**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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