



Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation

Policy Statement 2021-02 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 truck drivers 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 concerning interchangeable experience, the applicability of haul experience toward higher-level certification, and the hauling of raw water and biosolids.

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.

The Board recognizes that the certification for operators of haul trucks is beneficial; however, attaining level 1 certification by only accumulating experience as a haul trucker driver is not appropriate. Therefore, the Board has reduced the allowable experience for water haul and sewer pump truck experience from a maximum of one year to a maximum of three months. This reduction in experience still allows operators to pursue water distribution and wastewater collection provisional level certifications.

Policy

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

1. A maximum of three months 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 three months of potable water haul truck experience will count toward water distribution certification.
3. A maximum of three months of domestic wastewater haul truck experience will count toward wastewater collection certification.
4. A maximum of three months 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).

Adopted this day second day of June 2021.

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Chair, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

Amended to reduce the maximum allowable experience for water haul and sewer pump truck operators from one year to three months.

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