



Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

**State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation**

Policy Statement 2015-01 Certification of Water Haul and Sewer Pump Truck Drivers

Background

The Board originally adopted a water haul and sewer pump truck driver policy in 1983. The policy was updated in 1989. The department had received several applications from water haul and sewer pump truck drivers. Because the regulations did not speak directly to such experience, the department sought the advice of the Board.

The Board reviewed this policy in 2001 and 2015. The department requested Board clarification with regard to interchangeable experience, the applicability of haul experience toward higher level certification, and the hauling of raw water and biosolids. The recommended changes are incorporated into this policy.

Introduction

The Board wishes to encourage water haul and sewer pump truck drivers to participate in the certification program.

Discussion

The discussion that led to this policy pointed out that the Drinking Water Regulations, 18 AAC 80, consider water trucks to be part of a distribution system. Certification is presently required for community or non-transient non-community water systems that include water truck hauling services.

Policy

Water haul and sewer pump truck operator experience may count toward certification as follows:

1. A maximum of one year of experience hauling raw water will count toward water treatment certification if performed by the water treatment operator as part of routine system operations.
2. A maximum of one year of potable water haul truck experience will count toward water distribution certification.
3. A maximum of one year of domestic wastewater haul truck experience will count toward wastewater collection certification.
4. A maximum of one year of experience hauling biosolids will count toward wastewater treatment certification if performed by the wastewater treatment operator as part of routine system operations.
5. Haul truck experience will not be counted toward 18 AAC 74.050(b)(2) for level 2 or higher certification.
6. Haul truck experience will not be substituted under 18 AAC 74.050(c).

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Chair, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

*Amended to include clarification of raw water and biosolids hauling.
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