CREDITS: 30 NM Cert. credit hours (3 college credits)
CONTACT: Al Reed 505-428-1314 or www.sfccnm.edu or WUTAP at 984-0676

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- Cynthia Arnold received an award for Outstanding Service to the Association as President in 2007. We also need to congratulate Cynthia on the new addition to her family. She has a beautiful baby girl.
- The John Clark Award for Outstanding Service to the Association was presented to Mario Gonzales. This is a revolving award and he will get to keep it for 1 year.
- The Caroline Martinez Award for Outstanding Achievement was given to Albert Mendez. This is also a revolving award.

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NORTHERN SHORT SCHOOL
May 12-15, 2008
OHKAY Casino Convention Center
Hwy 68, 1 mile north of Espanola
Espanola, New Mexico

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

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 required and on a "first come - first served" basis. There will be *NO* registration at the door. **You must specify which category you will attend. Registration confirmation will NOT be sent.** To confirmation reservation please call (505)753-8840, Fax # 753-9810, or e-mail cmmwwa@cybermesa.com. 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. Please bring your study guide (water & wastewater) if you have copies.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Member Fee: \$250 _____
Non-Member Fee: \$300 _____
NMWWA State & Section Dues (if not yet paid):
Active \$35 _____
Corporate \$33 _____
Associate \$30 _____
Student \$25 _____
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 and receive credit for one or two classes. 26 credits offered for the school.

<u>ENROLLMENT</u>		<u>CATEGORY</u>
50 people	Basic Water (I - II)	_____
50 people	Basic Wastewater (I-II)	_____
50 people	Advanced Water(III-IV)	_____
50 people	Adv. Wastewater (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: May 1, 2008

Make your motel reservations **before April 21st.** Be sure to tell them you are with NMWWA to get this rate.

Ohkay Casino and Resort **505-747-1668**
Hwy 68, One Mile North of Espanola
\$55 single Queen/Double **\$99 King Suite**

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Receiving any of these awards is a great honor and also quite an achievement. Our congratulations go out to all of the recipients.

The NMWWA also granted 2 scholarships of \$450 each to James Chavez & Steve Cristo enrolled at the DAB Water Technology Program. Congratulations to these two individuals.

The ballots were counted at the Executive Board meeting in Las Cruces and the Constitution revisions were passed but a typo was found. Here is what was sent out with the typo underlined; and then the corrected version.

ARTICLE 6. EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.1 All major decisions on Association action and policy must be made by the Executive Board. This Board may delegate the administration of its policy to the elected officers or to committees assigned to particular tasks. (Executive Board decisions can only be made by the active membership (as described in Article 1 of the By-Laws).

Changed to:

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6.1 All major decisions on Association action and policy must be made by the Executive Board. This Board may delegate the administration of its policy to the elected officers or to committees assigned to particular tasks. (Executive Board decisions can only be over-ruled by the active membership) (as described in Article 1 of the By-Laws).

This new revised Constitution will be made available on the web site in its entirety.

We are already starting to plan for the Northern Short School which will be held on May 12-15 in Espanola. If there are any suggestions for classes that we can try to get, just let us know. And if anyone wants to teach, please either contact me or Caroline. Please visit our web site www.nmwwa.org to download pre-registration forms, schedules, or membership applications. Hope everyone has a safe year.

OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT - DUANE JONES

John Fitzgerald, NMWWA Central Section

Duane Jones, Master Water Systems Technician for the University of New Mexico, has been working in the water field for over thirty years and is currently a Water Systems Operator Level 4. Duane, a native Californian, started his career with the City of Glendale in which he worked there for seventeen years. He moved to New Mexico and worked six years for the Sandia Peak Utility in the area of maintenance, operations and for a short time as Manager. He also worked in the area of water / wastewater treatment for the Entransoa Water Co-op in Sandoval County. He then moved on and went to worked for the New Mexico Utilities before finally landing a job with the University of New Mexico.

Duane's duties at the University include well production, distribution, disinfection and sampling. He also assists the Utilities Operations section in the chemical treatment of boiler water, steam, cooling tower water, and chilled water,



which is used to keep the campus cool and warm, depending on the season.

For the last 22 years Duane and his lovely wife Pat have raised two daughters and are blessed with five grand children. When he is not at work, Duane likes to ski, read and is an avid gamer.

NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

- Southeast Section
 - ⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating
 - ☎ Art Sena, 575-887-5412
- Southwest Section
 - ⊕ 3rd Wednesday, rotating
 - ☎ Martin Lozez, 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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