

## WUTAP CONTINUES TO SERVE NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES

*Robert Gott, Program Coordinator*

Contrary to rumors that have cycled back to me... “the reports of our demise have been highly exaggerated”. WUTAP (the Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program) is still very much alive, but in a scaled back form. The fact that you’re reading this newsletter is evidence of our continued existence. WUTAP (then known as UOTP - the Utility Operator Training Program) has been responsible for editing and publishing the newsletter since it’s first edition on behalf of the NM Joint Training Coordinating Committee in 1982. We do this as a very small part of our contract with the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau, Facility Operations Section.

Starting as a one man classroom training operation in 1977, UOTP moved under the umbrella of New Mexico

State University’s Dona Ana Branch Community College in 1982. A yearly grant from NMED SWQB FOS has allowed WUTAP to provide training and on-site technical assistance to communities throughout New Mexico ever since. We work through and are employees of NMSU. NMSU and DABCC provide some administration for our grants in the form of indirect cost, but no direct funds to support the program

As many of you know, WUTAP lost Robert George at the end of February, but his job as team leader for the NMED Groundwater Pollution Prevention Section (GWPPS) will allow him to continue to do good deeds for the environment. His eight years of field training for WUTAP took him all around the state and helped him learn about the many problems facing New Mexico operators. That knowledge will serve him well in the NM Environment Department.

Bernie Garcia left WUTAP in March and with him went WUTAP’s 10 year contract with Indian Health Service. It was this contract that provided funding for WUTAP to conduct training for the state’s tribal entities. With the loss of this contract WUTAP will be unable to provide training directly to tribes, but of course we’ll still be offering training workshops and everyone is invited to attend those.



**New Mexico contingent attends Operator Trainer’s Conference  
Bob & Nancy Gott (1st and 2nd from right) and Terry Mount (5th from right)**

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Money has been tight the past few years and WUTAP was dealt another blow in April when the feds decided that "Homeland Security" training would no longer be provided through EPA's 104g program. We still have the "Outreach Operator Training" portion of our EPA funding for another year, but Washington has its eyes on that money, too. Our EPA funding has never been the lion's share of our budget, but WUTAP has received a 104g grant since the inception of that EPA program 23 years ago. (See side bar and picture.)

We'll keep looking for other funding sources so that we can ensure our ongoing wastewater training and technical assistance. We'd also like to again provide water training because we know there are a lot of surface water plants out there that need our help. You keep calling and it really hurts when WUTAP has to turn you down.

WUTAP will not be hiring another field trainer in the immediate future, but we intend to fill that position soon as we are financially able to do so. I hope some of you still remember, I became the field trainer for WUTAP in 1983 when this was just a 2½ person operation. I thoroughly enjoyed provided training and technical assistance for many of your plants before I took the WUTAP Program Coordinator position nine years ago and you'll be seeing a

lot more of me in the coming year as I fulfill our continuing contracts with NMED and EPA.

Nancy is still our Office Manager and will continue to edit the newsletter, manage our budgets, answer your questions if she is able, and keep our office running smoothly.

### **YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**

The EPA 104g Outreach Operator Training Program was initiated in 1982 with Congressional add-on funds. Its mandate was "to provide on-site over-the-shoulder training for operators, managers, and officials of small publicly owned wastewater treatment works to enable them to improve, attain, and maintain compliance with their discharge requirements." Studies had shown that the primary cause of non-compliance in small publicly owned wastewater treatment works was that the operators did not know how to operate their plant.

In 2004 104g programs were funded in 46 states with 1.2 million dollars of Congressional add-on funds. Data indicates that assistance provided by these 104g trainers prevented 4.28 million pounds of pollutants from entering the environment. Nationwide that amounts to only about 23 cents per pound of pollution prevention.

As the professionalism of operators has increased through the years, 104g programs have focused more and more on "compliance maintenance".

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **PORTALES & TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES SUPERINTENDENTS PASS ON**

DAN SWOPES, born August 26, 1945, had completed 26 years of service with the City of Portales before his untimely death on May 9, 2005, at 59 years of age.

