# Operator Certification Program Updates

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# **Topics**

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- Master Operators
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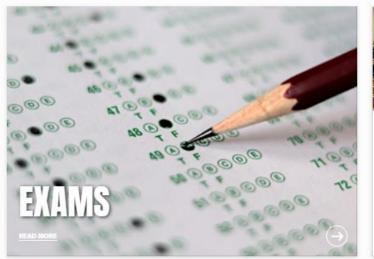
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# **Operator Certification Program:**

- Active Operators
  - Wastewater: 2611
  - Septage Service: 1176
  - Septage Business: 371
  - Municipal Waterworks: 2612
  - Small Water System (OTM/NN): 629
  - Solid Waste (Landfill): 258
  - Solid Waste Incinerators: 41
  - Private Water Well
    - Individual: 1425
    - Business: 626
- Total: 9,749 licenses and certifications

# Webpage Updates





#### TRAINING

Access our training calendar, information for operators and training providers.

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Environmental Licensing and Certification Online Renewal Portal Let's get started >>

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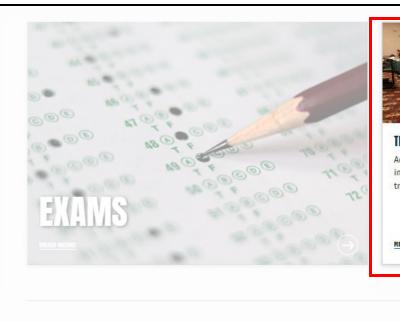
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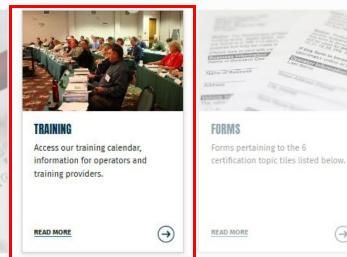
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https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/OpCert

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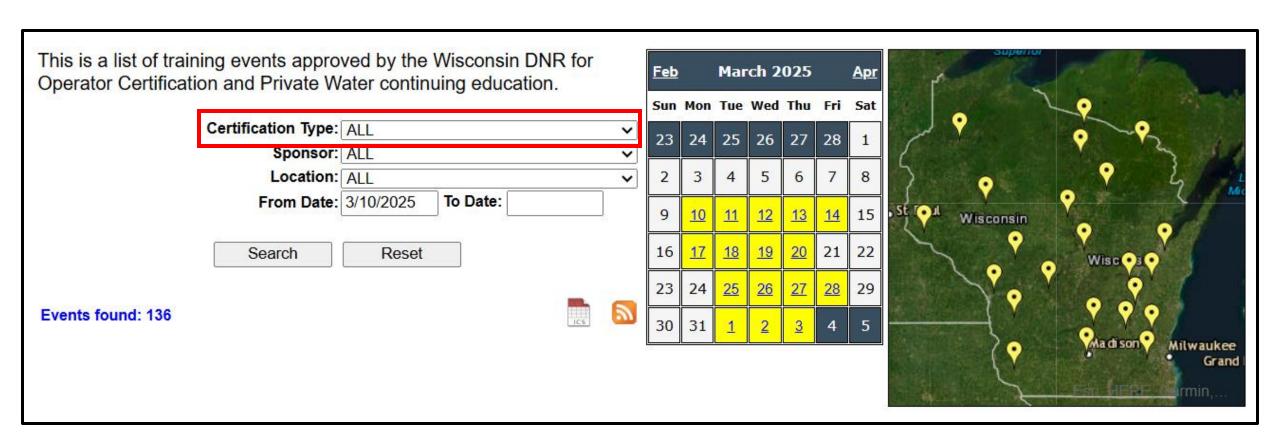
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# **Training: Approved Training Calendar**

