



# NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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## NEW MEXICO TAKES UTILITY OPERATOR LICENSING VERY SERIOUSLY

*Mike D. Coffman, New Mexico Environment Department  
Operator Certification Officer*

The New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau, Facility Operations Section, (NMED FOS) recently revoked a Level 4 Utility Wastewater Operator License. A New Mexico wastewater operator settled prior to a hearing with FOS by agreeing to the revocation of the operator's Wastewater Level 4 certification. In addition to the revocation of the certification, the agreement prohibits the operator from re-entering the certification program for six months. Once the six-month period is over, the operator may re-enter the certification process by testing for a Wastewater Level 3 provided all applicable eligibility requirements are met including the accrual of 50 training credits after the effective date of the revocation. The revocation of the operator's Wastewater Level 4 license was based on "dereliction of duty" and "gross incompetence."

In this case the operator intentionally failed to sample discharges to the environment, and to file required reports to the permitting agency because the operator knew the system needed repairs and would not meet permit limits. Through this intentional deception of the regulatory agencies and the public, the operator was deemed to be derelict in the performance of a duty as a certified operator. Such dereliction of duty as a certified operator resulted in serious and substantial threat to human health and environment and resulted in a determination that the

operator was guilty of gross incompetence in the operation of the class of public wastewater facility that they were certified to operate.

This raises the question, "What is an operator's job and obligation?". Operators at all levels are an essential link in maintaining and protecting public health and the aquatic environment upon which all life depends. A certified operator's job consists of many physical and analytical tasks. It has been said that operators are "Jacks of all trades" and the best operators are. Many operators possess the skills of laborers, mechanics, electricians, plumbers, biologists, chemists, managers, and other trades. Operators must realize that their jobs are not restricted to one or two tasks. A certified operator must see the whole picture and perform their duties so that public health and the environment are protected and legal requirements such as those prescribed in operating permits are met.

NMED FOS considers revocation of licenses a very serious matter. The potential penalties under the Utility Operator Certification Act range from suspension or revocation to a misdemeanor violation. There are also significant costs for legal representation, hearings, and lost wages. NMED FOS understands what it takes to obtain a Level 4 operator certification. It takes desire, commitment, dedication, hard work, and integrity. NMED FOS hopes that operators will not forget what

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it took to get where they are and that those principles apply throughout a career.

There are many reasons why operators choose this profession, but I personally think there is no better way to help people and protect the environment than choosing to be a Water or Wastewater Utility Operator. The Operators of New Mexico are the front line of protecting water quality. Don't ever think that you are not.

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## 2005 UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

APPLICATION DEADLINE	EXAM DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EVENT DATES
12/29/04	1/28/05	Las Cruces, Hilton Hotel 705 Telshor Boulevard	NMWWA Annual Short School	Jan. 24-27
02/22/05	3/24/05	Albuquerque, Sheraton Old Town 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW	NMRWA Annual Conference	Mar. 21-24
03/09/05	4/08/05	Farmington, San Juan College 4601 College Boulevard	NMWWA NW Section John Allison Memorial Workshop	April 4-7
04/20/05	5/20/05	Taos, Convention Center 121 Civic Plaza	NMWWA Northern Short School	May 16-19
05/11/05	6/10/05	Ruidoso, Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca	NMWWA SW Section Workshop Jake Hands Memorial Workshop	June 8-9
06/08/05	7/08/05	Gallup, UNM Gallup 200 College Drive	NMWWA WC Section Workshop	July 6-7
07/13/05	8/12/05	Roswell, Occupational Training Center #20 West Mathis	NMWWA SE Section Workshop	Aug. 10-11
08/17/05	9/16/05	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA Central Short School	Sep. 12-15
09/14/05	10/14/05	Espanola, National Guard Armory 705 Industrial Park	NMWWA NE Section Workshop	Oct. 12-13
10/19/05	11/18/05	Albuquerque, UNM Cont. Ed. 1634 University Boulevard	NMWWA CT Section Workshop	Nov. 18
11/09/05	12/09/05	Cimarron, Philmont Boy Scout Ranch 4 miles South of Cimarron on Hwy 21	NMSU WUTAP Workshop	Dec. 7-8

Download a current application form at [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/fostop.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/fostop.html) or call FOS at (505) 827-2804. Applications *must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the examination date and must be accompanied by payment in check or money order.* Test dates and locations are subject to change.