He was hired by the City of Portales Water/Wastewater department on July 10, 1978, and worked his way up the ladder. Dan spent 17 years at the wastewater treatment plant before being promoted on October 11, 1995, to foreman of the Water/Wastewater Department. Two years later, on February 26, 1997 he was promoted to Utilities Superintendent.

A native of Portales, he graduated from Portales High School in 1963. After his marriage to Shirley Elliott in Lewiston, Idaho in August, 1964, Dan worked as a telegraph operator for the Santa Fe Railroad and later detailed cars at Cooper Hobbs Chevrolet. Family members said he loved to collect various things, especially coins and old cars, and enjoyed rock hunting and treasure hunting.

Dan was a quiet man who kept his own counsel. He was a kind person who preferred to work alone, but always willing to help anyone if they needed help — he was slow to anger and kept his opinions to himself. If he gave you his opinion, it meant that something was really bothering him. His department lost a great boss. The City will memorialize Dan with a landscaping project/water recapturing project in the yard of the City Hall to be titled "Dan Swopes Rainwater Garden." The project will be funded in part by Dairiconcepts, an International Corporation, Portales, New Mexico.

FRANZ HARVEY WILSON was born on January 29, 1940, and died of cancer on May 4, 2005, he was 65 years old.

After graduating from Clovis High School in 1957 he attended Eastern New Mexico University and then the Lennox School of Refrigeration completing 2 levels of certification. From 1963-1976 Franz worked in Clovis for Westside Sheet Metal Company and Newt & Butch Mechanical Contractors. His work with utilities began in December, 1974, as a line maintenance worker with the City of Clovis and he earned his Wastewater 1 certification in January, 1978.

He left Clovis in 1982 to obtain an Associates Degree in Water Utilities Technology from the NMSU DABCC where he was also a crimson scholar. In 1984, after an internship at the City of Las Cruces Wastewater Treatment plant, he worked for the City of Santa Fe WWTP. During his employment in Santa Fe, Franz continued with his certification training and obtained his Wastewater Level 4 certification in January, 1986. In 1988 Franz returned to Clovis as Wastewater Supervisor. From 1994-2005, he worked in Truth or Consequences as a wastewater treatment operator/supervisor and lived in Caballo with his wife Judy C. Wilson.

He was active with the boy scouts and was a scoutmaster and troop leader for Troop No.333. Franz completed his Operator Certification in May of 2001 by obtaining his Water 4 certificate and becoming a Double IV operator.

## RM AWWA/WEA CONFERENCE

The 2005 Rocky Mountain American Water Works (RAWWA)/Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA) joint conference will be at the Albuquerque Hyatt Regency located in the center of downtown. The conference has been scheduled for the same time as the NMWWA Central School – Monday, September 12 through Wednesday, September 15. But don't consider this conference as a replacement for the certification specific training offered at the NMWWA Central School, rather it can be used to augment the NMWWA training, especially for Level IV operators looking for a something different.

Toward that goal the RMAWWA/RMWEA conference is offering a special deal for NMWWA Central School attendees - attend all three days of the technical sessions with admission to the vendor exhibits for \$65.00. (Proof of school payment to NMWWA will be needed.) The regular pre-registration price through August 31 is \$130 for members and \$180 for non-members. The on-site registration cost is \$150 for members and \$200 for non-members. NOTE: NMWWA members who are not attending the Central School are being offered the member price to attend the entire conference – technical sessions, vendor exhibits, and special events night.

The educational opportunities are exceptional. Technical sessions begin on Monday afternoon, run all day Tuesday, and conclude Wednesday at noon. With each day offering 5 concurrent tracks and a total of 100 technical presentations, everyone will be able to find something of interest. General session topics cover a broad range of interests in water and wastewater management, financing, O&M, new technologies, leak detection, upgrading facilities, security, and more. Each 30-minute presentation will be worth 0.5 training credits.

