

SDARWS/DANR

Operator Certification Training/Exam Schedule

March 28, 2023

Course Name	Date	Location
Basic Wastewater Treatment	April 4 - 6	Sioux Falls - Ramkota Harvest Room
OpCert Exam	April 6 @ 1:00 PM	Sioux Falls - Ramkota Harvest Room
Small Water Treatment Workshop	April 27	Rapid City Ramkota & Via Zoom
Intermediate Water Treatment	May 2 - 4	Aberdeen Ramkota
OpCert Exam	May 4 @ 1:00 PM	Aberdeen Ramkota
Advanced Water Treatment	May 23 - 25	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
OpCert Exam	May 25 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
OpCert Exam (36 Seats Max)	June 21 @ 1:00 PM	Pierre - Matthew's Training Center
Water Distribution	July 11 - 13	Watertown Ramkota - Cattail Room
OpCert Exam	July 13 @ 1:00 PM	Watertown Ramkota - Cattail Room
Wastewater Collection	July 25 - 27	Aberdeen Ramkota - Northern Room
OpCert Exam	July 27 @ 1:00 PM	Aberdeen Ramkota - Northern Room
Basic Water Treatment	August 8 - 10	Sioux Falls Ramkota - Harvest Room
OpCert Exam	August 10 @ 1:00 PM	Sioux Falls Ramkota - Harvest Room
Intermediate Water Treatment	August 29 - 31	Spearfish Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam	August 31 @ 1:00 PM	Spearfish Holiday Inn
Small Water Treatment Workshop	September 19	Via Zoom Only
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 12	Huron - Huron Events Center
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 17	Mitchell - Highland Conference Center
Wastewater Collection	October 24 - 26	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
OpCert Exam	October 26 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
Basic Wastewater Treatment	November 14 - 16	Spearfish Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam	November 16 @ 1:00 PM	Spearfish Holiday Inn
Water Distribution	December 5 - 7	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
OpCert Exam	December 7 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room

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.

The above classes are offered by SDARWS at no charge.
 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.

Please contact SD Association or Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) at (605) 556-7219 with questions on registering for training events. Please register for classes at: <http://www.sdarws.com>. Certified operators can obtain contact hours for attending any of the above training classes.

Please contact Tammie Hill at (605) 773-3577 or tammie.hill@state.sd.us for questions regarding Operator Certification Exams. You may also find additional information on South Dakota's Water and Wastewater Operator Certification program at: <https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx>.