

Brian Dean - BIOGRAPHY



Brian Dean is the president of a small operations and training company (Dean Environmental Inc.) which operates out of rural Summerland B.C. After graduating from Okanagan University College in Water Quality Technology in 1994, Brian has been involved extensively in training First Nations both in resources based surveillance techniques and infrastructure operation. Currently, Brian is active in the Circuit Rider Training Program (CRTP) in 30 communities throughout the province. Most of the

communities served under the CRTP have operators running drinking water treatment facilities, distributions systems but some, wastewater treatment facilities collection systems. When not out of town providing hands on training to First Nation communities he is usually busy working on the family farm with his wife of 31 years, Laura. The farm contains horses, donkeys, chickens and a thousand recently planted Christmas trees. Brian enjoys playing soccer, fixing fences and horseback riding, he also enjoys being the pit crew for his wife as she likes to drag race her pick-up truck.

1. What are your top two reasons for joining our Board?

- a) I have always been involved with volunteer groups or organizations. Through this involvement, I am allowed the opportunity to give back to the groups which I have been associated with which provides me with a sense of fulfilment. I have been involved Scouts Canada, Youth Soccer, Ringette, Horse groups, Summerland Youth Centre, Scottish Festival, and Penticton Soccer Club.
- b) I feel as though my experience in the industry will blend nicely with the goals of the EOCP and I will be able to respond appropriately to operator questions once I have a better understanding of the EOCP.

2) What do you feel are the most important function of the Board?

I feel the board should function as a guide for the overall direction of the program. Coupling the regulatory requirements of the EOCP with operator needs is a challenge for the program.

3. What will you bring to the Board in experience and accomplishments?

I have made extensive contacts throughout the industry over the past years and also look forward to encouraging more and more operators to gain appropriate certification while developing the knowledge skills and abilities to be able to run their own systems effectively. My accomplishments in the industry are limited but I feel getting to know many operators from many differing backgrounds over the years has developed a sense of community amongst operators.