

New Water Operator Class A and B Exam Format

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Water Operator Certification Program will administer certification exams prepared by the National Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) beginning in June of 2006. The MDH certification staff will continue to administer all Water Supply System Operator exams A-E, and prepare Class C, D, and E exams, but will use ABC exams for Class A and B levels only.

The look and feel of ABC exams is similar to that of current Minnesota exams. Each exam consists of multiple-choice questions including math, water treatment, and distribution. However, operators should expect the following changes beginning in June of 2006: the content of the exams will be improved to include updated topics; the number of questions will increase from 50 to 100; operators will have three hours to complete exams, as opposed to two; the conversion factors/equations sheet format will be different; and study materials will include manuals from AWWA and Sacramento State University of California.

ABC will score all Class A and B exams and return results to MDH, who will then notify examinees of the results. Exam applications and fees remain the same, and should continue to be submitted to the MDH no later than 15 days before an exam.

To review the new exam references and study materials visit the MDH web site at:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/wateroperator/infoexam/referencelist.htm>