



NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

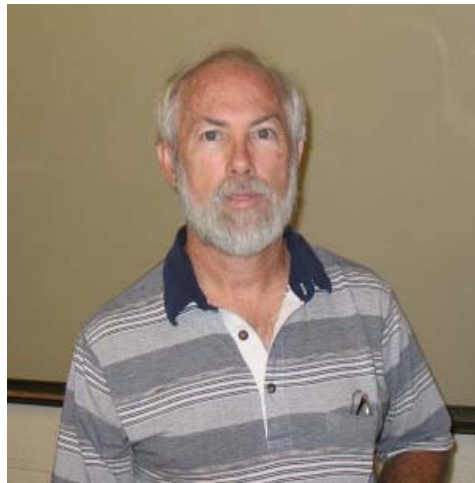
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SCOUNDREL IDENTIFIED AT DACC WATER TECH PROGRAM

Doug Roby, DACC

After 30 some years at Dona Ana Community College, I was finally cornered by Bob Gott the other day and asked to “come clean” about all the student abuse I administered to all those wholesome young lads and lassies desiring a cushy job in the utilities department. Originally from Rockford, Illinois, my wife and I came to New Mexico on vacation in November 1974 and by December, I was hired by Max Summerlot to teach laboratory analysis for a new vocational program called Utility Operator Training Program. Nobody knew what Utility Operator Training Program was, so we eventually changed it to Water



Technology. The program and building were originally funded through money from the Clean Water Act and CETA obtained by a group of forward thinking operators and engineers. Max Summerlot, Jesse Lundsford, John Hernandez, Clyde Vigil, Bob Sparks, Ed Archuleta and several others I can't remember had a vision of an EPA training center that would provide trained operators to help fulfill municipal utility staffing needs. Each county in the State was encouraged to send a student to the school.

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WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DOUG.....As a Teacher

I think admirably of Doug Roby as the first (and only) person to ever successfully teach me any chemistry at all – a subject that mystified me mightily in high school and college both. His extreme comfort and fluency with the practical applications of water chemistry seemed to make it a field of study accessible to anyone. I remember him as being a rare and gifted teacher, flexible and at ease in the classroom, willing and attentive to individuals, and remarkably good at multi-tasking (there can't be too many people in the world as good as Doug at running multiple sets of samples and keeping track of students simultaneously). Quite possibly, many of us might not have become operators but for Doug's dedication and enthusiasm. His contributions to his many students-who-become-operators and to the water tech program are uniquely his own, uniquely Doug. It makes me

smile to think of Doug. No one else could or ever will fill his space in quite the same way.

*Debora Hall [Class of 1992], Environmental Programs
Los Alamos National Labs*

As a trainer, the information I learned from Doug Roby has had a far reaching effect because it impacts all the people I train, not just those in the lab. In fact, I still use his SOPs today. His approach to teaching is more of an art form; it combines all the different aspects of a concept in such a way that the student derives a more thorough understanding of the subject matter, not just facts to regurgitate back on a test.

*Bob Gott [Class of 1977], Program Coordinator,
NMSU Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program*

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CETA (Comprehensive Employment & Training Act) provided funding for the first group of 10 students. It was pretty funny, the students were making more money through their financial aid than I was making as their instructor and we were about the same age. My wife had challenged me to grow a beard the previous summer, so I decided to keep it hoping that I would look at least a little older than the students. My first chance to abuse the students came early in my first semester. I'm sure it was Art Torrez and Bob Gott who decided they didn't have to come to class on time, so I used my power as "King" to lock them out of the classroom to demonstrate the importance of timeliness. The second group of students even went on strike when their CETA checks were late. About the same time, Gene Nelms, an English Major, was hired to teach maintenance.

This completed our original staff for several years until Max Summerlot died. Gene became Program Coordinator, and Cynthia Hiers-Robinson was hired to teach wastewater operations and microbiology.

I have always been blessed to work with tremendously dedicated friends and colleagues. Max, Gene, Cynthia, Jake Hands, and now Terry Mount have all tried to get me to be less abusive to students

but they haven't succeeded. In fact, Terry is now even more abusive than I am. Imagine expecting students to complete assignments on time, perform analysis correctly and accurately, pay attention to details, work together, and actually think for themselves. Her expectations are much too high, but it allows for a great deal of joy watching students struggle over and over again. I always told students they could address me as "king" or "your majesty", but instead they would call me LSD (little

short dude) or Papa Smurf. How rude! You can only imagine what they call Terry. They have learned to duck when she points her index finger at them.

The saddest part of my career came with the passing of Cynthia Hiers-Robinson. We worked together for almost 25 years and she literally gave her life for this program. Her concern for students goes beyond description. A tear still comes to my eye, every time I open her old office and still see all the clutter and papers scattered everywhere.

