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Stillwater Classes

OCTOBER

11 – 13 C Wastewater Oper

17 – 20 C Wastewater Lab

NOVEMBER

01 – 03 D W & WW Oper

08 – 10 C Water Oper

14 – 17 B Wastewater Lab

14 – 18 A Wastewater Lab

28 – 12/1 B Water Operator

28 – 12/2 A Water Operator

DECEMBER

06 – 08 D W & WW Oper

Tulsa Classes

OCTOBER

18 – 20 D W & WW Oper

24 – 27 B Wastewater Oper

24 – 28 A Wastewater Oper

NOVEMBER

15 – 17 D W & WW Oper

DECEMBER

13 – 15 C Water Oper

20 – 22 D W & WW Oper

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August: EPA to Regulate Pechlorate in Drinking Water

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May: EPA Approved Crypto Labs

April: Drinking Water

Monitoring Assistance

March: Sample Pickup Services

February: Hex Chrome Testing

January: Hexavalent Chromium

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Certification Classes, Testing Back on Track

Recently, we reported a reduction in certification testing opportunities, which in turn, resulted in a reduction of certification classes. The Water and Wastewater Advisory Council has been working diligently with the ODEQ to come up with a solution to this problem. After struggling with this challenge, ODEQ announced that full testing will resume this fall for fiscal year 2011 – 12. It was also noted that this is a temporary fix and that a more permanent solution will need to be devised to avoid a similar situation for fiscal year 2012-13.

This is great news for municipalities and operators across the state, although the current situation does leave some degree of uncertainty for certification opportunities in the coming year. Bearing this in mind, it is highly recommended that operators needing to obtain initial certification or those looking to upgrade, sign up for classes when they are available this year. As you will notice on the training schedule, advanced operator and laboratory classes have been relisted and are open for enrollment. Advanced level classes aren't offered very frequently anyway, and so it would be in the operator's best interest to upgrade this year, rather than hoping they will be available next year. Contact Accurate Environmental Training Center today to register, or you can view all upcoming classes and register online at www accuratelabs.com.

For more information or to register for classes contact **Jeff Clarke** at (800) 516-5227 or email jeff@accuratelabs.com

Preparing for UCMR 3

Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, enacted in 1996, required EPA to establish a program for monitoring up to 30 unregulated contaminants that are thought to occur in many public water systems and may warrant regulation. For this reason, the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) program was created. Using the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL), EPA selects a new list every five years to determine if the contaminants necessitate new regulations. The third and most recent proposed list of contaminants that will require assessment monitoring under UCMR 3 include testing for 28 chemical contaminants, and pre-screening for 2 viruses.

Under the UCMR 3, All Public Water Systems (PWS) serving more than 10,000 people, and a representative sample of 800 PWSs serving 10,000 or fewer people, would be required to conduct assessment monitoring during a continuous 12-month period from January 2013 through December 2015. In addition, a targeted group of 800 PWSs serving 1,000 or fewer people would be required to conduct pre-screen testing for two viruses during a 12-month period from January 2013 through December 2015. You can find more information about UCMR 3 at the following EPA website: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr/ucmr3/basicinformation.cfm>

Accurate Labs has recently acquired additional instrumentation to aid in the analysis of the UCMR 3 compound list. The new LC/MS will expand their analytical capabilities in preparation for the additional testing that will be required under UCMR 3. Accurate Labs has set up analysis of Hormones by EPA 539, 1,4 Dioxane by EPA 522, Volatile Organic Compounds by EPA 524.3, Chlorate by EPA 300.1, and Metals by EPA 200.8. PWSs are required to use only EPA-approved laboratories for the analyses. According to EPA, UCMR 3 should be finalized early next year and Accurate Labs will be prepared. Will you? Contact Accurate Labs for more information about UCMR 3 and how Accurate can help you stay on top of your testing requirements.

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