An outstanding conference has been prepared by a great many volunteers and there will also be 84 vendor exhibits. Exciting activities have been scheduled both before the conference and each day after the technical sessions. One of the highlights will be the Toilet Bowl Trivia Contest, Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. New Mexico hasn't mounted a team for a few years so Colorado thinks they own the show.

The New Mexico Conference has a schedule that promises abundant education, exhibits, and networking opportunities. The annual conference is a great way to find out how others are improving on old technologies and creating new ones, to interact and network with other wastewater and drinking water professionals, and to obtain training credits. A complete schedule of the technical session and registration forms will be available at [www.rmsawwa.net](http://www.rmsawwa.net) or [www.rmwea.org](http://www.rmwea.org) very soon.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is dedicated to the promotion of public health and welfare by assuring drinking water of unquestionable quality and sufficient quantity. AWWA unites the full spectrum of the water community through North America and around the world to protect public health and provide safe and sufficient water for all. Through collective leadership, AWWA advances technology, education, science, management and government policies. The RMAWWA is dedicated to carrying out the mission of AWWA, emphasizing areas of

## CERTIFICATION NEWS

*Mike D. Coffman, Certification Officer*

### NMED CERTMAN DATABASE UPDATE

As you may be aware, the Certman Database has had serious malfunctions since June of 2004. I am pleased to announce that NMED has taken steps to replace the system with a more reliable and comprehensive system. We anticipate the phase one to begin the first of July. The Operator Certification Program has requested several modifications to the upgrade in hopes to make the information better accessible for operators by utilizing the Internet.



### NEW MEXICO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

The last meeting of the UOC Advisory Board was held in Albuquerque on June 23, 2005. At the August, 2005 meeting of the Water Quality Control Commission the Board will recommend for appointment two regular members and one alternate as follows: Ken Mosley, Village of Ruidoso (Water 4, Wastewater 4); Dale Richard Graham, D&D Water Technologies, Inc. (Water 4); and as alternate, Miguel de la Cruz, City of Lovington (Water 2, Wastewater 4). You may visit our website [www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html) to find your UOC Advisory Board Members and detailed minutes of the past meetings.

I would also like to send a personal thank you to Mr. Leo Wilson of the City of Hobbs, New Mexico for all the many years and dedication to the board. The NM UOC Advisory Board and New Mexico utility operators are in a better position today due to the contributions of Leo Wilson, thank you.

### ADVISORY BOARD APPROVES CHANGES TO NMED / FOS EXAM REVIEW PROTOCOL

The Certification Office has been struggling with the number of exam reviews prior to exam sessions. At the June 23 meeting the NM UOC approved the following changes. Exam reviews must be performed 60 days prior to the next scheduled exam and must be scheduled 7 days in advance. The protocol will be posted on the website.

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interest to the water industry, such as education, dissemination of information, and influencing water-related issues.

The RMWEA is an organization of dedicated and knowledgeable professionals collectively working together to preserve and enhance the watershed environments originating in the states of Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. The mission of the RMWEA is to:

- Advance and promote effective and efficient wastewater treatment processes and technologies
- Advance the professional development of members
- Educate the public in preserving and enhancing our water
- Be proactive on water issues
- Build a positive professional image for the Association and its members
- Promote a sustainable environment through reuse of water and residuals.

# 2005 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2005

JULY

## NMWWA WEST CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: July 6-7, 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 8, 8 to 2:30

Submit your test application by June 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## NMRWA TRAINING — SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: July 12-13, Tuesday & Wednesday

LOCATION: Taos, Convention Center

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

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## DABCC OEWU 255, SEC. 20 —

### SURFACE WATER CHEMISTRY,

TOPICS: general laboratory safety; gravimetric & volumetric measurement; pH; conductivity; titrations of acid, bases, alkalinity & hardness; dissolved oxygen; turbidity; jar testing; and precision & accuracy

DATE: July 18-22, 2005

TIME: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Dona Ana Branch Com. College

REGISTRATION: \$126.00 for Dona Ana County residents;

