

NDEP Drinking Water Operator Certification Program NvRWA Conference March 21, 2014

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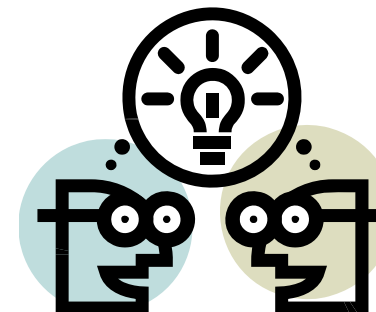
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Good Morning! First...



Program Staffing

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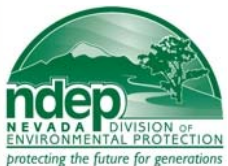
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Renewal Cards

- Renewal Cards were printed *February 28, 2014*
- *Thank you for your patience.*

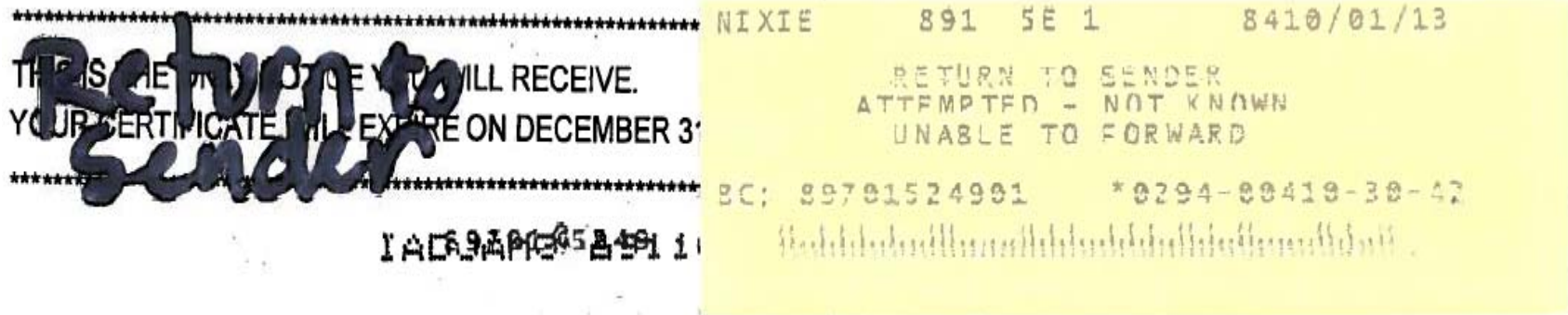
Renewal mailed Oct 2005

This renewal was mailed !



Returned to NDEP 10/01/13

- Update Your Address & E-Mail



News You Can Use

- NDEP's Operator Certification Webpage
 - ◆ http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bsdw/cert_home.htm
 - ◆ Training, Testing & Activities Calendar
 - ◆ New On Line Training Courses available
check under External Educational Resources





What if...?

- Q: What if am not sure if my certification is expired!? A: Check your wallet card AND...B: check the website... C: call us
 - ◆ You cannot operate in Responsible Charge (i.e. make ANY decisions) without an active FULL certification.
 - ◆ If you haven't Reinstated your Cert, *It Is EXPIRED.*

Document Daily Duties time in percentages %

- When filling out conversion, test or reciprocity applications please give me a breakdown of all duties by listing your work experience and what percentage of the time you performed those duties. Once we review the scope of duties I will be able to finalize your application. Please keep in mind that in Nevada Water Treatment, Distribution and Wastewater are separate certifications. Once we complete the application review we can determine what Distribution and Treatment levels you can qualify for in Nevada.

The more you document, the more hours credit I can give you....% duties per week

- Water distribution Duties per week
 - 40% = 16 hours
- Water Treatment Duties per week
 - 40% 16 hours
- Wastewater Treatment Duties per week
 - 20% 8 hours
- The combination of all this time needs to add up to 100%

\$\$\$\$ DON'T RISK LOOSING MONEY RENEW EARLY !

HOW EARLY : SEPTEMBER 1ST

- **Renewal Applications are accepted September 1.**
- **Avoid the holiday rush, mail applications in early.**
- **Don't wait until renewal time to get CEU's**
- **All operator certifications are biennial and must be renewed NO LATER THAN December 31st on the year of expiration.**
- Please note that all operators are responsible for keeping track of their renewal periods;
- all notices sent by the Division are reminders that renewal of your certification(s) is due.

Nevada Administrative Code

NAC 445A.644

- Provides for reinstatement and renewal of expired certificates. Please note that, **operators with expired certification(s) are uncertified and are not allowed under any circumstances to operate a facility on their own and/or in a capacity where they are making operational decisions.**

\$\$ DO NOT WASTE YOUR MONEY \$\$

- **The provision for reinstatement requires that operators with expired certification(s) submit their completed application along with a \$100.00 fee that**
- **Must be received before 5PM on June 30th, 2014. Failure to reinstate prior to the deadline will require the operator with a Type F or “full certification” to retest.**

NAC 445A.644 FAILURE TO RENEW PROVISIONAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

- Nevada Administrative Code NAC 445A.644 does not provide for reinstatement of expired OIT and Provisional Operators certificate(s).
- Please note that, provisional operators with expired certification(s) are uncertified and are not allowed under any circumstances to operate a facility on their own and/or in a capacity where they are making operational decisions.
- Until a provisional operator becomes recertified by re- testing, a contract operator of appropriate grade & type must be hired to maintain compliance.

