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B.C. OPERATORS CAN GO ANYWHERE

A NEWSLETTER FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATORS

EOCP Chairman Joe McGowan, signed the new reciprocity agreement while attending the British Columbia Water and Waste Association Annual Conference in Whistler in April.

The new agreement simplifies the basic understandings between certification programs across Canada while at the same time recognizing that each jurisdiction may wish to establish its own special requirements. B.C. was one of the co-authors of the first reciprocity agreement back in 1977, has led the move to bring the agreement up to date, and now is one of the first to officially sign the 1998 version. Because the B.C. program is one of the most stringent programs in the country, an operator certified in B.C. can reasonably expect to be able to go anywhere in the country and immediately get a certification equivalent to the one he holds in B.C.



Standing beside Joe is Bill Hyslop, an EOCP Director for over twenty years and one of the authors of the new reciprocity program.

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THINK SAFETY

nce again, a Safety Competition was held at the recent BCWWA Conference in Whistler. Three teams participated with the Whistler team taking first place f ollowed by the teams from the C.R.D. - Water, and GVRD - Sewer. Thanks go out to Dave McLean for organizing the competition again, and to the Resort Municipality of Whistler area for setting up the competition site.





2nd Place - CRD Victoria Waterworks Team: Todd Scaber, Greg Kozak and Kevin Sinclair

1st Place - Whistler Team: Scott McIntyre, Shawn Rowley, Pete Davidson and Nelson Bastien (Coach)



3rd Place - GVRD Vancouver Sewer Team: Roy Nees, Don Humble and Lenny Lewandoski

- PIPELINE SWABBING AND POLY PIGGING
- CROSS CONNECTION SURVEYS
- BACKFLOW PREVENTERS
- LEAK DETECTION
- LEAK REPAIRS
- FLOW TESTS



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Whistler Safety Competition Problem Outline (1998)

The weather is cold and damp, it has been raining all night, the temperature is about $5^{\circ}C$ with no wind.

Public works yard receives a phone call at 10:45 am, from the principal of the elementary school on Pine Street, complaining of a very strong chlorine smell. He is concerned for the 400 students and teachers.

Public works have scheduled work involving changing chlorine bottles in the water pump station on Pine Street. Also a contractor is scheduled to do a video inspection of the sanitary sewers on Pine Street.

In addition a roofing contractor has been hired to replace all the pump station roof flashing some time today, because of water getting into the electric equipment.

Public works dispatch two staff to the area and contact the foreman by radio to meet them at the Pine Street station to investigate the complaint.



On arrival, the Safety teams find there has been a chlorine leak at the pump station; one injured worker there as well as the video contractor has been injured.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are accepting applications for Level 1 and 11 Water Distribution System Operators. Must have Grade 12, a clean driving record and good communications.

We provide a variety of services from fire hydrant maintenance to leak detection and pipeline pigging. Although based in the Lower Mainland, travel is required for out-of-town projects.

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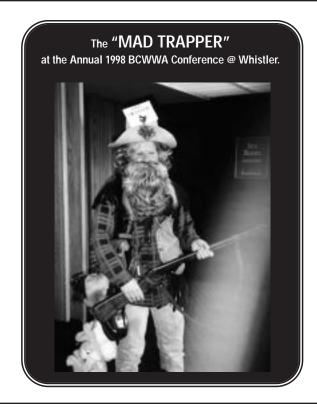


Operators Training to Manage Water for Tseshaht Band



The Tseshant Band recently hosted a training program in Port Alberni to certify maintenance men in Water Distribution Level One. Mike Ippen, Waterworks Superintendent for the District of Saanich was the instructor. The course was put on through B.C. Water & Waste. Bernie Taekema, a Director of the Environmental Operators Certification Program proctored the exam.

Pictured left to right: Rob Beckett, Gerald Fred, Bernie Taekema (EOCP Director), Mike Ippen (Instructor), Bob Sault, Rod Armstrong, Joe Prest and Terry Sam.





Yessir, this is the Flush Truck of the 90's!

BCWWA Victor M. Terry Award



Norm receiving Vic Terry Award from Joe McGowan, Chairman

he Victor M. Terry Award is presented by the BCWWA to an operator who has demonstrated exceptional skill at his field and has supported the development of his fellow operators. The award is given by the BCWWA with input from the Board of Environmental Operators Certification Program.

