

## ACCURATE NEWS

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## Finishing Up Renewals

It's the beginning of FY 2012-13 and everyone has taken their renewal training and submitted their DEQ renewal forms and fees... right? If you have not taken care of your annual renewal requirements, you need to do so as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in your certification. Any **Accurate Environmental Training Center** certification class can be used for renewal training. All you need to do is contact AETC and **register for a half-day (4hr) session of an upcoming certification class**. You have the option of attending a **morning or afternoon** session during the first 2 days of any certification class. Once you have attended four hours of continuing education training, you will complete an attendance record form to submit with the renewal form that was mailed to you from the DEQ. You should have already received your renewal form in the mail, but if you have not received it yet, contact DEQ Operator Certification to update your mailing address or to request another copy.

Fortunately, there have been no fee increases in the past year, so renewal and application fees are the same as last year. The ODEQ certification fee schedule is listed below:

#### Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

##### 252:710-1-12. Certification Fee Schedule

##### (a) Operators of waterworks or wastewater works.

##### Certification fees for operators of waterworks or wastewater works are:

- (1) Application fee for certification - **\$62.00**.
- (2) Certification renewal fee - **\$46.00**.
- (3) Registration fee for helpers (per helper) - **\$23.00**.
- (4) Renewal registration fee for helpers (per helper) - **\$23.00**.
- (5) Reinstatement penalty - **\$8.00** per month for each month certification is expired.
- (6) Late payment of application fee - **\$8.00** per month for each month the application fee is not received after a 120 day grace period from the date of the examination. After 180 days without payment of the application fee, the applicant must reapply and pass the validated exam.

If you have any questions about the renewal process, or if you need to register for training, contact **Jeff Clarke** at **Accurate Environmental Training Center** by calling **(800) 516-LABS** or email [jeff@accuratelabs.com](mailto:jeff@accuratelabs.com). Jeff will be happy to assist you to ensure that you have met your annual renewal requirements, or to answer any other training and certification questions that you may have.

## Stay Safe Working in Summer Heat

Every year, thousands of workers become sick from occupational heat exposure, and some even die. The good news is that heat-related illnesses are preventable. When environmental temperatures are near, or above, normal body temperature, cooling of the body becomes more difficult and moisture lost through perspiration can quickly lead to dehydration and other problems if fluids are not adequately replaced.

If you find yourself working in excessive heat, there are some important things to do to reduce the risk of heat-related illness: 1)use ventilation to cool the work area, 2)practice work/rest cycles, 3)drink water often, 4)gradually build up your tolerance to working in the heat. If you notice any symptoms of heat-related illness in yourself, or others, take immediate action to assist the individual or call for help – acting quickly can save lives.

