



Regulation Mysteries Revealed

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Simple Question

What regulatory agency is in charge of your Wastewater License?

NO LONGER MA DEP



Goal of Presentation

Help clarify two mysteries

1. Regulatory Agencies
2. License Renewal Procedures



What are the current
regulatory agencies?

Regulation Mysteries Revealed
Part I



“Due to state budget cuts in Massachusetts, the state’s Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) shifted its wastewater operator certification and training program to a new consortium of training organizations, led by NEIWPCC.”

www.neiwpc.org

The Training Advisory Committee (TAC) was created.

Training Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP)
- New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC)
- Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association (MWPCA)
- New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA)
- Massachusetts Rural Water Association (MRWA)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA - New England)
- Massachusetts Board of Operator Certification
- Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District



Mass DEP Duties

- Approve courses for training contact hours
- Grading of treatment plants
- Developing questions for the certification examination
- Exam Grading & Appeals
- Issuing emergency certifications and other statutory requirements
(File applications with NEIWPC)



NEIWPCCC Duties

- Certification exams
- Renewals
- Operator training



MWPCA Duties

- Educational opportunities
- Employment opportunities
- MA WW operator training and certification schedules, applications, etc.
- Quarterly meetings and technical sessions
- Plant profiles of facilities in MA
- Telephone directory of WWTP





Now that you know the
regulatory agencies what
does that all mean to you?

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Part II



Law verse Practice



License or Certificate?

Annual or Biannual Renewal?

10 or 20 or 30 TCH's?

TCH or CEU?



Pay NEIWPC or MA DEP?





License or Certificate?

“Certificate means a certificate of competency issued by the Board stating that the holder has met the requirements for a specified grade and status of a wastewater treatment plant operator through the Board’s certification program.” 257 CMR 2.02

“License Exam” MA DEP

“Wastewater License” — NEIWPCC



When am I due to renew my license?

NOW



How will I be notified when my license is due for renewal?

- NEIWPCCC is sending out **RENEWAL NOTICE LETTERS NEXT WEEK.**
- If you have changed addresses contact them.
- If you do not contact them you license will be **REVOKED.**



Identity Theft

- Social Security numbers will NOT be on the invoices.
- Switching to Drivers License Numbers.
- Need a system to track operators (either SS# or Drivers Lic #)



Active Operators Education

- Continuing Education Unit (CEU)
- Training Contact Hours (TCH's)



Algebra Problem

(Warm up for competition time)

How many TCH's equal 1 CEU?

Answer

10 TCH = 1 CEU

CEU phased out. Currently
NEIWPC uses TCH
measurements only.



Another Math Problem

How many hours equal one TCH?

Answer

1 hour of DEP approved training =
1 TCH





Math Review

PAI's Pumps & Valves Course is a 5 hour course that was approved by the ME DEP. How many CEU's is it worth?

5 hours = 5 TCH = $\frac{1}{2}$ CEU



How many TCH's do I need?

- All active operators must provide proof of 20 TCH's during the period of January 1st, 2006 and December 31, 2007.
- NEIWPC's renewal notice letter will detail requirements



What do I do with my TCH's?

- TCH's earned with NEIWPC, NEWEA, or MWPCA will be on renewal letter.
- Certificates must be mailed in for TCH's earned else where.
- Your Pumps and Valves TCH certificates will be mailed next week.



\$\$\$ Renewal Cost



\$70 biannually



Payments must be made to the
NEIWPCC.





What if I don't renew my license or turn in TCH's?



If you do not follow procedure your license will be revoked.



Reinstatement will be by semiannual State Licensing Exam.





Revoked License

(following Board hearing)

1. Practiced fraud or deception.
2. Reasonable care and judgment and the application of knowledge and ability was not used in the performance of their duties.
3. The operator is incompetent or unable to properly perform their duties.

Inactive Operator

1. Notify board through NEIWPCCC.
2. Continue to pay biannual fees.
3. Notify board through NEIWPCCC when you want to become active.
4. Submit proof of TCH's from the time you become active again.





Renewal Summary

- NEIWPCCC in charge
- Biannual
- Odd numbered years, '07, '09...
- \$70 payable to NEIWPCCC
- 20 TCH's per renewal (2 CEU's)
- Drivers License Number
- License = Certificate
- **Revoked if not filed properly.**



Information Sources



257 CMR 2 Board of Registration
of Operators of Wastewater
Treatment Facilities



NEIWPCCC Website
www.neiwpccc.org



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