# OPERATOR CERTIFICATION NEWS

*Mike D. Coffman, Certification Officer*

## NMED CERTMAN DATABASE UPDATE

As you may be aware, the Certman Database has had serious malfunctions since June of 2004. I am pleased to announce that NMED has put in place a contract to have the database repaired and upgraded. We anticipate the Phase One fix to be completed sometime early in October. The Operator Certification Program has requested several modifications to the upgrade in hopes to make the information better accessible for operators. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## ALBUQUERQUE EXAM SESSION

The Albuquerque Exam Session conducted in September 2004 proved very successful. The Operator Certification Program would like to report that an overall passing rate of 54% average on the exams. The program contributes these types of numbers to the enthusiasm of the students and instructors. We would also like to thank the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association for the hard work they performed in Albuquerque and the testing accommodations.

## NEW MEXICO UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

The last meeting of the UOC Advisory Board was held in Albuquerque on September 16, 2004. This was the first meeting of the Board since the appointment of new members by the Water Quality Control Commission in August of 2004. Items discussed during the meeting included the Open Meetings Act Resolution, Certification Program review, Drinking Water Bureau review, final comments and recommendations on Certification Program Review and election of Vice Chairman and WQCC Representatives. You may visit our website [www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html) to find your UOC Advisory Board Members and detailed minutes of the past meetings.

I would also like to send a personal thank you to Mr. Martin Lopez of Mesquite, New Mexico for all the many years and dedication to the board. The NM UOC Advisory

Board and New Mexico utility operators are in a better position today due to the contributions of Martin Lopez, thank you.

The Board would like to welcome back Ms. Cindy Huntsman of Aztec and Mr. Kit Roush of Water Ops for a second term, and also welcome Mr. Michael Alvidrez of New Mexico Rural Water and Mr. Albert Mendez of Holloman AFB to the Board as new members. I personally am looking forward to working with this Board in the upcoming year.



## NMED WASTEWATER STUDY MANUALS

Let me say it for you, "ITS ABOUT TIME, MIKE". The NMED Wastewater Study Manuals will be available in December 2004. You may find this hard to believe but all the negotiations between the contractor and NMED have concluded and the manuals will be delivered. They will be available on our website, Compact Disc, and hard copy. I would like to thank the NMSU Administration and the NMSU WUTAP contractors for making this possible.

## WEB ADDRESS

Water and Wastewater Operators please use this web address: [www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us.fostop.html) to access the Environment Department's Utility Operator Certification Program's web page. This page has useful program information about certification including an exam schedule, study-guide, access to free on-line training, and application forms. The small operator (Montana) training site is approved for fourteen (14) training credits. There are also links to the New Mexico Water & Wastewater Association (NMWWA) and the New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA)

When you are at our website please take a minute to review compliance data on your facility. If you have changed operator(s) download the survey form, complete it and get it back to us. Please FAX# to (505) 827-0106 Attention: Dennis Quintana.

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## NMWWA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be my last article so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a great year. I have had a chance to learn a lot more about the association and how many people truly help with all the work that has to be done to put on the schools, banquet and any number of small details that need to be dealt with. I would like to thank Caroline for all the tireless hours that she puts in, sometimes I'm sure she feels alone and overwhelmed when one of the schools is getting close. I also want to thank all of those that teach at the schools and the workshops. Last but not least I would like to thank the operators that come to the functions. You are the association

and we are all here to serve you.

We need some good people to run for president this year. If you are interested call Caroline. Whoever is elected president this year will be president when the association has its 50th anniversary. This will be quite an honor.

There has been some trouble with the computer system at the certification office so everyone be sure to keep track of all of your credits. They will go over all of this with you if you have a problem but you need to keep track so you will know if they have all of your credits.

Thanks again for a wonderful year! *Cindy Huntsman*

# 2004 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2005

## NOVEMBER

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS —

#### ▲ BASIC & ADVANCED WATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: water characteristics, disinfection, distribution, wells, surface water treatment

DATE: November 17, Wednesday

#### ▲ BASIC & ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: wastewater characteristics, lagoons, disinfection, collections, secondary treatment

DATE: November 18, Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Silver City, Town of Silver City Annex Bldg., 1203 N Hudson St.

REGISTRATION: \$100 for both workshops or \$55 for one workshop.

