

## NEW MEXICO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTS NEW REGULATIONS



On August 8, 2006 the NM Water Quality Control Commission held final deliberations on the proposed regulations (NMAC 20.7.4) for Utility Operator Certification. The final ruling by the Commission

was to approve the proposed regulations as submitted by the Department. These regulations (WQCC 20.7.4) become effective on November 16, 2006.

The regulations will now be aligned with the UOC Act 61-31-1-10 which passed in the NM Legislature in 2005. These changes to the regulations will help promote the advancement of water and wastewater professionals, and protect the environment and public health through proper education and certification.

Some of the changes include a new definition of “operate” and “operator”. The regulations also include examination and renewal fee increases (refer to the fee schedule on Page 3). Fee increases will become effective on December 1, 2006. The regulations also define the roles of the NM Water Quality Control Commission as the rule making body and the Department as the administrator

of the program. One of the main changes throughout the regulation was to streamline enforcement protocol on water and wastewater systems to employ a certified operator and utilizing

the Uniform Licensing Code for professional licenses. The Commission approved five new levels of certification. The new certifications are: Water Sampling Technician 1 & 2, and Wastewater Laboratory Technician 1, 2 & 3, certifications. These certifications will become effective in 2008.

With the adoption of the new regulations, the Operator Certification Program is currently working on the new “Water Sampling Study Guide” and the “Wastewater Laboratory Study Guide”. These study guides are intended to provide additional educational information in water sampling and wastewater laboratory procedures.

The regulations are posted on the Surface Water Quality Bureau website: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/index.html>. For more information contact Mike Coffman at [mike.coffman@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.coffman@state.nm.us).

Excerpts from the new regulations can be found on page 2. The entire document is posted on the Surface Water Quality Bureau website: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/index.html>.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF DEFINITION CHANGES IN THE UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ACT

For purposes of clarification, new definitions and language have been italicized.

- “domestic liquid waste treatment unit” means *any system that is designed to discharge less than two thousand gallons per day and that is subject to the rules promulgated by the environmental improvement board pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection (A0) of Section 74-1-8 NMSU 1978 or a watertight unit designed, constructed and installed to stabilize only domestic liquid waste solids contained in such domestic liquid waste, including septic tanks.*
- “operate” means *performing any activity or function or making any process control or system integrity decision regarding water quality or water quantity that has the potential to affect the proper functioning of a public water supply system or public wastewater facility or to affect human health, public welfare or the environment; the term “operate” does not include the operation of monitoring equipment from a distantly remote location;*
- “operator” means any person who operates a public water supply systems or public wastewater facility (*language removed*);

- “person” means *any agency, department or instrumentality of the United States and any of its officers, agents or employees, the state or any agency, institution or political subdivision thereof, any public or private corporation, individual, partnership, association or other entity, and includes any officer or governing or managing body of any political subdivision or public or private corporation;*”
- “public water supply system” means:
  - (1) a system for the provision through pipes or other constructed conveyances to the public of water for human consumption or domestic purposes if the system:
    - (a) has a least fifteen service connections; or
    - (b) regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five individuals at least sixty days of the year;
  - (2) any water supply source and any treatment, storage and distribution facilities under control of the operator of the system;
  - (3) *any collection device, including but not limited to wells, spring boxes, infiltration galleries or intake structures, and any treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under the control of the operator of such systems and any collection device or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system;*

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### 2007 UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

APPLICATION DEADLINE	EXAM DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EVENT DATES
12/27/06	1/26/07	Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces 705 Telshor Boulevard	NMWWA Annual Short School	Jan. 22-25
02/22/07	3/22/07	Albuquerque, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW	NMRWA Annual Conference	Mar. 19-21
03/21/07	4/20/07	Farmington, San Juan College 4601 College Blvd.	NMWWA NW Section Workshop John Allison Memorial Workshop	April 16-19
04/25/07	5/25/07	Taos, Taos Convention Center 120 Civic Plaza	NMWWA Northern Short School	May 21-24
05/23/07	6/22/07	Ruidoso, Inn of the Mountain Gods 287 Carrizozo Canyon	NMWWA SW Section Workshop Jake Hands Memorial Workshop	June 20-21
06/13/07	7/13/07	Gallup, UNM Gallup 200 College Drive	NMWWA WC Section Workshop	July 11-12
07/11/07	8/10/07	Roswell, ENMU Occupational Training Center #20 West Mathis	NMWWA SE Section Workshop	Aug. 8-9
08/15/07	9/14/07	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA Central Short School	Sep. 10-13
09/12/07	10/12/07	Espanola, National Guard Armory 705 Industrial Park	NMWWA NE Section Workshop	Oct. 10-11
10/17/07	11/16/07	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA CT Section Workshop	Nov. 14-15
11/14/07	12/14/07	Cimarron, Philmont Scout Ranch Hwy 21 south from Cimarron	NMSU WUTAP Workshop	Dec. 12-13

Download a current application form at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/FOT/index.html> or call FOS at (505) 827-2804. Applications *must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the examination date and must be accompanied by payment in check or money order.* Test dates, locations, & fees are subject to change.

