

# Wastewater Training and Testing

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Hello, Nebraska operators! I have been asked by many operators about wastewater certification classes, as well as, testing. As most of you have heard Mike Lucas has retired from the Nebraska Rural Water Association. Mike has done a great job for Rural Water with his years of onsite assistance and in the classroom. Mike has been battling some illnesses and prayers his way would be greatly appreciated. The Nebraska Rural Water Association has reviewed the wastewater certification classes and decided they will no longer offer the training. We will, however, continue offering the one day classes for certification hours. Contact the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for certification testing dates and other options due to the Covid 19 outbreak. Also, I have been able to get some copies of wastewater study guides that I am willing to share with operators and we have information about some online certification courses.

I have talked with field representatives about classes and testing. What I am hearing is that they are starting to loosen some of their restrictions. They have also stated that with all that is unknown things could close back up if things get worse. I think it is safe to say we are in fragile times.

NeRWA is pretty much in full swing. If you need assistance just give us a call and we will help as best as we can. We will also respect the rules set forth by the individual communities.

I would also like to commend all the Nebraska operators for staying on the front line through all this craziness. You are all true, unseen heroes in your communities!

As I have been traveling the state of Nebraska I have found some great places to eat. I would like to share them with all of the operators that read my articles.

#1 goes to the City of Gordon – The Fuel Grill has fantastic dining with a full menu including walleye with an auto-themed décor.

#2 goes to the City of Madison – The Burrito King with a variety of Mexican food.

Enjoy your family and the rest of the summer!