

Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation

MEMORANDUM
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To: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources
From: David Mears, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation
Date: July 30, 2014
Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification Rule amendments

Attached for your review and signature are the amendments to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification Rule and the other related forms and documents necessary for the Rule to be submitted to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR).

The Rule provides the minimal education, experience, and training requirements for wastewater facility operators. The Rule was initially adopted in 1985. These amendments serve to update and clarify the Rule and were vetted by an Advisory Committee composed of Agency staff, wastewater operators, and water associations.

The Rule was approved by ICAR on May 14, 2014. ICAR did not have any substantive comments on the Rule, but provided several minor comments related to style and grammar. The Agency proceeded to place the Rule on public notice, held a public hearing on June 24, and received public comments through July 1, 2014.

The Agency received just two public comments on the Rule. The Agency made minor changes to the Rule in response to the comments. The comments and an explanation of the related changes are included in this rulemaking packet in the "Response Summary for Comments Received on the Proposed Changes to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification Rules."

The Agency does not expect any negative public reaction or stakeholder reaction to these rule amendments.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend you approve this Rule.

