



# OPERATOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING AND EXAMS

Register for training classes online at: [web.sdarws.com/events](http://web.sdarws.com/events)

Basic Water Treatment	March 21-23, 2023	Watertown Ramkota, Cattail Room
Certification Exam	March 23 @1:00 PM	Watertown Ramkota
Basic Wastewater Treatment	April 4-6, 2023	Sioux Falls Ramkota, Harvest Room
Certification Exam	April 6 @1:00 PM	Sioux Falls Ramkota
Small Water Treatment Workshop	April 25, 2023	Rapid City Ramkota
Intermediate Water Treatment	May 2-4, 2023	Aberdeen Ramkota
Certification Exam	May 4 @1:00 PM	Aberdeen Ramkota
Advanced Water Treatment	May 23-25, 2023	Rapid City Ramkota, Rushmore Room
Certification Exam	May 25 @1:00 PM	Rapid City Ramkota
Wastewater Collection	July 25-27, 2023	Aberdeen Ramkota, Northern Room
Water Distribution	July 11-13, 2023	Watertown Ramkota, Cattail Room
Wastewater Collection	July 25-27, 2023	Aberdeen Ramkota, Northern Room
Basic Water Treatment	August 8-10, 2023	Sioux Falls Ramkota, Harvest Room
Intermediate Water Treatment	August 29-31, 2023	Spearfish Holiday Inn
Small Water Treatment Workshop	September 19, 2023	Online Via Zoom
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 12, 2023	Huron Events Center
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 17, 2023	Mitchell Highland Conference Center
Wastewater Collection	October 24-26, 2023	Rapid City Ramkota, Rushmore Room
Basic Wastewater Treatment	November 14-16, 2023	Spearfish Holiday Inn
Water Distribution	December 5-7, 2023	Rapid City Ramkota, Rushmore Room

## EXAM INFORMATION

All exams cost \$60.00 and must be taken “in-person.”

Any exam can be taken at an exam session. You can take more than one exam at an exam session; however, the exam session remains at three hours long.

All exam applications are due no later than two weeks prior to the exam date to DANR. Questions regarding exams can be directed to Tammie Hill with DANR at 605-773-3577.

### DANR Operator Certification website:

[danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx](http://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx)

*The Stabilization Pond class deals strictly with ponds/lagoons and is the best class for preparing to take the Small WW Exam. The Basic WW Treatment class deals with all types of wastewater treatment other than ponds/lagoons and is the best class for preparing to take the Class I WW Treatment exam. Small Systems that use ponds/lagoons for treatment can come into compliance with the Operator Certification Law by passing either the Small*

*WW System exam or the Class I WW Treatment Exam.*

*Water systems serving less than 500 individuals and use wells as its source can come into compliance by passing the Small Water Treatment exam. Larger systems must pass the Class I Water Treatment exam or higher depending on the facility classification.*

## STUDY MATERIALS

DANR has water exam study material to lend to operators. These include manuals from California State:

- *Water Distribution System Operation and Maintenance*
- *Small Water System Operation and Maintenance*

## TRAINING CLASSES

Certification Training Classes are conducted by the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. **These classes are presented at no charge.** Certified Operators can obtain contact hours for attending all of the above classes.

For more information on certification training classes, please contact Bill Thorson at 605-556-7219 (office) or 605-201-0170 (cell).

