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FROM: Dan Wyant, Director

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SUBJECT: Report on Administration of the Operator Training and Certification Programs

In accordance with Section 3134(6) of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to report annually on the administration of the Wastewater (WW) and Drinking Water (DW) Operator Training and Certification Programs under Section 3110 of Part 31; Section 4104 of Part 41, Sewerage Systems, of the NREPA; and Section 9 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended.

During fiscal year (FY) 2015, training was provided by the DEQ for various courses. The DEQ collaborated with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide some of the courses and/or conferences identified. The following summarizes the information required to be reported:

The type and number of training programs offered by the DEQ, including the total number of participants in each type of training program:

DEQ DW Training	14 classes	274 participants
Training co-sponsored with AWWA	26 classes	2,342 participants
Training collaboration with USEPA/FEMA	5 classes	95 participants

The type and number of certification exams given and the type and number of certifications awarded:

Industrial WW	160 exams	102 certifications	178 renewals
Municipal WW	462 exams	294 certifications	258 renewals
Industrial Stormwater (SW)	637 exams	596 certifications	459 renewals
Construction SW	613 exams	584 certifications	654 renewals
Drinking Water			
Complete Treatment	278 exams	96 certifications	
Limited Treatment	230 exams	112 certifications	
Distribution	807 exams	406 certifications	
Noncommunity DW	123 exams	97 certifications	
Total DW Renewals			1,092 renewals

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The WW and SW Operator Training and Certification Programs' staff is funded by operator certification fees and registration fees for WW and SW courses when courses are provided. The DW Operator Training and Certification Program's staff is funded by a combination of operator certification fees and federal drinking water revolving fund set-aside dollars. Revenue collected from the WW, SW, and DW Operator Training and Certification Programs, while earned and tracked separately, is deposited in the Wastewater Operator Training Fees Fund (Fund). At the end of FY 2015, there was a balance of \$279,796.15 in the Fund, of which \$13,618.58 belongs to WW Operator Training and Certification and \$266,177.57 belongs to DW Operator Training and Certification.

If you need further information, please contact Jim Sygo, Interim Chief, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, at 517-284-6544; or William Creal, Chief, Water Resources Division, at 517-284-5470; or you may contact me at 517-284-6700.

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