\$156 for out of district; + \$15.00 (non-refundable)

application fee - Pre-registration required

CREDITS: 3 college credits (transferable to 30 Cert. hrs)

CONTACT: Terry Mount, 505-527-7584;

[tmount@nmsu.edu](mailto:tmount@nmsu.edu);

<http://dabcc-www.nmsu.edu/serv/admin/application.html>

## NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS —

### ■ HOMELAND SECURITY

TOPICS: First Responder Awareness - recognition & safety; safety, recognition & notifications (SIN); basic command, IDHA, & Action Plans

DATE: July 20, Wednesday

REGISTRATION: free of charge, *Preregistration is requested*

CREDITS: 6 hours

### ■ ADVANCED SECONDARY TREATMENT

TOPICS: wastewater characteristics, fixed media, Activated sludge theory, math, and microscopic examination

DATE: July 21, Thursday

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

CREDITS: 7 hours

TIMES: 8-5, for both workshops

LOCATION: Clovis, Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd., Rm. 40; for both workshops

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137, or [wutap@vcimail.com](mailto:wutap@vcimail.com)

## NMRWA TRAINING — ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS CONTROL

DATE: July 27-28, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Berino, Immaculate Conception Mission Hall

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

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

AUGUST

## DABCC OEWU 255, SEC. 22 —

### WATER AND WASTEWATER MICROBIOLOGY

TOPICS: water and wastewater laboratory safety; water and wastewater sampling; solids analysis; microscopic examination of activated sludge; BOD analysis; and bacteriological analysis

DATE: August 1-5, 2005

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Dona Ana Branch Com. College

REGISTRATION: \$126.00 for Dona Ana County residents;

\$156 for out of district; + \$15.00 (non-refundable)

application fee - Pre-registration required

CREDITS: 3 college credits (transferable to 30 Cert. Hours)

CONTACT: Terry Mount, 505-527-7584; [tmount@nmsu.edu](mailto:tmount@nmsu.edu);

[http://dabcc-www.nmsu.edu/serv/admin/](http://dabcc-www.nmsu.edu/serv/admin/application.html)

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## MECTECH SERVICES — WATER & WASTEWATER MATH WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1-4. If you hate math, you'll love it after this class.

DATE: August 8-9, 2005 - 14 Credit Hours

TIME: 8 AM to 5 PM each day

LOCATION: Hollywood Casino, San Felipe, NM; I-25 north of Bernalillo at San Felipe exit

COST: \$160.00 - *Pre-registration required*. Includes breakfast and all materials.

CONTACT: Nicole Mangin, MecTech Services - 505-459-6832 or 505-896-8018; [nicole@mectechservices.com](mailto:nicole@mectechservices.com)

## NMWWA SOUTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: August 10-11, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Hobbs, NM Junior

## WORKSHOP LOCATION CHANGE

Due to scheduling problems, the SE Section Workshop has been relocated to Hobbs, NM.

# 2005 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2005

College, 5317 Lovington Highway, Bob Moran Building  
REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

**Advanced registration is requested.**

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Leo Wilson, 505-397-9396

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

Submit your test application by July 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: August 16-17, Tuesday & Wednesday

LOCATION: Silver City, TBA

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

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

## SEPTEMBER

### NMWWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

DATES: September 12-15, Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

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

REGISTRATION: \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members.

**Advanced registration is required**

CREDITS: 26 hours

CONTACT: Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840,

FAX 505-753-9810.

NMED EXAM: September 16, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by August 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION AWWA/ WEA CONFERENCE

DATE: September 12-14, Monday - Wednesday

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown Albuquerque

REGISTRATION: Members: \$130, advanced; \$150, at the door; \$65 for one day; OR there is a special deal for Central School attendees \$65 to attend any or all of the tech sessions

CONTACT: registration forms and complete schedule available at www.rmawwa.org or www.rmwea.org

Check out the details of the conference on page 3 of this newsletter.