### **TRAINING Operator Certification** Waterworks Operators **Training & Renewal Update:** In order to facilitate the most efficient means for certification renewals, the department is encouraging the renewal Wastewater Operators of certifications by the most efficient means and options available based on certification type. Small Water Systems Waterworks, Water System and Wastewater Operators: Renew electronically Septage Operators: Complete and submit hardcopy operator renewals that were previously mailed. Septage Operators Operators are encouraged to get continuing education credits (CEUs) needed for certification renewal through online trainings, and to submit their renewal information as soon as practicable. Please view the training calendar Septage Business for newly scheduled online trainings, or visit the list of pre-approved online training providers for municipal waterworks and wastewater continuing education credits on the DNR's training website. Landfill Operators The department also encourages operators to verify how many continuing education credits (CECs) they have acquired to ensure they have enough CECs to renew their certification before the expiration date. CECs can be Incinerator Operators checked through the Operator Certification Lookup portal, by searching by operator name or certification, then selecting the Training History report PDF. **Related Links** Ch. NR 114, 499 and 524 Wis. Adm. Code require an operator to earn continuing education credits to maintain an active About Operator Certification certification. These continuing education requirements are designed to help operators keep current on new Exams requirements and technical innovations as well as acquire additional knowledge and skills. Forms Below is the training calendar, a list of online training opportunities, and information for training providers. Operator Certification Lookup Online training For training providers Attendance policy Calendar For operators Training For a list of pre-approved training events, visit the operator certification training calendar. **Environmental Licensing and** Certification Online Renewal Portal TRAINING CALENDAR



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04/08/2025	Plover, WI	Excavation "Competent Person" Safety Training More Info	Advanced Safety Technology, Inc. Wisconsin Rural Water Association, Website: https://www.wrwa.org/[exit DNR]	General Septage hours: 6, Landfill hours: 6, Wastewater Safety hours: 6, Waterworks Safety hours: 6
04/09/2025	Live via Zoom, WI	Master Operator Training  More Info	Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association, Phone: (888)782-6815, Email: jane@assocmgmtservices.com, Website: http://www.wlwca.com_[exit DNR]	Multiday event, Septage Compliance hours: 4
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### **SEPTAGE OPERATORS**

Approved online training for septage operators is limited. Please refer to Approved Online Septage Training.pdf[PDF].

### MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER ONLINE TRAINING

Training Provider	Certification Type	Website	Provider submits Attendance to DNR
360Water.com	mw/ww	Website [exit DNR]	Yes
Absolution Water	MW	Website [exit DNR]	No
Approved Environment Inc	ww	Website [exit DNR]	Yes
1 Attempt (At Your Pace Online)	MW	Website [exit DNR]	Yes
AWWA Online Institute	MW	Website [exit DNR]	No

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Operator Training Report (Form 4400–190) [PDF]

Use this form for any relevant training that was not pre-approved by the DNR (such as in-house safety training) or for some online training. Training approved with this form will be added to an operator's Training History Report.

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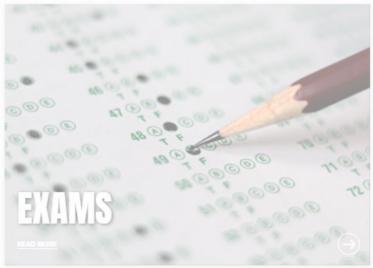
State of Wisconsin, DNR Operator Certification EA\7 P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921 dnr.wi.gov

### **Operator Training Report**

Form 4400-190 (R 02/2024) Page 1 of 2

Notice: The purpose of this form is to document continuing education requirements for all operator certifications under chs. NR 114, 499, and 524,

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# **Training: OpCert Lookup Portal**

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# **Training History:** Wastewater

- License expiration dates
- Required CECs
- Applicable credits
- Renewal fee & late fee amounts

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Madison, WI 53707-7921

Tony Evers, Governor Karen Hyun, Ph.D., Secretary Telephone 608-266-2621 Toll Free 1-888-936-7463

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#### Operator Certification Training History Report

This report shows continuing education credits recorded electronically for the operator listed below. Please note that it may take up to 4 weeks from the date of a training for it to be listed on this report.

Operator Name	Certification Type	Cert Number	Start Date	Expiration Date	Required Credits
	Wastewater		5/2/2022	5/1/2025	24

To renew your certification by mail please print and sign this Training History Report. Mail the signed report with renewal fee to the mailing address below. Renewal fee is \$45 payable to Wisconsin DNR. If postmarked AFTER your expiration date, an additional \$25 late fee will be required in addition to the renewal fee, Renewals submitted without minimum continuing education credits or required fee(s) will be returned. Detailed instructions for renewing by mail or online were provided in the courtesy renewal reminder letter sent in the mail 6-8 weeks prior to your certification expiration date.

