

SDARWS/DANR

2022 - 2023 Operator Certification Training/Exam Schedule

October 3, 2022

Course Name	Date	Location
Wastewater Collection	October 4 - 6	Sioux Falls – Ramkota Harvest Rm.
OpCert Exam	October 6 @ 1:00 PM	Sioux Falls – Ramkota Harvest Rm.
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 13	Mitchell – Highland Conference Center
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 18	Aberdeen – Ramkota Northern Rm.
Water Distribution	November 15 - 17	Spearfish Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam	November 17 @ 1:00 PM	Spearfish Holiday Inn
Basic Wastewater Treatment	December 6 - 8	Rapid City – Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
OpCert Exam	December 8 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City – Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
Basic Water Treatment	January 24 - 26	Rapid City – Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
OpCert Exam	January 26 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City – Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
Wastewater Collection	February 7 - 9	Watertown Ramkota
OpCert Exam	February 9 @ 1:00 PM	Watertown Ramkota
Water Distribution	March 7 - 9	Rapid City - Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
OpCert Exam	March 9 @ 1:00 PM	Rapid City – Ramkota Rushmore Rm.
Basic Water Treatment	March 21 - 23	Watertown Ramkota
OpCert Exam	March 23 @ 1:00 PM	Watertown Ramkota

ALL CLASSES WILL BE PRESENTED BOTH "IN-PERSON" AND VIA ZOOM UNLESS CHANGED BY SDARWS

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

Water systems serving less than 500 individuals and use wells as its source can come into compliance by passing the Small Water Treatment exam. Larger systems must pass the Class I Water Treatment exam or higher depending on the facility classification.

The above classes are offered by SDARWS at no charge.

All exams cost \$60.00 and must be taken "in-person."

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.

All exam applications are due no later than **two weeks** prior to the exam date.

Please contact SD Association or Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) at (605) 556-7219 with questions on registering for training events. Please register for classes at: <http://www.sdarws.com>. Certified operators can obtain contact hours for attending any of the above training classes.

Please contact Tammie Hill at (605) 773-3577 or tammie.hill@state.sd.us for questions regarding Operator Certification Exams. You may also find additional information on South Dakota's Water and Wastewater Operator Certification program at: <https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx>.