# CERTIFICATION NEWS



## FROM VIOLET'S DESK

Here are a few things to keep in mind about training credit hours.

### FOR OPERATORS

- If you are not a certified operator or if you have never taken a certification exam, you are not in our database. Therefore, we do not track your training hours.
- If you are submitting a renewal or testing form and the Certification office needs documentation of your training hours, we need these documents as a "hard copy" and should be submitted via FAX or "snail" mail.
- If you do not have an operator ID for any reason, not certified, do not know it, etc. you may still use your nine digit social security number.

### FOR PROVIDERS

- When submitting training credit hours:
  - Please make sure that you enter your Provider Name as it is shown on our website - <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/FOT/index.html>.
  - If your provider name is not on our website, then the FOT will enter one for you when we receive the training form. If your company name is longer than 20 characters, please abbreviate it.
- When submitting Training Submittal Forms:
  - Please *do not* change any of the settings on the Excel form provided on our website.
  - When entering the amount of hours, put only a number. Do not put any extensions after the number such as hours, hrs, etc.
  - The date should always be entered in a digit format (example: 10/10/2006). When entering a multi-date training session on the submittal form, only enter the last day of the training. You can identify in the e-mail message if the training event was more than one day.
  - When entering an operator ID# please enter the NM followed by the five digit number. Do not put a space between the letters and the numbers or the database will not load the data (example: NM00000).
  - If you don't have the Operator ID#, a social security number may still be used.
  - And finally, when mailing your copies of the training credits hours to the UOC Office after you have submitted them via email, please remember to put the reference number on the form. Otherwise we do not know if the training has been submitted via email.

*Violet Miera*

*NMED SWQB FOS, (505)827-2804*

*Mike D. Coffman,  
NM Operator Certification Officer  
NMED SWQB Facility Operations Section*

## NEW MEXICO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FEES CHANGE

In August of 2006, the NM Water Quality Control Commission adopted the proposed amendments to the Utility Operator Certification Regulation (20.7.4 NMAC). The adopted regulations incorporate fee increases for examination application fees, renewal fees, reciprocity fees, and all late fees. Late Fees for renewals of all certificates will increase to \$10.00 per certificate per month. All Fees become effective on **December 1, 2006**. Please note the following fee schedule:

### SMALL SYSTEMS, SAMPLING, & LABORATORY CERTIFICATION

Category	Test Fees	Renewal Fees/ 3 yr.
SW	\$25	\$20
SWA	\$25	\$20
SWW	\$25	\$20
SWWA	\$25	\$20
WST1	\$25	\$25
WST2	\$25	\$25
WWLT1	\$25	\$25
WWLT2	\$25	\$25
WWLT3	\$30	\$30

### WATER & WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION LEVELS 1 & 2

Category	Test Fees	Renewal Fees/ 3 yr.
Level 1	\$30	\$25
Level 2	\$30	\$25

### WATER & WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION LEVELS 3 & 4

Category	Test Fees	Renewal Fees/ 3 yr.
Level 3	\$30	\$30
Level 4	\$30	\$30

### Key to Abbreviations

SW	Small Water
SWA	Small Water Advanced
SWW	Small Wastewater
SWWA	Small Wastewater Advanced
WST1	Water Sampling Technician 1
WST2	Water Sampling Technician 2
WWLT1	Wastewater Laboratory Technician 1
WWLT2	Wastewater Laboratory Technician 2
WWLT3	Wastewater Laboratory Technician 3

# 2006 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2007

## NOVEMBER

### NMRWA TRAINING – OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

#### FUNDAMENTALS & MOCK EXAM

DATE: November 6-8, Monday - Wednesday

LOCATION: Ruidoso, Best Western

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

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

### NMWWA CT SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: November 15-16, 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: Cynthia Arnold, 505-281-3294

NMED EXAM: November 17, 8 to 2:30

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

### NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: November 15-16, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Clayton, TBD

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

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

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOP —

#### LABORATORY PARAMETERS FOR NPDES REPORTING

TOPICS: This two day workshop will cover methodologies and in-lab demonstrations for E coli, BOD, TSS, & pH; the associated QA/QC procedures for each parameter; and an NMED SWQB discussion of EPA reporting requirements.