*Advanced registration is requested*

CREDITS: 7 hours per day

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

### NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: November 17-18, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Hobbs, Lea County Event Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

### RAGSDALE AND ASSOCIATES WORKSHOP - BASIC WATER CERTIFICATION

TOPICS: Level I/II Water Systems Certification

DATE: November 30 -December 2, 2004

LOCATION: TVI-WTC, Albuquerque, NM

REGISTRATION: \$200.00 - *Pre-registration required*

CREDITS: 21 Hours

CONTACT: Fred Ragsdale, 505-293-4658

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOP — HOMELAND SECURITY

TOPICS: First Responder Awareness - recognition & safety; safety, recognition & notifications (SIN); basic command, IDHA, & Action Plans

DATE: November 30, Tuesday

TIME: 8-5

LOCATION: Tucumcari, Convention Center

REGISTRATION: free of charge, but *Preregistration is required.*

CREDITS: 6 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137;  
e-mail [wutap@qwest.net](mailto:wutap@qwest.net)

## DECEMBER

### NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS —

#### ▲ BASIC & ADVANCED WATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: water characteristics, disinfection, distribution, wells, surface water treatment

DATE: December 1, Wednesday

#### ▲ BASIC & ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: wastewater characteristics, lagoons, disinfection, collections, secondary treatment

DATE: December 2, Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Tucumcari, Convention Center, 1500 West Route 66 Boulevard

REGISTRATION: \$100 for both workshops or \$55 for one workshop.

*Advanced registration is requested*

CREDITS: 7 hours per day

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137;

NMED EXAM: December 3, 8 to 2:30. *Submit your test application by November 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest*

### NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: December 15-16, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Socorro, TBA

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## JANUARY

### RAGSDALE AND ASSOCIATES WORKSHOP - ADVANCED WATER CERTIFICATION

TOPICS: Level III/IV Water Systems Certification

DATE: January 11-13, 2005

LOCATION: TVI-WTC, Albuquerque, NM

REGISTRATION: \$200.00 - *Pre-registration required*

CREDITS: 21 Hours

CONTACT: Fred Ragsdale, 505-293-4658

### NMRWA TRAINING – INTRO TO WW SYSTEMS - LEVELS 1 & 2

DATE: January 12-13, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Roswell, Convention Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## NEW HOMELAND SECURITY WORKSHOPS

Over the next year NMSU WUTAP will sponsor a series of Homeland Security workshops. Dave Volz and Jeff Dare of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's Security and Safeguards Division will present the one-day programs focusing on HAZ MAT First Responder Awareness. These courses are offered FREE and qualify for 6 hours NM wastewater training credits. Check the training pages for dates and locations.

# 2005 NEW MEXICO TRAINING CALENDAR 2005

## NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: January 19-20, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Clovis, TBA

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

LOCATION: Las Vegas, Convention Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## MARCH

## NMWWA ANNUAL SCHOOL

TOPICS: This general water & wastewater operations workshop is for both basic and advanced, Levels 1-4. Includes special workshops.

DATES: January 24-27, Monday through Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Las Cruces, Hilton Hotel, 705 Telshor Blvd.

REGISTRATION: \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members.

**Advance registration is required for all classes.**

CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez,

505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810

CREDITS: 26 hours

## NMRWA TRAINING — 27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DATE: March 21-24, Monday-Thursday

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Sheraton Old Town

CONTACT: N.M. Rural Water Association, 505-884-1031,

[www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

NMED EXAM: March 24, 8 to 2:30.

*Submit your test application by Feb, 22nd at the latest.*

## APRIL

## NMWWA NORTHWEST SECTION -

### JOHN ALLISON MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

TOPICS: Levels 1 – 2, Basic water & wastewater

DATE: April 4-7, Monday & Thursday

TIMES: 8:00 to 5:00 each day

LOCATION: Farmington, San Juan College, 4601 College Blvd.

REGISTRATION: \$120, members; \$150, non-members

**Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 26 hours

CONTACT: Cindy Huntsman, 505-334-8684

NMED EXAM: April 8, 8 to 2:30.