### NMRWA TRAINING — SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: September 21-22, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Gallup, TBA

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

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

## OCTOBER

### NMWWA NORTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: October 12-13, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 7:30 to 4:00 each day

LOCATION: Glorietta Conference Center

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

**Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Nick Salayandia, 505-757-4287

NMED EXAM: October 14, 8 to 2:30.

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

## NOVEMBER

### NMRWA TRAINING — SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: November 9-10, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Rowell, TBA

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

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

### NMWWA CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: November 16-17, 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: Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840

NMED EXAM: November 18, 8 to 2:30

Submit your test application by Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## DECEMBER

### NMRWA TRAINING — SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: December 14-15, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Alamogordo, TBA

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

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

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS —

#### ■ BASIC & ADVANCED WATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: water characteristics, distribution, surface water treatment, regulations

DATE: December 7, 2005 - Wednesday

#### ■ BASIC & ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: wastewater characteristics, lagoons, secondary treatment

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DATE: December 8, 2005 - Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Cimarron, Philmont Scout Ranch, 4 miles south of Cimarron on Hwy 21

REGISTRATION: \$100 for both workshops or \$55 for one workshop. **Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 7 hours per day, 14 for 2 days

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

NMED EXAM: December 9, 2005, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by November 9<sup>th</sup> at the latest

### **NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL SYSTEM O&M**

DATE: December 17-18, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Socorro, TBA

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1034

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

## ON-GOING TRAINING

### **NM MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION AWWA/WEA**

DATES: 4th Tuesday of each month

TIMES: 11:45 AM to 1 PM

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Furr's Family Dining, 6100 Central Ave. SE

CONTACT: Joel Rife, 505-243-3200

### **MEC TECH SERVICES**

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

CONTACT: Nicole Mangin, 505-896-8018

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;

fredragdale@comcast.net

### **WATER OPS**

SERVICES: on-site training, technical assistance, project management, maintenance management consulting

CONTACT: Kit Roush, 505-881-4825; krroush@comcast.net

## SFCC WATER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM UPDATE

Santa Fe Community College is offering another series of classes this fall in its **Water Technology Program**. The program is designed to meet the needs of water and wastewater facility operations by:

- Preparing individuals working at these facilities for New Mexico Level I and II operator certification.
- Introducing and recruiting new people to the field of water and wastewater treatment.
- Providing updated continuing education training to those already certified and working in the field.
- Offering training to individuals working in water and wastewater related fields who would benefit from a greater understanding of these operations.

The fall semester begins August 22, 2005. Registration is ongoing. Course descriptions, registration processing and payment are all available on-line at www.sfccnm.edu. The following courses will be offered:

#### ■ **WWTT 120 Introduction to Wastewater Collection and Treatment**

#### ■ **WWTT112 Applied Math for Water and Wastewater**

WWTT 120 and 112 are delivered in a hybrid on-line format. Students have weekly on-line assignments, readings and quizzes. There are four (4) Saturday classes held on the Santa Fe Community College campus, where students have face-to-face contact with an instructor who is an expert in the field.

#### ■ **WWTT 166 Biology of Water and Wastewater**

#### ■ **WWTT 166 L Biology of Water and Wastewater Lab**

The Biology class and its lab are offered on 10 Saturdays during the fall semester. Lecture class is held in the morning from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon and the lab is held in the afternoon from 1:00 pm until 3:45 pm.

For more information about the Santa Fe Community College Water Technology Program, call 505/428-1617

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# NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

## 2005 CENTRAL SHORT SCHOOL - PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

### CENTRAL SHORT SCHOOL

September 12-15, 2005  
 UNM Continuing Ed. Building  
 1634 University Blvd., NE  
 Albuquerque, NM

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

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

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. When a specific category has reached its student capacity, no further registration will be allowed in that area. Registration confirmation will NOT be sent. Call (505)753-8840 to confirm registration, Fax # 753-9810. Refunds apply ONLY if cancellation instructions are received one week before the specified school and there will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations.