DATE: November 15-16, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Farmington, Civic  
Center, 200 W.

Arrington, and the City  
of Farmington OMI  
Laboratory

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

CREDITS: 14 hours

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

## DECEMBER

### NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: December 7-8, Thursday & Friday

LOCATION: Roswell, Convention & Civic Center

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

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

### NMRWA TRAINING – OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

#### FUNDAMENTALS & MOCK EXAM

DATE: December 12-14, Tuesday - Thursday

LOCATION: Acoma, Sky City Casino

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

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

## JANUARY

### SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WWTT 150 ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: Basic wastewater treatment concepts; types of on-site treatment systems; site specific applicability; O&M requirements; state & federal regulations. Go to <http://learn.sfccnm.edu/fall06coursedetails.asp> for the course details (scroll to the bottom of the yellow 100% on-line course listings)

DATE: Spring Semester -Jan. 20 through May 18, 2007

TIMES: 100% on-line

LOCATION: Anywhere with an internet connection

REGISTRATION: \$186.30, in-district; \$218.40 out-of-district. *Tuition and distance learning fees included*

CREDITS: 3 credit hours, equivalent to 30 NM certification credit hours

CONTACT: SFCC at <http://www.sfccnm.edu/sfcc/pages/1322.html> for on-line registration; or Robert Gott, 505-984-0676; [rwgwutap@vcimail.com](mailto:rwgwutap@vcimail.com) for details

### NMWWA 51ST ANNUAL SCHOOL

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

DATES: January 22-25, Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto, 705 Telshor Blvd.

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

### ... EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS ... TRY AN ON-LINE COURSE

Do you find it difficult to leave your system for training classes? Earn your training credits on-line while engaging in lively discussions and projects with operators from around the state. This is an opportunity to tap into a multitude of training resources, expand your knowledge of the field, and be situated to earn extra money as a certified provider for the growing area of "on-site systems".

# 2007 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2007

members. *Advance registration is required for all classes.*  
CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez,  
505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810  
CREDITS: 26 hours  
NMED EXAM: January 26, 8 to 2:30.  
Submit your test application by Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## FEBRUARY

## MARCH

**NMRWA 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 19-21, 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 - 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 22, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by February 21<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

## APRIL

**NMWWA NORTHWEST SECTION - JOHN ALLISON MEMORIAL WORKSHOP**  
TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater  
DATE: April 4-7, 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: Cindy Huntsman, 505-334-8684  
NMED EXAM: April 20, 8 to 2:30.  
Submit your test application by March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21-24, Mon. to Thurs.  
TIMES: 8 to 5 each day  
LOCATION: Taos, Convention Center, 120 Civic Plaza

REGISTRATION: \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members.  
*Advance registration is required for all classes.*  
CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810.  
CREDITS: 26 hours  
NMED EXAM: May 25, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by April 25<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## JUNE

**NMWWA SOUTHWEST SECTION - JAKE HANDS MEMORIAL WORKSHOP**  
TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater  
DATE: June 20-21, 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 22, 8 to 2:30.  
Submit your test application by May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the latest.

## JULY

**NMWWA WEST CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP**  
TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater  
DATE: July 11-12, 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 13, 8 to 2:30  
Submit your test application by June 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## AUGUST

**NMWWA SOUTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP**  
TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater  
DATE: August 7-9, Wednesday & Thursday  
TIMES: 8 to 5, both days  
LOCATION: Roswell, ENMU Occupational Training Center, #20 West Mathis  
REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.  
*Advanced registration is requested.*  
CREDITS: 13 hours  
CONTACT: Mark Earnest, 505-910-2372  
NMED EXAM: August 10, 8 to 2:30.  
Submit your test application by July 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## ON-GOING TRAINING

### 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;  
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

### 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/>

### SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WATER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



DATES: Ongoing classes each semester

LOCATION: Santa Fe, SFCC 6401 Richards Ave. &  
anywhere with an internet connection

CONTACT: Al Reed 505-428-1314 or  
<http://www.sfccnm.edu/sfcc/pages/1322.html>

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• “supervision” means the coordination, direction, oversight or inspection of the operation of a public water supply system or a public wastewater facility; the term “supervision” does not include the operation of monitoring equipment from a distantly remote location;

Further changes within the “Definitions” section of the Act include :

- The responsibilities of the “act”, the “commission” and the “department” have been clarified.
- The definition of a “certified supervisor” has been removed from the act.