*Submit your test application by March 9<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

## NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOP —

### LABORATORY PARAMETERS FOR NPDES & QA/QC

TOPICS: intro to lab; methodologies for - pH, TRC, BOD, TSS, Fecal Coliform; DMR calculations; hands on parameter demonstrations

DATE: April 12-13, Tuesday & Wednesday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Santa Fe Community College

REGISTRATION: \$150. **Advanced registration is required**

CREDITS: 14 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

## NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: April 27-28, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Truth or Consequences, Civic Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

## FEBRUARY

## NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOP — HOMELAND SECURITY

TOPICS: First Responder Awareness - recognition & safety; safety, recognition & notifications (SIN); basic command, IDHA, & Action Plans

DATE: February 15, Tuesday TIME: 8-5

LOCATION: Hobbs, NM Junior College, 5317 Lovington Hwy

REGISTRATION: free of charge, but *Preregistration is required.*

CREDITS: 6 hours

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137; e-mail [wutap@qwest.net](mailto:wutap@qwest.net)

## NMSU WUTAP WORKSHOPS —

### ▲ BASIC & ADVANCED WATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: water characteristics, disinfection, distribution, wells, surface water treatment

DATE: February 16, Wednesday

### ▲ ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

TOPICS: advanced wastewater characteristics, disinfection, trickling filters, activated sludge, anaerobic & aerobic digestion

DATE: February 17, Thursday

TIMES: 8-5, both days

LOCATION: Hobbs, NM Junior College, 5317 Lovington Hwy

REGISTRATION: \$100 for both workshops or \$55 for one workshop. **Advanced registration is requested**

CREDITS: 7 hours per day

CONTACT: NMSU WUTAP, 505-984-0676, FAX 982-3137

## NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M

DATE: February 16-17, Wednesday & Thursday

**MAY**

**NMRWA TRAININGS— WW NUTRIENT MONITORING & BASIC MICROSCOPY**

▲ DATE: May 10, Tuesday

LOCATION: Truth or Consequences, Civic Center

▲ DATE: May 11, Wednesday

LOCATION: Las Vegas, Civic Center

▲ DATE: May 12, Thursday

LOCATION: Albuquerque, Wyndham Hotel - Airport

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

**NMWWA NORTHERN SCHOOL**

TOPICS: This general water & wastewater operations school is for both basic and advanced, Levels 1-4.

DATES: May 16-19, Mon. to Thurs.

TIMES: 8 to 5 each day

LOCATION: Taos, Convention Center, 121 Civic Plaza

REGISTRATION: \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members.

*Advance registration is required for all classes.*

CONTACT: NMWWA, Caroline Martinez, 505-753-8840, FAX 505-753-9810.

CREDITS: 26 hours

NMED EXAM: May 20, 8 to 2:30. *Submit your test application by April 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

**NMRWA TRAINING – SURFACE WATER WORKSHOP**

DATE: May 18-19, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Bloomfield, Multicultural Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

**JUNE**

**NMWWA SOUTHWEST SECTION -**

**JAKE HANDS MEMORIAL WORKSHOP**

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: June 8-9, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Ruidoso, Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

*Advanced registration is requested.*

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: James Pacheco, 505-528-3653

NMED EXAM: June 10, 8 to 2:30.

*Submit your test application by May 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

**NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M**

DATE: June 8-9, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Ruidoso, Convention Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

**JULY**

**NMWWA WEST CENTRAL SECTION WORKSHOP**

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: July 6-7, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, each day

LOCATION: Gallup, UNM Gallup, 200 College Dr.

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

*Advanced registration is requested.*

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Pat Sanchez, 505-863-1211

NMED EXAM: July 8, 8 to 2:30

*Submit your test application by June 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

**NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M**

DATE: July 6-7, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Taos, Convention Center

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

**AUGUST**

**NMWWA SOUTHEAST SECTION WORKSHOP**

TOPICS: Levels 1 & 2, Basic Water & Wastewater

DATE: August 10-11, Wednesday & Thursday

TIMES: 8 to 5, both days

LOCATION: Roswell, Occupational Training Center, #20 W. Mathis

REGISTRATION: \$80, members; \$100, non-members.

*Advanced registration is requested.*

CREDITS: 13 hours

CONTACT: Ector Alvarado, 505-347-5421

NMED EXAM: August 12, 8 to 2:30.