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

Member Fee: \$200 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Member Fee: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 one or two categories of classes. 26 credits each category:

ENROLLMENT		CATEGORY
50 people	Basic Water (I - II)	_____
50 people	Basic Wastewater (I-II)	_____
50 people	Advanced Water(III-IV)	_____
50 people	Adv. Wastewater (III-IV)	_____
30 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

Make your motel reservations before August 15th. Be sure to tell them you're with NMWWA.

- Super 8 Motel, 2500 University Blvd.  
     \$30 single,      \$36 double      1-505-888-4884
- LeBaron Inn, 2120 Menaul Blvd. NE  
     \$39 single,      \$45 double      1-800-444-7378
- Roadway Inn, 2108 Menaul Blvd. NE  
     \$37 single,      \$40 double      1-800-601-1873

**Pre-Registration Deadline: September 5, 2005**

## NMWWA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Louis Lujan*

Another successful short school has been completed. The Northern Short School in Taos brought in close to 120 operators, once again thank you to all the instructors, and of course Caroline Martinez. Study Guides are now available for both water & wastewater. It is very expensive to print these guides, so *Please bring your own if you have one from a previous school*. In the future, we may have to charge extra for the guides if participants are not being responsible and pickone up each time they attend a school. So please help us to keep costs down and TAKE CARE OF YOUR STUDY GUIDES.

The NMWWA has a web site [www.nmwwa.org](http://www.nmwwa.org) with a lot of useful information. You can download school pre- registration forms, membership applications, school & exam schedules, and also an exam application. Just click on any form and click print for your particular form to be printed.

It's time for Good Housekeeping & Max Summerlot (water)

awards nominations. If you are interested in nominating your facility, please contact your local section so they can schedule an inspection, and follow procedures to submit nominations to the State Association by August,31.

At our 2006 annual school, January 23-26, the Association will be celebrating 50 years in business. This year we had a record breaking attendance of 260 and we had to turn away about 30 students. So if you plan to attend please register early. Pre- registration forms will be available on our web site in September. Give Caroline Martinez a call at 505-753-8840 if you have any questions about awards or registration.

As most of you are aware House Bill 153 passed the Legislature. Some revision's were made, but because of the effort of several individuals who lobbied on behalf of the Association we got it accomplished. This bill addresses several different subjects pertaining to operators, and is an important piece of legislation. Our Certifications are only as good as the Department that administrates them. We are fortunate to have one of the best.

## OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT - GREG VALTIERRA

*West Central Section*

Greg Valtierra has been employed by the City of Gallup for 22 years as a wastewater collections operator. He started out working with sanitation then transferred to the wastewater treatment plant with the collections crew.

Greg is certified as a Wastewater II Operator. His duties as a wastewater collections operator include maintaining and repairing sewer lines in the city. He also maintains equipment, checks lift stations and repairs broken lines.

Greg enjoys spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, and softball.



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City of Las Vegas Wastewater Department is seeing applicants for the following positions:

- Two (2) Wastewater Operator/Maintenance Workers - entry \$7/hr
- Wastewater Operator 3 - entry \$13/hr
- Wastewater Operator 4/Supervisor - entry \$17.50

For information on these positions contact Mrs. Gloria Medina, Administrative Aide at 505-454-1401, ext. 265; e-mail [gfidel@cilas-vegas.nm.us](mailto:gfidel@cilas-vegas.nm.us)

## NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

- Southeast Section
  - ⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating
  - ☎ Leo Wilson, 505-397-9396
- Southwest Section
  - ⊕ 3rd Wednesday, Las Cruces
  - ☎ James Pacheco, 505-528-3653
- West Central Section
  - ⊕ 4th Wednesday, Gallup
  - ☎ Ray Espinoza, 505-863-1210
- Central Section
  - ⊕ 2nd Tuesday, rotating
  - ☎ vacant
- Northeast Section
  - ⊕ 2nd Monday, rotating
  - ☎ Nick Salayandia, 505-757-4287
- Northwest Section
  - ⊕ 1st Thursday, rotating
  - ☎ Andrew Galloway, 505-334-8684