Wisconsin DNR Operator Certification EA/7 PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

hereby certify that I have attended the training below for the hours claimed.

Date

Signature

**Wastewater Credits** 

Applicable Credits: 15

These credits are valid for your renewal.

TRAINING DATE	TRAINING TITLE	Max Hours Approved	Hours Attended	Hours Available
10/07/2022	2022 WWOA Annual Conference - Friday	2	2	2
10/06/2022	2022 WWOA Annual Conference - Thursday	7	7	7
10/05/2022	2022 WWOA Annual Conference -	6	6	6

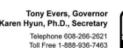
# **Training History: Septage**

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Note: a minimum of 3.0 hours of Septage Service Credits - Compliance are required to renew

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2	3/19/2024		3	3	3
01/26/2023	1/26/2023	Joint Winter Conference - 2023	2	2	2

Septage Service Credits - General

Septage Service Credits - Compliance

Applicable Credits: 12

These credits are valid for your renewal.

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01/25/2023	Joint Winter Conference - 2023	6	6	6

# Renewals

# Renewals: Renew by Mail

- Mail in completed paperwork + renewal fee
  - If postmarked after expiration date, include late fee



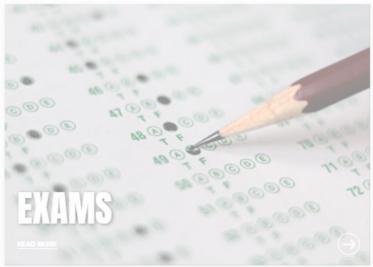
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# **Renewal Reminders**

- It is the responsibility of the operator to track their continuing education credits and expiration dates
- Upcoming renewal dates:
  - April 1st
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - June 1<sup>st</sup>

# **Online Renewal Portal**

(For WWTP, MWS, and NMWS operators)







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Welcome to the Department of Natural Resources online licensing and certification renewal portal. It is now easier and faster than ever to renew your license or certification. Instead of paying by check or money order, you now have the convenience of paying online with a credit or debit card.

The portal can be used for the following renewal types:

- Wastewater Operator certification
- . Municipal Waterworks Operator certification
- Small Water System Operator certification
- Well Driller licenses and registrations (Supervisor signature required for Well Drill Business Registration renewal)
- **Pump Installer** licenses and registrations (Supervisor signature required for Pump Installer Business Registration renewal)
- Rig Operator registrations (Supervisor signature required for Rig Operator Registration renewal)

PLEASE NOTE: A SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RENWAL PROCESS FOR ALL RIG OPERATOR AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS.

To renew your license or certification online, you must have your license/certification number to access the portal. The following conditions must be met before a license or certification is eligible for renewal:

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- The license/certification is in good standing
- The license/certification cannot be beyond the expired grace period
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Let's get started >>

Enter your License # or Certificate #

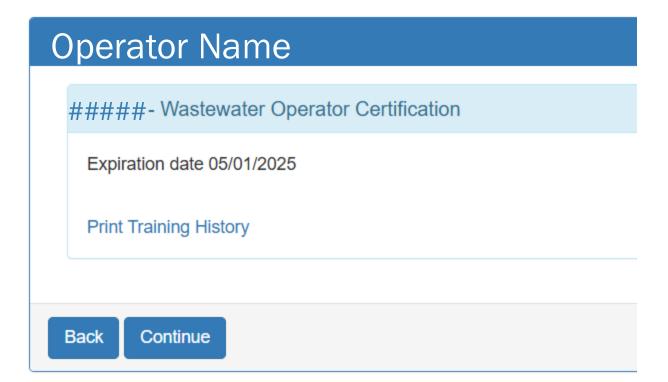
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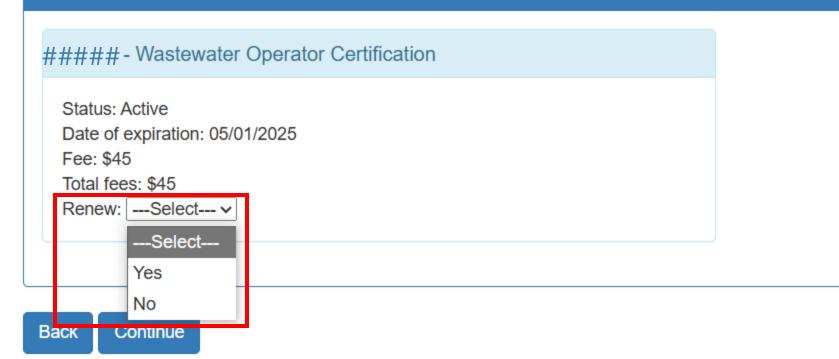
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**Change Contact Information** 