This years recipient is **Norm Gobbi**. He has been a certified operator for 22 years. Norm passed his Level I exam in May 1976 and worked through the program and obtained his Level IV in January 1995. At this time he is one of only 11 operators to hold the Level IV certification.

Norm was hired by the City of Prince George as a lab technician in 1973 when the wastewater treatment plant was upgraded to an activated sludge process. He worked under **Dale Cannon**, the senior operator for a few years. It is noted that Dale is a past Vic Terry award recipient. After a few years, Dale transferred to another section at the City of Prince George and Norm was awarded the position of Chief Operator of the plant. The plant was upgraded in 1983 to include anaerobic digesters, belt filter presses and power generation. The latest expansion in 1996 replaced the activated sludge secondary treatment system with trickling filter biotowers and two circular clarifiers.

Norm is an Applied Science Technologist. His contributions to the wastewater field are not widely known or publicized as he is very low key and tends to avoid the limelight. He has contributed his expertise to various environmental advisory committees. Numerous engineering firms, municipalities and industry have called on him for input into their wastewater treatment problems in northern climates.

Norm keeps in contact with treatment plants in other communities in this province and Alberta, exchanging ideas on solving operational problems. He has been a strong supporter of education and training for operators, and has been a supporter and participant of the BCWWA Northern Workshop in Prince George for over 20 years.