Certainly the hardest part of teaching is keeping up with technology and regulations. My latest endeavor has been to work with Mike Coffman on the Laboratory Certification Study Guide. I will be interested in getting feedback from laboratory technicians

DOUG.....As King

Back when I was in school, we all called Doug "Papa Smurf" because he always ensured that everything in his lab went as the leader demanded.

Bobby Snowden [Class of 1985], Chief Plant Operator, Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Ruidoso

The abuse that has been delivered at the hands of "King Doug" was character building and has produced some of the best operators in the state. I keep waiting for him to fall asleep in the lab (he is getting up there you know and needs daily naps) so I can paint him blue (no fake white beard needed) so he really can look like Papa Smurf.

Terry Mount [Class of 1983], Department Chair, DACC Technical Studies Department

when this is finally on-line. My primary goal was to provide guidance to the part-time operator/lab tech with minimal analytical experience. The second goal is to provide guidance on quality control issues and finally to get each laboratory to the same baseline competency level. Hopefully, the certification program will increase technician skills and produce consistently valid data within all laboratories in New Mexico.

All in all, teaching in the Water Technology Program has been very satisfying and being a scoundrel goes with the job. This is a great career field, with great long-term growth potential but unfortunately not very glamorous and doesn't get the marketing it needs. Every time a student graduates and becomes a successful operator/manager/lab tech, my abusive behavior is reinforced and I continue to be an unremorseful scoundrel.

DOUG.....As a Human Being

In 1989 Doug hosted a Halloween Party at his home. It was a great party and I was impressed that Doug had welcomed students into his home and personal life. What really defined Doug's character and cemented my respect for him was the attitude he showed during two memorable moments at the party. We were unloading metal folding chair from the back of a truck and Doug grabbed two chairs from the bottom (I handled down the chairs sideways) and they separated with one swinging inward to hit him in the top of the head cutting and bruising him. I apologized and his response was, "I won't need my costume now". The second moment occurred when a fellow student, Gary Pruitt showed up about half way through the party. He began to back up his truck to park and in the process ran over the well leaving Doug's house without water. Doug's response was simply that as future operators we would have to repair the well and plumbing, "consider it On-the-Job-Training". We never did repair the well and he egged me about the bruise and cut on his head for the next couple of years, but he has always been there to provide guidance and assistance. But I don't believe he has ever had another party at his house.

Martin G Lopez [Class of 1990], General Manager Mesquite MDWC & MSWA; part-time instructor DACC Water Tech Prog.

DOUG....As a Colleague

In response to Doug's allegations of my becoming abusive to students he has no one to blame but himself. I too was one of his abused students (still have the emotional scars to prove it) and learned the lesson well not only as a student but as a colleague. The Water Technology Program and all of the students who have passed through these doors have been extremely fortunate to have had the benefit of his majesty's wisdom.

Terry Mount, Department Chair DACC Technical Studies Dept.

MORE ABOUT DOUG'S APPROACH TO TEACHING

I remember the time a glass desiccator slipped out of my hands in the Civil Engineering Lab (The Utility Operator Training Program was a step-child at the NMSU Engineering Department at that time). There was a loud crash and it broke into a million pieces. Everyone was laughing when all of a sudden an engineering professor appeared and chewed us up and spit us out. Doug took the brunt of the verbal tongue lashing and no one said a word after the prof left. I was so embarrassed. The only thing I saved out of the whole ordeal was the glass lid. STUPID!!!! This incident probably inspired Doug and Max to get the Dona Ana Branch built. Hope I made you proud.

*Art Torrez [Class of 1977], Water-Wastewater Manager
City of Roswell*

Doug is my favorite kind of teacher; creative and innovative, with high expectations of his students. My memory of him in class is a cross between a dignified professor and an excited schnauzer wearing a lab coat.

*Robert George [Class of 1991], Domestic Waste Team Leader
NMED Groundwater Pollution Prevention Section*

It was a hot spring day in Doug's 230 wastewater lab. Doug was showing about as much enthusiasm as were the 8 students in the class. The class was 3 hours and we were to review for the upcoming exam. So, with interest running high, Joe Bailey and I decided that we would be more relaxed and get more out of the class if we moved it to the local drinking hole (called "Down the Hatch" in those days). So the class did and believe it or not, Doug showed up (had a coke, ate some pizza) and the class was a huge success. By the way....we all passed the exam.

*Mike D. Coffman [Class of 1982], NM Certification Officer
NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau*



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION NEWS

Marie Ortiz

NMED SWQB Facility Operations Section

■ REMINDER: To *All* applicants for testing

Remember to include the Water System ID #, the NPDES #, or the Groundwater Discharge Permit #. If you are not sure, please ask your supervisor, he/she should know. If not, go on to our website www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/fot.

