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Hello Everyone

The 2010 OWPCA Annual Short School was another outstanding year for classes, operators, and vendors. We want to congratulate all the plants, operators, individuals, and vendors who received awards this year for being outstanding in their field. It makes us proud to see all the plants, operators, individuals and vendors who exceed so well in their field to where others want to nominate them for an award. Check out the 2010 Short School Pictures on our web site [www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com).

### Total count for 2010 Short School Attendance

Total Count	229
Full Three Days	75
One Day	46
Vendors	83
Guests & Speakers	25

*The 2011 OWPCA Annual Short School is being rescheduled to the first full week in October, which makes it October 03 - 07, 2011.*

Please make appropriations to accommodate the new schedule. Hope to see you in class.

"Drip" & "Drop"



### About OWPCA

The Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Association is a non-profit operator association organized in 1926 and dedicated to the advancement of knowledge among water and wastewater system operators.

OWPCA receives no state or federal funds. It is supported only through membership dues, advertising fees for the Drip Magazine, and the proceeds from its Annual Conference and Short School, held each year during the last week of October.

OWPCA works closely with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to provide high quality training opportunities that meet the standards for approved training credit. OWPCA District Directors and other volunteers conduct training sessions at District Meetings throughout the state. Over the years OWPCA has hosted hundreds of District Meetings providing approved Training to Operators over the State of Oklahoma.

### OWPCA Mission

OWPCA is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge pertaining to the science of Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Works Operations; the promotion of cooperation among members, the American Water Works Association, AWWA, the Water Environment Federation, WEF, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association, ORWA, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, ODEQ; and the interchange of experience among all groups.

### What OWPCA Provides

- An Annual Conference & Short School
- Approved Operator Training at District Meetings Statewide
- Operator Training Materials and Publications
- Opportunities to "Network" with fellow Operators
- Limited Operator Consultation Services
- College Scholarships for Members and Families of Members
- Special Recognition for Outstanding Plants and Operators through Annual Awards Program
- Official Representation for Operators on Oklahoma Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Council
- Representation for Oklahoma Operators in National Legislation and Policy Development through AWWA & WEF
- Statewide Employment Listings for Positions Wanted and Positions Available
- Product and Service Referrals for Vendors

### Reasons To Join OWPCA

- Support your State Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Operator Association
- Receive Drip Magazine Quarterly
- Be Eligible for door prizes at OWPCA District Meetings
- Have Voting Privileges at OWPCA District Meetings
- Support Use of Most Current Operator Training Materials
- Gain a Stronger Voice in the Development of State and National Water and Pollution Control Regulation

OWPCA  
Officers

- President
  - Scott Gouard
- President Elect
  - Sam Drain
- Executive Secretary
  - Kristi Hill
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  - Alan Coffin
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  - Chair - Ray Gamble
  - Co-Chair - Riley Acker
- Exhibitor Committee
  - Chair - Scott Gouard
  - Co-Chair - Kristi Hill
- Scholarship Committee
  - Chair - Arnold Miller
  - Co-Chair - Carl Gray
  - Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey
  - Co-Chair - Tom Tolbart
- Awards Committee
  - Chair - Alan Coffin
  - Co-Chair - Sam Drain
  - Co-Chair - Rodger Gilchrist
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  - Chair - Bill Clark
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  - Chair - Mike McFall
  - Co-Chair - Alan Coffin
- Water Pollution Control Division
  - Chair - Kris Neifing
  - Co-Chair - Carl Gray
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  - Chair - Alan Coffin
  - Co-Chair - Kevin Menning
  - Co-Chair - Scott Gouard
  - Co-Chair - Kristi Hill
- Editor of Web & Drip Publication
  - Clarke Hodson
- ODEQ Advisory Member
  - Chris Wisniewski



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- District Six
  - Vivian Moody



2011 OWPCA Meetings

OWPCA holds District Meetings throughout the year to discuss and plan for the Annual OWPCA Short School, training classes throughout the the state, and operating business of the OWPCA. The meetings are open for the public and members to attend. We do urge everyone to attend or contact your District Manager to express your interests and inputs for the organizational meetings. The following is the the current schedule for the OWPCA Meetings. We hope to see you there.

