



## **Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board**

**State of Alaska  
Department of Environmental Conservation**

### **Policy Statement 2009-04 Nonconventional Wastewater and Water Treatment Experience**

#### **Background**

This policy addresses experience accumulated in systems that differ from conventional treatment systems described in 18 AAC 74.120. Occasionally an individual submits an application that includes experience gained in these systems and this policy addresses criteria to assist in the determination of applicability of this experience.

#### **Introduction**

The Board recognizes that a policy is needed to address how the department staff considers experience in nonconventional treatment systems.

#### **Discussion**

The Board is aware that there are water and wastewater treatment systems that might be considered nonconventional treatment and are not addressed by the current method of classifying systems. Some of these systems might allow operators to gain limited experience that could be considered on their applications.

#### **Policy**

The Board recommends the following be considered when reviewing this experience:

1. The maximum nonconventional treatment experience that would count toward certification would be one year.
2. Some guidelines for determination of allowable experience include the type of equipment utilized, that domestic wastewater or potable water is being treated, and the applicability of the alternative system being reviewed as compared to conventional treatment.

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3. Clear and specific documentation of work experience will be necessary for nonconventional experience to be considered.
4. Nonconventional treatment experience will not apply toward the conventional treatment requirement described in 18 AAC 74.050(b)(2) for Level II or higher certification.

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Chair, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

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