NEW MEMBERS AND UPGRADES

CERT.	NO. NAME		CITY	CERT. N	O. NAME		CITY
1071				1070			Dert Alizz, D.C.
1871	Adamek, Ian	WD, II	Victoria, B.C.	1972	DeCrane, Kim	WWC, I	Port Alice, B.C.
322	Albrecht, Leo	WWT, IV	Kamloops, B.C.	2010	Demers, Daniel	WWT, I	Kelowna, B.C.
2039	Andrew, Art	WD, I	Agassiz, B.C.	2082	Docking, Paul	WD, I	Nanaimo, B.C.
2032 2040	Armstrong, Rod	WD, I	Comox, B.C.	2005 1714	Doherty, Steven	WWT, I	Vancouver, B.C.
2040 1325	Bachuk, Edward	WD, I WWT, II	Squamish, B.C. Trail, B.C.	1714	Douglas, James	WWC, I WD, I	Pitt Meadows, B.C.
2037	Balfour, Scott Beckett, Robert	WD, I	Port Alberni, B.C.	1714	Douglas, James Dowding, Leslie	WD, T WWT, I	Pitt Meadows, B.C. Tahsis, B.C.
2037	Beckett, Robert	CH	Port Alberni, B.C.	1197	Dube, John	WWC, I	Williams Lake, B.C.
1674	Benere, David	WD, III	Parksville, B.C.	425	Dube, John Dumond, Keith	WVVC, I WD, II	Nanoose Bay, B.C.
1228	Bewley, Graham	WD, III WWT, I	Victoria, B.C.	2026	Duncan, Barry	WD, I	New Hazelton, B.C.
1987	Bhalla, Param	WWC, I	Victoria, B.C.	2020	Edwards, Mark	WD, I	Lynden, WA
2052	Birkedal, Melvin	WWC, I WWT, I	Montrose, B.C.	2042	Fairburn, Ron	WWC, I	Qualicum Beach, B.C.
1629	Bissenden, Dean	WD, II	Victoria, B.C.	2035	Fitzgerald, Kevin	WD, I	Cumberland, B.C.
1813	Blaeser, Kevin	WWC, I	Vernon, B.C.	1473	Fitzpatrick, Howard	WD, I	Montrose, B.C.
2073	Blakeway, Sandy	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.	2055	Foran, Peter	WWT, I	Vancouver, B.C.
2073	Bolan, Kevin	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.	1105	Fox, William	WD, I	Logan Lake, B.C.
1814	Borrill, Douglas	WD, I WT, I	Barriere, B.C.	2031	Fred, Gerald	WD, I	Port Alberni, B.C.
2069	Boyd, Glen	OIT, WWT	Port McNeill, B.C.	2006	Frost, Norman	WWT, I	Garibaldi Highlands, B.C.
2007	Bright, Reuben	OIT, WD	Kitwanga, B.C.	911	Fulla, Ritchie	WD, III	Nanaimo, B.C.
2029	Brondgeest, Joffre	WD, I	North Vancouver, B.C.	912	Galick, Brent	WWT, III	Langley, B.C.
2053	Brouwer, Hedy	WWT, I	Prince Rupert, B.C.	1997	Garbe, Jason	WWC, I	North Delta, B.C.
1986	Brown, Steven	WWC, I	Cobble Hill, B.C.	1123	Gardner, Ian	WWT, III	Agassiz, B.C.
833	Bruce, Robert	WD, II	Saturna Island, B.C.	2071	Garrett, David	OIT, WWT	
2041	Budd, Kenneth	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.	2056	Geiger, Dean	WWT, I	Langley, B.C.
2075	Burnet, Floyd	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.	2076	Goetz, Conrad	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.
2018	Burns, Wayne	WD, I	Surrey, B.C.	828	Gogula, Jim	WD, II	Richmond, B.C.
1556	Campmans, Peter	WWC, I	Heffley Creek, B.C.	1203	Green, Matthew	CH	North Vancouver, B.C.
1226	Carr, Robert	WD, III	Comox, B.C.	1200	Grondzil, Bruce	СН	Quesnel, B.C.
1964	Caulton, Mark	WWC, I	Garibaldi Highlands, B.C.	1200	Grondzil, Bruce	WWT, I	Quesnel, B.C.
1994	Cave, Gregory	WD, I	Kamloops, B.C.	2057	Gurney, Roger	WWT, I	Midway, B.C.
1994	Cave, Gregory	WWC, I	Kamloops, B.C.	2079	Gurrie, Blaine	WD, I	Nanaimo, B.C.
2007	Childs, Trevor	WWC, I	Kamloops, B.C.	1897	Gustafson, Darrell	WWT, I	Fort Nelson, B.C.
2007	Childs, Trevor	WD, I	Kamloops, B.C.	2049	Haney, Rick	WD, I	Elkford, B.C.
1612	Churko, Scott	WD, II	Nanaimo, B.C.	2072	Hannestad, Kent	WT, I	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
2054	Cleugh, Thomas	WWT, I	Crofton, B.C.	990	Hansen, Poul	WWC, I	Langley, B.C.
1911	Cobb, John	WD, II	Maple Ridge, B.C.	2036	Hargreaves, Richard	WD, I	Cumberland, B.C.
571	Coenraads, Martin	WD, III	Naramata, B.C.	1348	Haynes, Brian	СН	Kamloops, B.C.
2050	Connor, Bryce	WD, I	Chilliwack, B.C.	1476	Hewitt, Larry	WWT, III	Port Alice, B.C.
2068	Coplin, Chris	WWC, I	Qualicum Beach, B.C.	2080	Hewson, Alan	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.
1953	Cosgrove, Darren	WWC, II	Nanaimo, B.C.	2044	Hillman, Douglas	WWC, I	Hope, B.C.
2013	Coutts, Ray	WWT, II	Victoria, B.C.	2062	Hubert, George	WWC, I	Tofino, B.C.
2013	Coutts, Ray	WWT, I	Victoria, B.C.	1993	Hubin, Troy	WD, I	Victoria, B.C.
1899	Coutu, Kevin	WD, II	Maple Ridge, B.C.	1255	Hurst, John	WWT, I	Clearbrook, B.C.
2070	Crookes, Andrew	OIT, WWT	Tumbler Ridge, B.C.	696	Iturra-Cea, Jaime	WWT, III	Vancouver, B.C.
1983	Cupello, Ernest	WD, I	Kamloops, B.C.	686	James, Paul	СН	Houston, B.C.
1983	Cupello, Ernest	WWC, I	Kamloops, B.C.	1857	Jay, Gary	WD, II	Victoria, B.C.
1983	Cupello, Ernest	WWC, II	Kamloops, B.C.	1992	Jones, Bruce	WD, I	Courtenay, B.C.
1637	Currie, John	WD, II	Victoria, B.C.	1904	Kennedy, Del	WWC, II	Kamloops, B.C.
2067	Dallas, Ken	WWC, I	Coquitlam, B.C.	1912	Kerrigan, Todd	WWT, I	Kelowna, B.C.
2048	Davidson, Peter	WD, I	Whistler, B.C.	2058	Klassen, Kenneth	WWT, I	Ashcroft, B.C.
1223	De Vuyst, Kerry	WD, I	Dawson Creek, B.C.	1958	Koczkur, Joseph	WWT, I	Sardis, B.C.
1223	De Vuyst, Kerry	WWC, I	Dawson Creek, B.C.	1884	Kozak, Craig	WD, II	Victoria, B.C.
1017	Dean, Lloyd	WD, III	Richmond, B.C.	1998	Kroeker, Manfred	WWC, I	Surrey, B.C.