- 09:30 am 10 Dec 2010 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 08 April 2011 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 10 June 2011 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 12 August 2011 Rose State College
- 03 - 07 October 2011
- Short School - Rose State College
- Professional Training & Education Center
- 09:30 am 09 Dec 2011 Rose State College

## The President's First Word

As I sit here contemplating what to write in this article, my mind wanders back over how fast 2010 went by. I have always been told that as we grow older the years seem to fly by, I really did not understand that fifteen years ago, but as I have grown older, the saying seems to hold true. It seemed like only last week we attended short school of 2009, and it was time for short school again. This year was full of events that happened, friends who were taken from us and their life cut tragically short, to old friends we were able to re-connect with. The short school was one of the best that OWPCA has ever produced and those who were not in attendance missed a lot of good training, good networking, and good food. I stand amazed at the caliber of people working in our field, from the small town and system to the big metropolitan cities; we have some of the best and brightest in our field. The dedication that you have to not only provides safe drinking water and the proper treatment of wastewater, but to increase your knowledge and stay up with the current treatment processes. Thank you to all the volunteers, the staff at Rose State, and last but not least our instructors, for a great short school. Have a Merry Christmas and keep smiling. See you somewhere down the road.

Sam {welldaddy}Drain



### OWPCA Safety Clip by Bill Clark

#### OSHA Trenching and Excavation Requirements

Just recently two construction workers were killed in an excavation cave-in. All preliminary reports indicate they were working in an excavation about 20 feet deep without any cave-in protection. Cave-ins can happen in seconds without warning. There is usually never any time to escape. Soil is an extremely heavy material. A cubic yard of soil (3 ft x 3 ft x 3 ft), which contains 27 cubic feet of material, may weigh more than 2,700 pounds (lbs). That is nearly one and a half tons (the equivalent weight of a car) in a space less than the size of the average office desk. Furthermore, wet soil, rocky soil or rock is usually heavier. The human body cannot support such heavy loads without being severely injured. Let's review OSHA regulations that cover Trenching and Excavation, 29 CFR, 1926.650, 651 and 652. 1. OSHA requirements state that if the trench is 5 feet or more in depth some type of cave-in protection is absolutely required. 2. A person designated as qualified and competent to recognize and evaluate hazards must be present. 3. If the excavation is 20 feet or more in depth a professional engineer is required to evaluate the soil and determine cave-in protection before anyone enters the excavation, 29 CFR 1926.652 (b)(c).

These rules are there to save your life. Think about your family the next time you're thinking about jumping into a trench without cave-in protection even for a few minutes.



## ODEQ's Easier Access to Operator Training Dates

Check out the ODEQ's easier access to the Operator Training Schedule at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/wqd/OperatorRenewalTraining.pdf>

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The following article was taken from the ODEQ Web Site at:

[http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/media/09news/nov09/CleanVesselActGrant11\\_2009.pdf](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/media/09news/nov09/CleanVesselActGrant11_2009.pdf)



## Grants Available to Help Marinas Reduce Water Pollution



The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that federal funds are available to marina owners in Oklahoma to reduce potential water pollution resulting from inadequate handling of on-board wastewater holding tanks. Proper disposal of recreational boat-related sewage is important in preserving and improving water quality.

The competitive grant program, established through the 1992 Clean Vessel Act, helps fund the construction, operation, and maintenance of pumpout facilities to service pleasure craft and help reduce pollution from vessel sewage discharges into the nation's waters. DEQ serves as the grant coordinator as part of its commitment to provide a clean, safe, and enjoyable environment in Oklahoma. Clean Vessel Act grant funds are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife through the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund.

Clean Vessel Act grant funds are available on a competitive basis to both the public and private sector, including all local governmental entities and private businesses that own and operate boating facilities that serve the general public. The grant reimburses recipients for up to 75 percent of the installed cost of pumpout and dump stations, including new equipment, as well as pumps, piping, lift stations, on-site holding tanks, pier or dock modifications, signs, permits, and other miscellaneous equipment required to operate a complete and efficient station. Grant funds are not available for the construction or renovation of onshore restroom facilities or sewage treatment plants including septic tanks, subsurface treatment fields, private and municipal treatment plants and other special treatment devices.

Grant applications must be submitted to DEQ by December 8, 2009. To request a Clean Vessel Act application package, contact Robert Huber with DEQ at (405) 702-6100, email [Robert.Huber@deq.ok.gov](mailto:Robert.Huber@deq.ok.gov) or write to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Vessel Act Grant Program, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118.