Further notable changes include:

- The addition of section 20.7.4.11 - “Levels of Certification”
- The addition of section 20.7.4.14 - “Lesser Included Certifications”



## NMWWA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lu Ann Bustamante

The Central School was held in September in Albuquerque and was a great success thanks to Caroline. I was unable to help out at the school due to a prior commitment which could not be canceled. The evaluation forms showed that 92% of the respondents rated the school as excellent or good. Thanks to all the dedicated instructors who share their time and expertise.

One of the goals for 2007 of the NM Water & Wastewater Association is to increase our membership. There are many new people getting into the field of water and wastewater and it is the Association's responsibility to train and provide assistance to these operators. In this Newsletter, you will find an insert of a membership application. If you are not yet a member and would like to become one, and help support the Association, please fill out the form and mail to the address listed. Thank you all in advance for your continued support of this great Association of ours, the NM Water & Wastewater Association.

If you are planning to attend the Annual School on January 22-25, 2007 in Las Cruces, please register early. A pre-registration is also included with this newsletter. Please visit our web site: [www.nmwwa.org](http://www.nmwwa.org) to download pre-registration forms, school & workshop schedules, exam application, study guides, or to get additional information on the Association.

Enjoy this fall season and all the Holidays it brings!!!

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# NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

## 2007 ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL - PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL**  
**January 22-25, 2007**  
**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 or you can call 505-753-8840 for payment arrangements.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN# or ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMPLOYED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMPLOYER PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NMWWA MEMBE?**  **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. 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 short school. There will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations. **Classes are from 8:00 – 5:00.**  
**NOTE:** Please bring your study guide(s) (water & wastewater) if you have copies.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

(MARK what you are paying)

Member Fee: \$200 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Member Fee: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra Banquet Ticket: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 categories of classes.

**26 credits offered for the school:**

<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)	_____

**ACCOMODATIONS:**

**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, 2007**

**Make your motel reservations before January 10th.**  
**Mention that you are with NMWWA to get these rates.**

- **Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 Telshor Blvd.**  
 \$60 single, \$60 double      1-505-522-4300
- **Days Inn, 2121 S. Triviz**  
 \$60 single, \$60 double      1-505-522-1700
- **Super 8, 245 La Posada Lane**  
 \$40 single, \$46 double      1-505-523-8695

## OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT - PATRICK WHITE

*Nick Salayandia, President NE Section*

Patrick (Pat) White started working at Glorieta Conference Center in 1984 in the buildings maintenance department. In 1987 he transferred to the water and wastewater section. He was uncertified, and by 1992, Pat had his double 1V's, both in water and wastewater. Pat holds a B.S. degree in Soil and Water Science he received from the University of Arizona in 1979.

Pat is the water and wastewater assistant. The best way to describe his job and how he feels about it, is by quoting what he recently wrote on his Position Content Document (PCD). "This job requires versatility, from working alone and showing initiative to working with others and showing cooperation. Sometimes this job requires doing mechanical work with hand tools and other times doing water chemistry and mathematical formulas, sometimes logging and analyzing data and other times cleaning sludge beds."



Pat enjoys his work. Aside from his regular duties Pat is an active member of the NE Section and is currently Secretary Treasurer for the section.

Pat enjoys hiking the trails around the area. He has been married to Lynn White for 20 years; he met her here at the Conference Center. They have a 17 year old son George and a 14 year old daughter named Amanda, who attend Pecos High School. On behalf of the NE Section, thank you.

## NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

- Southeast Section
  - ⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating
  - ☎ Leo Wilson, 505-397-9396
- Southwest Section
  - ⊕ 3rd Wednesday, rotating
  - ☎ Martin Lopez, 505-571-3628
- West Central Section
  - ⊕ 4th Wednesday, Gallup
  - ☎ Ray Espinoza, 505-870-7626
- Central Section
  - ⊕ 2nd Tuesday, rotating
  - ☎ Cynthia Arnold, 505-281-3294
- Northeast Section
  - ⊕ 2nd Monday, rotating
  - ☎ Nick Salayandia, 505-757-4287
- Northwest Section
  - ⊕ 1st Thursday, rotating
  - ☎ John Eckley, 505-634-0539