



Accurate Environmental Laboratory and Training Center News and Information

November 2010

AETC Class Schedules

Stillwater Classes

DECEMBER 2010

14 – 16 **D W&WW Oper**

JANUARY 2011

04 – 06 **D W&WW Oper**

18 (am) Gen. W Oper Ref

18 – 20 **C Water Oper**

20 (am) Int. W Op Math Ref

FEBRUARY

08 – 10 **D W&WW Oper**

21 – 24 **B Water Lab**

21 – 25 **A Water Lab**



Training Saves Money

Current economic conditions have everybody cutting expense and re-evaluating where each dollar is spent. Training is often one expense that gets a closer look. But, before the decision is made to cut training expenses too deeply, consider some of the intrinsic values of operator training.

Compliance is the obvious value of training. Water and wastewater system operators are required by law to be certified at various levels designated by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality depending on the size and complexity of their systems. Besides the obvious, there are also some fundamental values of training that will help your system get favorable returns on your time and financial investments in your operators.

Training should not be considered a luxury. Well-trained operators are more effective and efficient than those with only the minimum required training. This efficiency results in financial gains for the system due to lower operating costs. A well-trained operator is better equipped to identify problems and make decisions to resolve them quickly and correctly. This gives the operator more confidence, which increases job satisfaction, as well as the capacity to adapt to a continuously changing industry. These often overlooked values of training are key to reducing turnover and ensuring a more consistent and higher quality product, which is the primary goal of the public health professionals that are our water and wastewater system operators. We owe it to them and our communities to provide the operators with the tools they need to accomplish that goal.

For registrations or more information about AETC classes contact
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OWPCA Short School 2010

The 2010 OWPCA Short School wraps up this week. It was great seeing everyone there and getting a chance to talk to many of you face-to-face. We always enjoy having students and clients stop by to say hello. Wednesday was the Awards Ceremony, and I want to congratulate all the winners. For those of you that were not able to attend, I am pleased to announce that Accurate Training Center's own Dr. Ali Fazel won the Jessie L. Vaughn award for Teacher of the Year. Dr. Fazel is the President and Director of Accurate Environmental. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Oklahoma State University. Dr. Fazel founded Accurate Environmental in 1990 and Accurate Training Center in 1998. He has over 28 years experience in the water and wastewater industry. He is responsible for developing the AETC curriculum and has been the primary instructor since the inception of the program. Dr. Fazel maintains the following ODEQ certifications: A Water Operator, A Wastewater Operator, A Water Lab, and A Wastewater Lab. He is also a certified instructor for all levels of the operator and laboratory certification classes. Congratulations to Dr. Fazel and all of the 2010 OWPCA award winners!



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