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# Advisory Committee Opening - Water Supply and Wastewater Licensed Operator Training

The Advisory Committee on Water Supply and Wastewater Licensing Operator Training is looking for individuals interested in filling a vacancy on the Committee. The vacancy is for one individual, who is a member of an environmental group in the State which is actively concerned or involved in water quality or wastewater treatment. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis. It is preferred, but not required, that this individual is a member of the New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association (NJAWWA) or the New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA). This is an opportunity to have a direct say in the training requirements for licensees.

# What does the Advisory Committee do?

- 1. Advises the Department through the Board of Examiners for Water/Wastewater Operator Licensing on such matters as are referred to the Committee by the Department or Board with respect to the instructional process leading to State licensing of system operators and for the further educational advancement of licensees:
- 2. Coordinates the activities of New Jersey educational institutions offering or proposing to offer appropriate coursework;
- 3. Establishes and periodically updates standardized course outlines for the educational training of the operators of water supply and wastewater facilities leading to State licenses and specifies a minimum number of classroom hours for each:
- 4. Periodically reviews available textbooks in the field of water supply, water treatment and wastewater treatment, and makes recommendations for standard textbooks which should be used for approved courses:
- 5. Acts as a clearing house on matters affecting water supply and wastewater licensee training in New Jersey; and
- 6. Reviews and makes recommendations to the Department regarding seminars, workshops, training courses, college courses or other means, which are acceptable as credit toward training contact hours for license renewal.

# What is the make-up of the Advisory Committee?

The Committee is made up of the following members:

- 1. One representative who is a Department employee from the Board;
- 2. Three representatives who are Department employees, one from wastewater regulation, one from water supply regulation and one from water compliance and enforcement;
- 3. Two representatives from nomination lists submitted by the New Jersey Section American Water Works Association one of these representatives shall be a licensed operator, and one shall be a member of the Education Committee of the American Water Works Association;
- 4. Two representatives from nomination lists submitted by the New Jersey Water Environment Association; one of these representatives shall be a licensed operator, and one shall be a member of the Education Committee of the New Jersey Water Environment Association;

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- 5. Two representatives from nomination lists submitted by the Association of Environmental Authorities; one of these representatives shall be from a water authority and one shall be from a wastewater authority;
- 6. Two members selected from environmental groups in the State actively concerned or involved in water quality or wastewater treatment;
- 7. One representative from a nomination list submitted by the New Jersey Business and Industry Council;
- 8. Two members selected from a list prepared by educational institutions in the State conducting courses in water supply or wastewater treatment operations, or which conducted an appropriate course in the immediately preceding academic year; and
- 9. The Director of the Office of Continuing Professional Education at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

# How do I apply?

Interested parties should submit their resumes along with a letter of recommendation from their environmental group by **March 25, 2010** to:

#### **NJDEP**

Advisory Committee on Water Supply and Wastewater Licensing Operator Training c/o Examinations and Licensing Unit PO Box 441
Trenton, NJ 08625-0441

Attn: Linda Cantwell

# Who should I contact with questions?

**Examinations and Licensing Unit** 

609-777-1013

### Where can I get more information?

#### The following web site can be accessed for additional information regarding this advisory:

Rules and Regulations Governing the Licensing of Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment System Operators N.J.A.C. 7:10A:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/NJAC7\_10A.pdf

New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association

http://njawwa.org/

New Jersey Water Environment Association

http://www.njwea.org/

#### Visit the following Web site for general information:

Contact NJDEP: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl">http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl</a>

#### To comment on this advisory:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html

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