**Section 680.806 Training Criteria**

Specific training sessions, courses, meetings, etc. must meet all of the following criteria to be accepted for certificate renewal:

a) The training must directly relate to water distribution, water treatment, or the professional responsibilities of the operator. Allowable training topics include but are not limited to:

 Coagulation and Flocculation

 Corrosion Control

 Demineralization

 Disinfection

 Distribution System Facilities

 Distribution System

 Operation and Maintenance

 Drinking Water Related Computer Courses

 Drinking Water Permits, Laws, Rules, and Regulations

 Electrical Maintenance

 Emergency Planning and Preparation

 Filtration

 Fluoridation

 Ground Water Protection

 Ground Water Treatment

 Instrumentation

 Iron and Manganese Control

 Laboratory Procedures

 Membrane Technology

 Process Waste Handling and Disposal

 Pumps and Hydraulics

 Reservoir Management and Intake Structures

 Reverse Osmosis

 Safety

 Sampling and Operating Reports

 Sedimentation

 Surface Water Treatment

 Surface Water Protection

 Taste and Odor Control

 Trihalomethanes

 Utility Administration Management

 Water Quality

 Water Softening

 Water Sources & Treatment

 Water Storage Facilities

 Water Supply Math and Chemistry

 Water Supply Operation and Maintenance

 Wells

b) Training may be provided by any of the variety of organizations equipped to provide such training, such as colleges and universities, technical institutes, educational units of governmental or industrial agencies, professional operator organizations, and equipment suppliers and manufacturers. Training that meets the criteria, regardless of the location of the training or training provider, is allowed for renewal training credit. For example, drinking water related training from another state will be allowed for credit provided the criteria is met. In-house training programs provided at drinking water supplies are also allowed for training credit provided all training criteria are met and proof of training documentation is provided to the trainees.

c) Acceptable training formats include classroom courses, teleconferences, courses offered via the Internet, workshops, seminars, correspondence courses, in-house training programs, and drinking water related training sessions at conferences/meetings of professional operator organizations. Training credit is also allowed for teachers or presenters of training for the first time a course is taught or a drinking water related presentation is made.

d) Training providers, or training sponsors, must provide proof of training documentation to trainees in order for the training to be accepted for certificate renewal. Training providers, or training sponsors, may request pre-approval of training by submitting a Training Provider Application for Course/Training Event Approval Form to the Agency.

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