### Make renewal selections



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Change Contact Information

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#####	Wastewater Operator Certification	\$ 45
Total		\$ 45

### Do not want to renew at this time

None



I agree that all the necessary training has been completed for my renewal and it is accurately listed on my training history report. I also understand that by completing my certification renewal. I agree to maintain compliance with Wisc. Admin. Code NR114.



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# Septage

# **Septage: Operators**

- Septage Operator-in-Training
  - Register as OIT (form 3400-174)
- Certified Operator
  - Pass Certified Operator exam (grade L or grade T)
- Master Operator
  - Many steps!

# **Septage Master Operators**

- Pass Master Operator exam(s)
- Participate in required Master Operator Class
  - Next class: live via zoom on APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025
- Submit notarized 1600-hour work experience statement
- Pay \$100 upgrade fee

# **Septage Master Operators**

Use MO applicant guidance document as a reference

Each master operator (MO) applicant shall provide notarized certification statements of work experience and proof of work experience in the following manner:

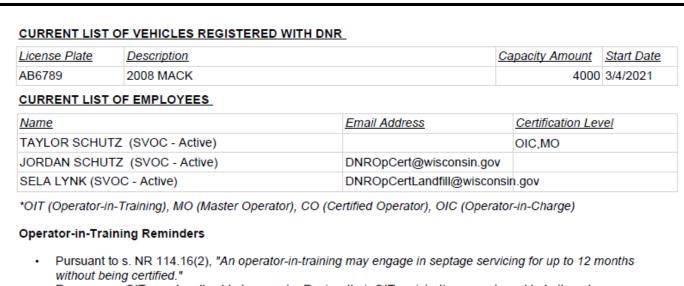
- <u>Detailed Explanation of Knowledge and Experiences.</u> The MO applicant shall submit a <u>notarized</u> certification statement that explains duties performed including documenting time and experience with compliance with chs. NR 113 and NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code. The notarized statement shall include:
  - Estimated number of hours of experience servicing, hauling, and disposing of (POTWS, landspreading, etc.) septage. The hours shall have been earned over at least one calendar year.
  - b. A listing of septage businesses where the Master Operator applicant was employed including:
    - i. Name of the septage business,
    - ii. Address of the septage business,
    - iii. Phone number of the septage business,
    - iv. Contact person at the septage business, and
    - v. Dates of employment at the septage business.
  - c. A detailed description of the regular duties performed in compliance with chs. NR 113 and NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code. Work experience may include, but is not limited to:
    - i. Completing county maintenance reports,
    - ii. Servicing septic and pump tanks,
    - iii. Servicing domestic holding tanks,

- iv. Servicing sanitary grease interceptors,
- v. Servicing portable restrooms and/or privies,
- vi. Completing log book and invoice record systems,
- vii. Completing and submitting land application site requests,
- viii. Completing spill plans, septage management plans, and/or septage-related standard operating procedures (SOPs),
- ix. Entering and submitting Other Method of Disposal or Distribution Reports (form 3400-052), and
- x. Entering and submitting Annual Land Application Reports (form 3400-055) if grade appropriate.
- d. A list of any additional certifications or licenses held by the Master Operator applicant (i.e. POWTS maintainer, plumber licenses, certified soil tester, soil scientist, PSAI, etc..) and how long these certifications or licenses were held.
- e. A list of any additional certifications or licenses currently in progress.
- f. A signature and date of signature of the MO applicant.
- g. A notarized signature, date, and stamp.