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CERT.	NO.	NAME		CITY	CERT. NO	D. NAME		CITY
2081	Kunt	z, Brian	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.	2084	Robinson, Wayne		Sooke, B.C.
607	Lane		WWT, IV	Prince George, B.C.	1989	Rose, Terrance	WWC, I	Victoria, B.C.
2051		en, Guy	WD, I	Port Alberni, B.C.	2030	Sabbas, Louie	WD, I	Tofino, B.C.
1999		Alex	WWC, I	Burnaby, B.C.	2030	Sabbas, Louie	WD, II	Tofino, B.C.
2012		Allan	WWT, I	Kaslo, B.C.	2063	Sallis, Frank	WWC, I	Ladner, B.C.
2012		Victor	WD, I	Vancouver, B.C.	2023	Schell, Bruce		Hazelton, B.C.
1658		bvre, Sean	WD, I	Port Hardy, B.C.	2045	Schleser, Rob	WD, I	Delta, B.C.
1960		e, Randy	WWC, I	Smithers, B.C.	1982	Schultz, Robert	WD, II	Vernon, B.C.
1782		ren, Bradley	WD, II	Surrey, B.C.	1982	Schultz, Robert	WD, I	Vernon, B.C.
2000		James	WWC, I	Richmond, B.C.	2046	Scriven, Richard	WD, I	Taylor, B.C.
2001		Albano	WWC, I	Port Coquitlam, B.C.	2047	Seymour, Clement		Agassiz, B.C.
1760		farlane, David	WD, II	Yarrow, B.C.	1639	Sheldon, Richard		Courtenay, B.C.
818		Kenzie, Sandra	WWT, III	Surrey, B.C.	2077	Silva, Valdemar		Maple Ridge, B.C.
1149		Leod, Mike	WD, I	Delta, B.C.	2003	Simpson, John	WWC, I	Surrey, B.C.
2016		ee, Charlie	WT, I	Mission, B.C.	2038	Simpson, Kyle	WD, I	Langley, B.C.
2016	0	ee, Charlie	WD, I	Mission, B.C.	1995	Sivertson, David	WD, I	Victoria, B.C.
1562		i, John	WWT, I	Saanichton, B.C.	1547	Skalicky, Ric		Revelstoke, B.C.
2028		tin, Daniel	WWT, I	Winfield, B.C.	2014	Smith, Kenneth		Hope, B.C.
1213		sier, Larry	СН	Abbotsford, B.C.	2014	Smith, Kenneth		Hope, B.C.
302		hieu, Robert	СН	Sardis, B.C.	1966	Soros, Ross		Maple Ridge, B.C.
1896		as, Joe	WWT, I	Penticton, B.C.	2061	St. Jean, Lynn	WWT, I	Sechelt, B.C.
1706		son, Mark	WWT, II	Kelowna, B.C.	2066	Steer, Murray		Burnaby, B.C.
611		o, Kerry	WD, III	Courtenay, B.C.	2064	Stevens, Andrew		Delta, B.C.
1996		ntyre, Douglas	WD, I	Burnaby, B.C.	877	Stewart, David		Courtenay, B.C.
1985		linnon, Ian	WWT, I	Port Alice, B.C.	2011	Struthers, Richard		Kelowna, B.C.
2002		ellan, Donald	WWC, I	Surrey, B.C.	784	Stuart, Stephen	WD, II	Tofino, B.C.
2019		nell, Clayton	OIT, WD	Smithers, B.C.	1317	Tanaka, Rick	WWC, II	Surrey, B.C.
2008		er, Gordie	WWC, I	Kamloops, B.C.	2083	Teale, Dennis	WD, I	Vernon, B.C.
1988		icur, Thomas	WWC, I	Victoria, B.C.	1990	Toews, David	WWC, I	Victoria, B.C.
2020		re, Floyd	OIT, WD	Hazelton, B.C.	1732	Trzebski, Joseph	СН	Surrey, B.C.
2021	Mor	rison, Allen	OIT, WD	Gitwanga, B.C.	225	Van den Boogaard, Jo	СН	Richmond, B.C.
2027	Mor	rison, Jerry	WD, I	Hazelton, B.C.	500	Van Leersum, Rick	WD, I	Aldergrove, B.C.
2027	Mor	rison, Jerry	WT, I	Hazelton, B.C.	2078	Veasey, Daryl	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.
2022	Mor	rison, Richard	OIT, WD	Hazelton, B.C.	1656	Villa, Roy	WWC, II	Victoria, B.C.
1402	Mur	phy, Dorrance	СН	Houston, B.C.	1700	Wakely, Patrick	WWC, I	Vancouver, B.C.
1718	Mur	phy, Michael	WD, I	Pitt Meadows, B.C.	1981	Wallace, John	WD, II	Delta, B.C.
2015	Ngui	i, John	WD, I	Vancouver, B.C.	1981	Wallace, John	WD, I	Delta, B.C.
1703	Nutt	all, Steven	WWT, III	Agassiz, B.C.	1963	Weistra, Johnny	WD, I	Maple Ridge, B.C.
2059	0′Ha	anley, Michael	WWT, I	Victoria, B.C.	2024	Wesley, Aaron	OIT, WD	Hazelton, B.C.
2060	Olive	er, Kenneth	WWT, I	Port Hardy, B.C.	1898	Whitworth, Stewart		Courtenay, B.C.
2009		er, Grant	WWC, I	MacKenzie, B.C.	1525	Williams, Richard		Sidney, B.C.
1184	Payr	ne, Boyd	WWT, IV	Port Alice, B.C.	2065	Williams, Ronald	WWC, I	Delta, B.C.
1901	Perk	ins, Keith	WWT, II	Surrey, B.C.	1969	Wilms, Earl		Kamloops, B.C.
1984		o, Brian	WD, I	Kamloops, B.C.	2004	Wilson, Ian	WWC, I	Langley, B.C.
1984		o, Brian	WWC, I	Kamloops, B.C.	1841	Witzke, Robin		Winfield, B.C.
1708		hakaran, Sugavan		Surrey, B.C.	944	Wood, William		Mission, B.C.
2033		t, Joseph	WD, I	Kamloops, B.C.	1780	Woods, Robert		Fruitvale, B.C.
1571		nuson, Gerry	СН	Salmon Arm, B.C.	1991	Wormald, Thomas	WWC, I	Victoria, B.C.
988		ehr, Douglas	WD, II	Ladner, B.C.	1222	Wyatt, Trevor		Malahat, B.C.
476		, James	СН	Langley, B.C.	1380	Wyse, Robert		Kamloops, B.C.
1338	Robi	nson, Dean	WWC, II	Nanaimo, B.C.	2034	Young, Rosanne	WD, I	Bamfield, B.C.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BCWWA FALL CALENDAR 1998

