

SDARWS/DANR

2022 OpCert Training/Exam Schedule

January 18, 2022

Course	Date	Location***
Basic Wastewater Treatment	January 25-27	Rapid City-Ramkota Rushmore Room
OpCert Exam (Exam session closed)	January 27-1:00 pm	Rapid City-Ramkota Rushmore Room
Water Distribution	February 1-3	Brookings-Wilbert Square Events Ctr
OpCert Exam (Exam session closed)	February 3-1:00 pm	Brookings-Wilbert Square Events Ctr
Basic Water Treatment	February 15-17	Spearfish-Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam (30 Seats Left)	February 17-1:00 pm	Spearfish-Holiday Inn
Wastewater Collection	March 1-3	Rapid City-Ramkota
OpCert Exam (35 Seats Left)	March 3-1:00 pm	Rapid City-Ramkota
Basic Wastewater Treatment	March 29-31	Watertown-Ramkota/Events Center
Basic Water Treatment	April 5-7	Sioux Falls-Ramkota
OpCert Exam (32 Seats Left)	April 7-1:00 pm	Sioux Falls-Ramkota
Small Water Treatment System Workshop	April 28	Rapid City-Ramkota
Intermediate Water Treatment	May 3-5	Sioux Falls-Ramkota
Advanced Wastewater Treatment	May 17-19	Rapid City-Ramkota
Stabilization Pond Workshop	June 2	Huron-Crossroads

More exam/class sessions will be scheduled after January 1, 2022.

All classes and exam sessions are tentative based on status of pandemic.

*****Classes after July 1, 2021 will be a combination of "in-person" and via Zoom.**

Any exam can be taken at an exam session. You can take more than one exam at an exam session; however, the exam session remains at three hours long.

*The Stabilization Pond class deals strictly w/ ponds and is the best class for preparing to take the Small WW System exam. The Basic WW Treatment class deals w/ all types of wastewater treatment other than ponds and is the best class for preparing to take the Class I WW Treatment exam. Small systems that use ponds for treatment can come into compliance w/ the OpCert Law by passing either the Class I WW exam or the Small WW System exam.

**Water systems serving less than 500 people that use wells can come into compliance by passing the Small Water Treatment exam. Larger systems must pass the Class I Water Treatment exam.

Beginning July 1, 2021, all exams will cost \$60. Also after July 1, 2021, there will be no fee for the annual renewal.

Contact SD Association of Rural Water Systems at 605-556-7219 w/ questions on training.

You can register for classes at--

<http://www.sdarws.com>

Contact Rob Kittay about OpCert exams 605-773-4208

Certified operators can obtain contact hours for attending any of the above classes.

All exam applications are due two weeks before the exam date.

DANR has water exam study material to lend to operators. The following manuals from California State-
Water Distribution System Operation and Maintenance
Small Water System Operation and Maintenance

OpCert Web Site-

<https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx>