



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

### **State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**

#### **Policy Statement 2009-05 Issuance of Temporary Certificates**

#### **Background**

Regulation 18 AAC 74.840 allows for the issuance of temporary certificates. Temporary certificates are valid until the earliest date when the operator may be examined and certified. Temporary certificates apply only to the system that the applicant is operating at the time of the application. Temporary certificates are non-renewable.

Temporary certificates can be issued to operators who meet all education and experience requirements for a particular level of certification. The provision for temporary certificates allows an operator to obtain a valid certificate prior to the next scheduled certification exam. This provision is helpful to operators who wish to apply for positions that require a specific level of certification. It is also helpful to utilities that wish to hire an operator who, though eligible, has not yet had the opportunity to take an exam.

#### **Introduction**

The department has received requests for temporary certification under the following circumstances.

1. An operator requests a temporary certificate in a system type and at a level of an exam that was failed.
2. An operator does not obtain the education as required by regulation 18 AAC 74.810. Once the certificate expires, the operator requests a temporary certificate until the date of the next exam when the operator can reexamine to reinstate the certificate.

#### **Discussion**

The Board does not feel that failing an exam is adequate reason for issuing a temporary certificate. The Board does not feel that failing to obtain the necessary renewal education is adequate reason for issuing a temporary certificate.

## Policy

1. The department will not issue temporary certificates in a system type and at a level to an operator who has failed that exam.
2. The department will not issue temporary certificates to replace certificates that expired due to an operator's failure to obtain the necessary renewal education.

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Chair, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

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