Note: The MO applicant is reminded that the certification statement communicates to the department that the applicant is prepared to be a Master Operator and is able to operate a septage business in compliance with chs. NR 113 and NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code. Further, the applicant is reminded to be specific in the statement, and to include all relevant information associated with the septage work experience.

# Renewals: Septage Business 2025

- March: pre-renewals
  - Check list of vehicles
  - Check list of operators
- April June: renewals



Ensure your OITs are legally able to operate. Review their OIT registration records and help them become
certified.

### NR 113.04(2)

Every business required to be licensed by this chapter shall notify the department in writing within 15 days of any change in address, change of servicing vehicle, change of owner, or change of operator-in-charge.

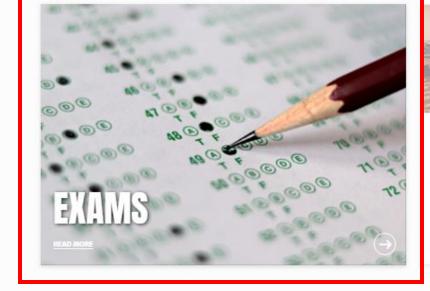
# Renewals: Septage Business

- April
  - Renewal application will be mailed to you with instructions
- May
  - OpCert begins processing returned renewals and sending stickers out
- June
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> renewals must be postmarked
    - If postmarked AFTER, a \$25 late fee must be included in renewal fee
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> business license expires





### **Exams**





#### TRAINING

Access our training calendar, information for operators and training providers.

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### WATERWORKS OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Operate one or more of the classifications of waterworks treatment plants.



### WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Operate one or more of the classifications of wastewater treatment plants.



#### Environmental Licensing and Certification Online Renewal Portal Let's get started >>

#### **SMALL WATER SYSTEMS**

Operators work at an "other than municipal" (OTM), or a nontransient non-community (NN) water system.



#### SEPTAGE

Certification and licensing for owners of septage servicing businesses and all operators performing septage servicing.



#### **OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**



#### LANDFILL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Certification for persons participating in or responsible for the operation of solid waste disposal facilities.



### INCINERATOR OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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3/28/2025	Madison	2/25/2025
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- Results
  - 2-4 weeks from date of exam
    - · Results mailed by letter
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Exam application fees can be paid for by check, money order, or cash. Please write all checks to "Wisconsin DNR". Submit completed exam application and fee(s) to the mailing address below. the Operator Certification program will review and process complete applications within 10 business days of receipt.

Wisconsin DNR
Operator Certification EA/7
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Upon receipt, approval, and processing of your exam application, the Operator Certification program will mail you an exam confirmation letter noting the address of the exam location and what to bring on exam day. Exam confirmation and exam results letters will be mailed to the address you provide on the exam application.

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# **Exams: Future Planning**

- Open for feedback:
  - Applications
  - Locations
  - Frequency of exams
  - Other ideas?

### **FAQ**

- Are you the CMAR contact?
  - No, please visit the CMAR webpage for more information and contacts.
    - https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wastewater/CMAR
- Why did my [exam application, experience form, ..., get returned?
  - Considered incomplete: missing exam session, missing supervisor signature, ....
- I got moved to a different exam session, why?
  - Chosen exam session full, so instead of sending back, we register you for next available one. If that doesn't work with your schedule, please email us and you will get first choice for next exam sessions.
- I have enough credits to renew, but the Online Portal is saying I don't. Why?
  - This may be showing up for a few reasons. If you recently took training, our database may not be
    updated yet with those credits. Another reason is if you have shared credits, they may not have
    gotten allocated correctly, so you will need to email us (<u>DNROpCert@wisconsin.gov</u>) to get that
    sorted out.

### **Contacts**

### <u>Email</u>

- Wastewater & Drinking Water questions: <u>DNROpCert@wisconsin.gov</u>
- Septage questions: <u>DNROpCertSeptage@wisconsin.gov</u>
- Landfill & Incinerator questions: <u>DNROpCertLandFill@wisconsin.gov</u>

### **Program Hotlines**

• OpCert: 608-261-6300

Septage: 608-267-2300

### Mail

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### Regional staff

- Wastewater webpage
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