The application **should be filled out completely**, even though you are currently certified and have a file with us, I don't always know how long you've been in your position current or otherwise. Most of you think that because "*it's on file*" you don't have to complete the application. **Wrong!** I don't have time to be digging into 3,000 operator files to search for information that should be on the application.

Come on guys!! Be kind and fill out your testing application completely from beginning to end and include all the necessary documentation. Thanks.



■ Download a current application form at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/FOT/index.html> or call FOS at (505) 827-2804. Applications for certification exams 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.

2007 UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

APPLICATION DEADLINE	EXAM DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EVENT DATES
12/27/07	1/25/08	Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces 705 Telshor Boulevard	NMWWA Annual Short School	Jan. 21-24
02/20/08	3/21/08	Albuquerque, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW	NMRWA Annual Conference	Mar. 17-20
03/19/08	4/18/08	Farminston, San Juan College 4601 College Blvd.	John Allison Memorial Workshop NMWWA NW Section	April 14-17
04/17/08	5/16/08	Espanola, Ohkay Resort Conv. Center Hwy 68, 1 mile N of Espanola	NMWWA Northern Short School	May 12-15
05/14/08	6/13/08	Ruidoso, Inn of the Mountain Gods 287 Carrizozo Canyon	Jake Hands Memorial Workshop NMWWA SW Section	June 11-12
06/11/08	7/11/08	Gallup, UNM Gallup 200 College Drive	NMWWA WC Section Workshop	July 9-10
07/09/08	8/08/08	Carlsbad, Pecos River Village Conf. Center 711 Muscatel St.	NMWWA SE Section Workshop	Aug. 6-7
08/13/08	9/12/08	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA Central Short School	Sep. 8-11
09/17/08	10/17/08	Espanola, Ohkay Resort Conv. Center Hwy 68, 1 mile N of Espanola	NMWWA NE Section Workshop	Oct. 15-16
10/15/08	11/14/08	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA CT Section Workshop	Nov. 12-13
11/12/08	12/12/08	TBD	NMSU WUTAP / NMED Workshop	Dec. 10-11

2007 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2008

NOVEMBER

NMWWA CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: November 14-15, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Albuquerque, UNM Continuing Education

Bldg. 1634 University Blvd., NE

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

Advanced registration is requested.

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: John Fitzgerald, 505-277-2465

NMED EXAM: November 16, 8 to 2:30 Submit your test application by Oct. 17th at the latest.

DECEMBER

NMRWA TRAINING – OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

FUNDAMENTALS

DATE: December 11-13, Tuesday - Thursday

LOCATION: Philmont Scout Ranch, Conference Bldg.

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

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

NMED EXAM: December 14, 8 to 2:30 Submit your test application by Nov. 14th at the latest.

2008

JANUARY

NMWWA 52ND ANNUAL SCHOOL

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

Includes special workshops.

DATES: January 21-24, Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

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

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

Advance registration is required for all classes.

CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez,

505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810, www.nmwwa.org

CREDITS: 26 hours

NMED EXAM: January 25, 8 to 2:30.

Submit your test application by Dec. 27th at the latest.

FEBRUARY

NM ROADRUNNER PRETREATMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

TOPICS: The big issue for this meeting will be

FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease). The

National Restaurant Association

will be present and we will have

presentations from Neal Klimek,

Pretreatment Coordinator for the

City of Rio Rancho and Raul

Martinez, Pretreatment Inspector

for the City of Santa Fe. In the afternoon

we will have a roundtable discussion regarding specific issues

that cities are facing. There will be refreshments including

coffee, water, juice, breakfast burritos in the morning and a

dessert in the afternoon.

DATE: February 1, 2008 Friday

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM

LOCATION: Socorro, Socorro City Hall Chamber, 111
School of Mines Rd.

REGISTRATION: No charge. Please RSVP that you will be
attending the meeting to Sarah.Holcomb@state.nm.us

CONTACT: Sarah Holcomb, NMED SWQB, 505-476-1864
Sarah.Holcomb@state.nm.us



MARCH

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 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 21, 8 to 2:30. Submit your test application by February 20th at the latest.

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APRIL

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.

MAY

NMWWA NORTHERN SCHOOL

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

DATES: May 12-15, 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.

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.

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.

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.

ON-GOING TRAINING

HAZMAT SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

SERVICES: on-site decontamination proficiency evaluation & 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

www.mectechservices.com

e-mail: nicole@mectechservices.com

Training Opportunities Continued on Page 7

TROUBLE GETTING OUT OF TOWN? ... EARN TRAINING CREDITS ON-LINE

On-line courses ***that are approved for NM certification training credits*** are offered at www.sfccnm.edu & www.rnwea.org.

Go to www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/FOT/index.html, click "more resources" to explore the possibilities.

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ON-GOING TRAINING

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

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.