BCIT NIGHT SCHOOL 12 WEEKS

Note: Please contact BCIT directly for registration information @ (604) 434-1610

Sept 15 - Dec 1 Water Distribution Level 1 Sept 16 - Dec 2 Water Collection Level 1

BCIT, 3700 Willingdon Ave. BCIT, 3700 Willingdon Ave.

Note: Please contact BCWWA directly for registration information @ (604) 540.0111

Sept 14 - 18	{Hands on laboratory procedures courses for} Environmental Permit/Process Control Analysis	City of Kamloops, WWTP				
Note: Start time 11:00 am to 7:00 pm						
Sept 21 - 25	Wastewater Treatment Level 1	TBA, Castlegar, B.C.				
Sept 28 - Oct 2	Wastewater Treatment Level 111	Iona Treatment Plant				
Note: Start time	7:00 am to 3:00 pm	Annacis Treatment Plant				

Note: Start time 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

INTERIOR OPERATOR SCHOOL, VERNON LODGE, B.C.

November 2 - 6	Cross Connection Control	3914 - 32nd Street, Vernon
November 2 - 6	Water Treatment Level 1	3914 - 32nd Street, Vernon
November 2 - 6	Wastewater Treatment Level 11	3914 - 32nd Street, Vernon
November 2 - 6	Chlorine Handling	3914 - 32nd Street, Vernon

1 DAY WORKSHOPS - KAMLOOPS, B.C.

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5 DAY COURSES - KAMLOOPS, B.C.

November 16 - 20, 1998

November 16 - 20	Water Treatment Level 1	Best Western Hotel, Kamloops
November 16 - 20	Wastewater Collection Level 11	Best Western Hotel, Kamloops
November 16 - 20	Water Distribution Level 11	Best Western Hotel, Kamloops