*Submit your test application by July 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest.*

**NMRWA TRAINING – SMALL WATER O&M**

DATE: August 10-11, Wednesday & Thursday

LOCATION: Silver City, TBA

REGISTRATION: 505-884-1031, 800-819-9893

CONTACT: NM Rural Water Assoc., [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org)

**ON-GOING TRAINING**

**NM MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION AWWA/WEA**

DATES: 4th Tuesday of each month

TIMES: 11:45 AM to 1 PM

LOCATION: Furr's Family Dining, 6100 Central Ave. SE

CONTACT: Joel Rife, 505-243-3200

# NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

## 2005 ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL - PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**ANNUAL SHORT SCHOOL**  
January 24-27, 2005  
Las Cruces Hilton Hotel  
705 Telshor Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM

Payment in full must accompany this form or it will not be processed. Please call for payment arrangements.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NEW MEXICO WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION:  YES  NO

ARE YOU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED?  YES  NO

### IMPORTANT:

Student enrollment in any given category is limited to the number specified for that category. Pre-registration is on a "first come - first served" basis. There will be **NO** registration at the door. Registration confirmation will **NOT** be sent. Fax: 753-8840. Call (505)753-8840 to confirm registration. Refunds apply **ONLY** if cancellation notice is received one week before the short school. There will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations or substitutions. Classes are from 8:00 – 5:00.

### REGISTRATION FEES: (✓ what you are paying)

Member	\$200	_____
Non Member	\$250	_____
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$20	_____
NMWWA State & Section Dues (if not yet paid)		
Active	\$35	_____
Corporate	\$33	_____
Associate	\$30	_____
Student	\$25	_____
TOTAL		_____

### CLASSES:

You **MUST** ✓ the *category* of classes that you will be attending in order for this form to be complete. You may attend and receive credit for one or two classes. 26 credits offered for the school.

ENROLLMENT	CATEGORY	
55 people	Basic Water (Levels I,II)	_____
55 people	Basic Wastewater(I, II)	_____
55 people	Advanced Water (III,IV)	_____
55 people	Advanced Wastewater(III,IV)	_____
55 people	Workshops (III,IV)	_____

### *Make check payable to:*

N.M. Water & Wastewater Association

### *Mail form & check to:*

Caroline Martinez, Executive Manager  
P.O. Box 819  
Española, NM 87532

### *Pre-Registration Deadline:*

*January 16, 2005*

### *Accommodations:*

**NOTE:** Make your motel reservations Before January 11, to insure you get a room. Mention that you are with NMWWA to get these rates:

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| • The Hilton               | 705 Telshor Blvd.      |
| \$60 single, \$60 double   | 1-505-522-4300         |
| Mesilla Valley Inn         | 901 Avenida De Mesilla |
| • \$50 single, \$50 double | 1-800-327-3314         |
| Super 8                    | 245 La Posada Lane     |
| • \$35 single, \$39 double | 1-505-523-8695         |

## OPERATOR SPOTLIGHT - CAROLOS RODRIGUEZ

Carlos Rodriguez has been an employee of the City of Espanola for 16 years. Seven of those years were spent working in the Water Department. During that time he achieved his Level II Water Certification. Carlos worked his way up from meter reader to water distribution operator. His duties ranged from installation of water mains, meters, and hydrants, to maintenance of pumps and motors.

In 1997, Carlos transferred to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. He brought with him a range of experience from the water field. In his time at the WWTP Carlos has also achieved his Level IV Certification in Wastewater. His experience in both fields makes him a valuable employee to the City of Espanola. His duties at the WWTP include operation and maintenance of all equipment, to grounds and housekeeping. Carlos is a "Jack of all trades" and his nickname is McGiver, for the ingenuity

*Northeast Section*



and imagination he uses to approach problems that arise at the plant.

When Carlos is not at work he enjoys spending time with his wife and 2 children. He is also an avid biker, taking his Harley Davidson out on the road whenever he can.

Thank you Carlos for a job well done and keep up the good work.

## NMWWA MONTHLY SECTION MEETINGS

### •Southeast Section

⊕ 1st Wednesday, rotating

☎ Hector Alvarado, 505-347-5421

### •Southwest Section

⊕ 3rd Wednesday, Las Cruces

☎ Lorenzo Martinez, 505-528-3601

### •West Central Section

⊕ 4th Wednesday, Gallup

☎ Ray Espinoza, 505-863-1210

### •Central Section

⊕ 1st Monday, Albuquerque

☎ John Kelley, 505-363-6348

### •Northeast Section

⊕ 2nd Monday, rotating

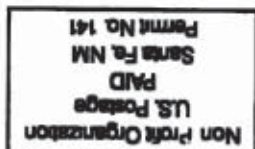
☎ Louis Lujan, 505-753-4740

### •Northwest Section

⊕ 1st Thursday, rotating

☎ Andrew Galloway, 505-334-8684

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