Now Registering for Spring 2008

“WWTT120 - “Introduction to Small Wastewater Systems”

Course Details: “Intro to Small Wastewater Systems” was developed by WUTAP personnel to provide the basic information necessary to pass the NM Small Wastewater Systems Certification Exam. It is a good starting point for operators entering the field who want to learn about basic wastewater treatment. The links within the course will provide a window into many aspects of wastewater treatment.

REGISTRATION: In-State Out-of District - \$198.40, *early bird rate*; \$210.80, 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

ERG PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE OPERATOR TRAINING!!!

Violette Valerio-Hirschfeld, NMENV

The Expense Reimbursement Grant (ERG*) program provides operator training and funding for small drinking water supply system representatives. This program offers free training sessions conveniently located throughout the state. Eligible attendees will be reimbursed for expenses related to attending the training sessions, and for the certification exam fee.

Training focuses on water certification levels: Small Water (SW), Small Water Advanced (SWA), Level 1 Water Supply (WS1) and Level 2 Water Supply (WS2). Eligibility for reimbursement is based on the following criteria: Must be attending training on behalf of a water system less than 3301 persons, water system must be either a community or non-transient non-community water system and only two persons per eligible water system may receive reimbursement.

Paid and unpaid small water system representatives may be reimbursed for mileage to and from the training sessions. Only one person per vehicle may claim mileage expenses. Mileage reimbursement is set at \$0.32 per mile and is determined using map miles from your house to the training session.

Unpaid volunteer small water system representatives may receive reimbursement for actual meal and lodging expenses, up to limits set by the State, (up to \$135 per night for lodging, including taxes and fees, and \$30 per day for meals).

Certification exam fees will also be reimbursed for all eligible paid and unpaid small water system representatives. You may receive reimbursement for exam fees up to three times from this program.

Please contact the NMRWA office at 1-800-819-9893 or Violette Valerio-Hirschfeld, with the DWB office at 505-222-9539 with any questions. The schedule of classes and all program forms and information is available online at: www.nmrwa.org/erg.php. ERG forms should be mailed to: NMRWA, 3413 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

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**New Mexico
Water & Wastewater
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52ND ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL

**January 21-24, 2008
Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
Las Cruces, NM**

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is on a "first come - first served" basis. There will be NO registration at the door. To 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 _____

Extra Banquet Ticket: \$30 _____

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.

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

Make check payable to:
N.M. Water & Wastewater Association

Mail form & check to:
Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager
P.O. Box 819
Española, NM 87532

Pre-Registration Deadline: January 15, 2008

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.	
575-522-4300	\$60 single	\$70 double
Sleep Inn.....	2121 S Triviz	
575-522-1700	\$60 single	\$60 double
Motel 6.....	235 La Posada Lane	
575-525-1010	\$40 single	\$50 double

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cynthia Arnold

There are a few issues I'd like to bring you up to date on: new structure for judging the Max Summerlot Award and Good Housekeeping Award, Constitution & By-Laws review and ballot distribution, registration fee increase for NMWWA Schools (not workshops), replacement Board Member nominations.

Since the Max Summerlot and Good Housekeeping Awards require a committee to be assembled that is willing and available to travel to the nominated facilities around the state, it has become increasingly difficult to achieve this. It was suggested at the last board meeting that the nominations of facilities for these awards now include digital photos of the site (minimum of ten) that can be reviewed by the Board at the next Board meeting November 2.

A copy of the revisions to the NMWWA Constitution and By-Laws (along with a ballot) will be sent to members some time in November. Please review the documents and send back the ballot. If there are any issues with the documents, please send your comments with the ballot.

Starting in 2008, the registration fees for the three major training Schools—Annual, Northern, and Central—will adjust to meet the increased event expenses. For members, the charge will be \$250; \$300 for non-members.

Please keep in mind that many of the local section Board officer's terms (as well as state officers) are expiring at the end of this year. Please do your part to contribute to the success of the Association by volunteering for one of these positions, by assisting as an instructor for training, or by helping out with organization events. Any help is greatly appreciated. NMWWA depends on the cooperation of volunteers to thrive. Thanks in advance.

OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT - ANDREW GALLOWAY

Cindy Huntsman, NMWWA Northwest Section

Andrew Galloway is the supervisor at the Aztec Water and Wastewater Facilities. He started in 1996 and has worked in this field for 11 years. Starting as a trainee, he worked his way up to his present position. Because of this experience, he relates to the problems of the other operators. He received his level 4 certification in both Water and Wastewater in 2000. Andrew has always enjoyed working in water and wastewater operations. He is great at troubleshooting and is always around when a problem needs to be tracked down. He has assisted in training at several section workshops, also tutoring anyone that asks for special help. During his career, he has served as Section President in the Northwest Section. He has lent a hand on many committees over the years and is always willing to help.



www.nmwwa.org



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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