

# Wastewater Operator Training; 2019-2020

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Once again, it's time to develop the training schedule for the upcoming year. Any input on locations, topics and speakers would be greatly appreciated, especially speakers! I try to bring new and current topics to the program. Certainly, I will try to generally cover the entire state making it less inconvenient for operators by limiting the miles traveled.

In conversations with Mike McBride from NDEQ, the infamous ABC certification tests have been changed with new questions differing from the historic ones. Passing percentages have suffered. He promised to provide me with a new training kit. He also invited me to participate on a committee to address this issue. I certainly appreciate this opportunity. So, expect our certification training courses, which we are constantly modifying, to change again in the future.

I have to finalize my work plan next week for the upcoming year so please share your comments. They are welcome anytime.

I also especially want to say "THANK YOU" to Mike McBride for recognizing a problem and going above and beyond the call of duty to reach out to trainers so that we can better help you operators.