NAC 445A.644 FAILURE TO RENEW OIT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

- **Please note that, operators with expired OIT or Provisional Operator certification(s) cannot be reinstated and must retest in order to obtain a valid certificate.**
- ***Water Certification Exam Date:***
- **June 25, 2014** - Complete applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2013** in our Carson City office.
- **October 1, 2014** - Complete applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014** in our Carson City office.



Applicants

Application Notes:

Before you apply, check out our webpage!

http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bsdw/cert_home.htm

Check your CEU options; new online courses,
test dates and application deadlines, use
updated forms...



Applicants

Application Notes:

- Fill out the WHOLE form.
- Valid E-mail addresses are essential.
- Accurate Mailing Addresses are essential.
- READ Regulations to make sure you qualify for a Full; or apply for an OIT.
- If you are not sure call Max @ 775-687-9527



Applicants

Application Notes:

- *Sell yourself* – What we see on the App is what we know about you!
- Forms have limitations – use extra paper
- **YOU** need to review it before you sign it –
Especially if someone filled it out for you
- Keep a copy of what you submitted



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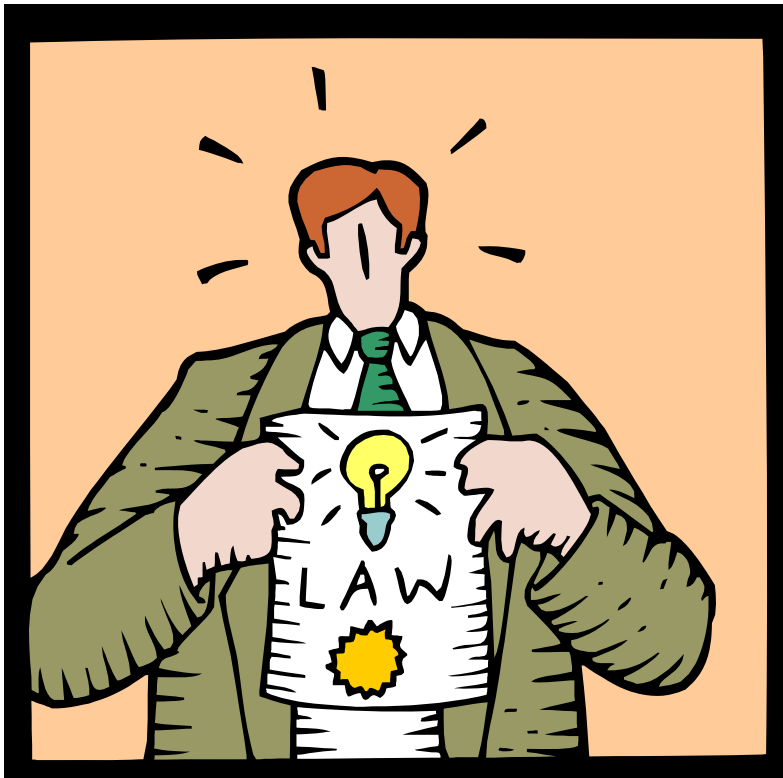
Renewal Application Notes:

The “Yes/No box”

It's about Ethics and Public Health

- If you have had a problem with something covered in NAC 445A.646, It may not be the end of the world, but ***you'd*** better be the first to say something!
- **Check the Box**, Staff is not allowed to.

NAC 445A.646



- ***Permanent Revocation***
 - ◆ March, 2013 – Operator falsifies Contact Hour Training Certificates
 - ◆ Operator Appealed Decision to Revoke Certification
 - ◆ June, 2013 NDEP Administrator Permanently Revoked Opportunity to be Certified in Nevada



Applicants

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- FYI - Failure to Renew and Continuing to Operate is a “Yes” for the check box and requires an explanation.
- **Check the Box**, Staff is not allowed to.



Renewal Applicants

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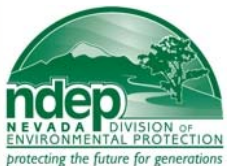
- Safety Training is important for so many reasons – but can only be used for a **maximum of 2 ½ hours** for Renewals.
 - ◆ OSHA 10/30, Shoring, Confined Space, etc.
 - ◆ Please do not turn in two safety classes for one renewal period.

It's All About You(re Info)

We highly recommend Operators maintain their own files of professional certification history & records

~~It's your license, It's your *livelihood*~~

Keep your Certificates, Keep your Application Copies, Keep your Transcripts, Keep your Training Records, Keep it all where you can FIND it!



BSDW Contact Information



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CEU's, training, conversions, reciprocities, hours needed

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Sleep Well

(not during our presentations)

Did I just say
uh ... that's
close enough?

or

**did I say
say...perfect..
... and take
pride in doing
my job right !**

