Oregon's Wastewater Collection System Certification Process

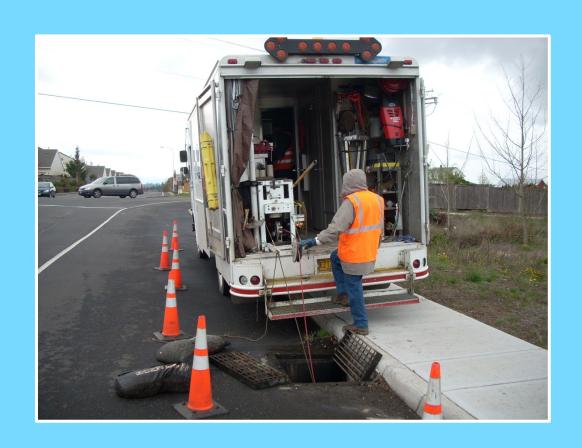
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Objective

Provide information on the process of becoming an Oregon DEQ certified wastewater collection system operator.



Agenda

- Oregon DEQ Rules
- Application Forms
- Qualifications
- Examination
- Renewal-CEUs
- References





DEQ Rules

- Wastewater System
 Certifying Authority ODEQ
- Certification Law –
 ORS Chapter 448
- Certification Rules –
 OAR Chapter 340,
 Division 049





Application

- Detailed work experience information
- Information and documentation of education and training
- Affidavit of Work Experience
- If seeking reciprocity, a copy of current operator certificate(s)
- Application Fee
- Application Form link





Qualifications

Oregon Wastewater System Operator Certificate Qualification Requirements

(See OAR 340-049, as amended October 2002)

TABLE 1: COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATION															
Certificate Level	Path A			Path B			Path C			Path D			Path E		
and Qualifications	Ed	Exp*	Class	Ed	Exp*	System Class									
Grade I	HS	1	any												
Provisional 1	HS	any	any												
Grade II	HS	3	any	1	2	any									
Grade III	HS	8	4 ≥ II	1	5	2.5 ≥ II	2	4	2 ≥ II	3	3	1.5 ≥ II			
Grade IV	HS	10	5 ≥ III	1	8	4 ≥ III	2	6	3 ≥	3	5	2.5 ≥ III	4	4	2 ≥ III



Examination

- Computer Based Exam (CBE)
 - Offered throughout the year
 - Locations
- Pen and Pencil
 - Last time next spring?
 - Deadline (Feb, 1, 2013)



Certification Renewal

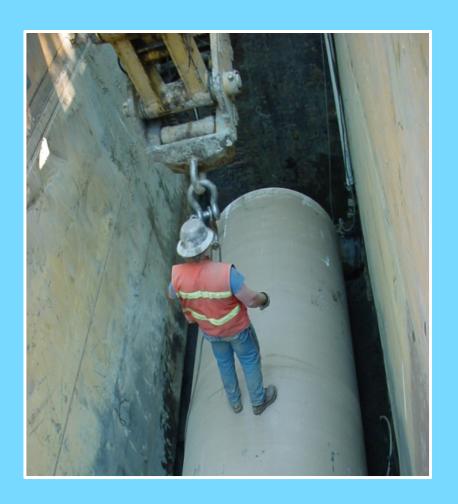
- Requirements
 - Paperwork sent by DEQ
 - Every 2 yrs
 - 2.0 CEUs
 - CEU sources
 - CCC Water Environmental School – spring short school
 - APWA Fall and Spring
 - OESAC/DEQ approved





Reciprocity

- How does it work?
- Where is my certification recognized?



References

- Oregon DEQ: Certification Homepage
 - www.opcert.org
- Oregon DEQ: Direct link to Application for WW System Operator Certification
 - http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/opcert/docs/forms/applcomputerbased.pdf
- CEUs
 - http://www.oesac.com/deqcourses.htm
- WEF Study Guide
 - https://www.ewef.org/Home/ProductDetails/tabid/192/productid/2910/ Default.aspx



Questions

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