**2010 OWPCA Short School  
Award Winners**

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<b>Vendor of the Year Award</b>	<b>Tulsa Diver</b>
<b>Darcy Award</b>	<b>H &amp; E Engineering</b>
<b>Stapley Award</b>	<b>Virgil Dickerson - City of Jenks - Operator of the Year</b>
<b>Jessie L. Vaughn Award</b>	<b>Mike Richardson - City of Norman - Operator of the Year</b>
<b>President's Award</b>	<b>Dr. Ali Fazel - Accurate Labs - Teacher of the Year</b>
<b>Life Time Member Award</b>	<b>Kristi Hill - OWPCA Secretary</b>
	<b>Sam Drain - City of Edmond</b>
	<b>Rick Stebbens - City of Altus</b>
<b>Past President Award</b>	<b>Scott Gouard</b>

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**Water Plant Awards**

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Debbie Drain</b>	
<b>Stanley Award</b>	<b>Mike Richardson</b>	<b>City of Norman</b>
<b>Water Operator of the Year</b>		
<b>Water Instrumentation Technician of the Year</b>	<b>Sekou Brown</b>	<b>City of Edmond</b>
<b>Water Lab Technician of the Year</b>	<b>George Decher</b>	<b>City of Edmond</b>
<b>Water Well Operator of the Year</b>	<b>Andrew Bruhl</b>	<b>City of Norman</b>
<b>Water Maintenance Supervisor of the Year</b>	<b>Ron Birdsong</b>	<b>City of Edmond</b>
<b>Water Supervisor of the Year</b>	<b>Dennis Phillips</b>	<b>City of Oklahoma City</b>
<b>Newcomer of the Year</b>	<b>Brock Bennett</b>	<b>City of Norman</b>
<b>Most Improved Water Plant of the Year</b>	<b>Draper Plant</b>	<b>City of Oklahoma City</b>
<b>Large Water Plant of the Year</b>	<b>* * * * *</b>	<b>City of Edmond</b>

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**Wastewater Plant Awards**

<b>Darcey Award</b>	<b>Virgil Dickerson</b>	<b>City of Jenks</b>
<b>Wastewater Operator of the Year</b>		
<b>Wastewater Supervisor of the Year</b>	<b>Matt Lail</b>	<b>City of Hugo</b>
<b>Wastewater Maintenance of the Year</b>	<b>Michael Bates</b>	<b>City of Norman</b>
<b>Small Wastewater Plant of the Year</b>	<b>* * * * *</b>	<b>City of Newcastle</b>
<b>Large Wastewater Plant of the Year</b>	<b>* * * * *</b>	<b>City of Edmond</b>

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## ODEQ Lab Manuals Downloadable from ODEQ Web Site

The following manuals can be accessed and downloaded or printed from ODEQ Web Site at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/opcert/index.html#training>.

Water System Operations State of Oklahoma Certification Study Guide

Wastewater System Operations State of Oklahoma Certification Study Guide

Class "C" Water Laboratory Manual

Class "C" Wastewater Lab Manual

Distribution / Collection Manual



## Compliance Cycles Ends 31 December 2010



Compliance Cycles for Public Water Systems ends on 31 December 2010 for the following: Nitrates, Nitrites, Arsenic, Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOC), Inorganic Contaminants (IOC), Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC), Radionuclides (RAD's). For further information, go to ODEQ Web site at: [www.sdwis.deq.state.ok.us](http://www.sdwis.deq.state.ok.us)

## Dial 811 before you dig...

By Jerry West

Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc.

Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Manager



Spring and Fall always bring out many homeowners, farmers and excavators in Oklahoma who are starting that long list of chores such as landscaping and outdoor projects and the potential for accidentally severing underground facilities increase. Hidden dangers such as; power lines, gas lines, communication cables, water lines and sewer lines lie just a few inches under your feet.

"Digging up utility lines is more embarrassing, it's also dangerous. Damaging vital underground services can cause you and your neighbors to be without service, or worse it can easily injure or cause death," Oklahoma One-Call Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Manager, Jerry West, said.

Now there is an easier and quick way to contact Call Okie by just Dialing 811. Play it smart whenever you plan to dig. Learn where all those lines are by making one phone call. The service is free. It makes good sense to call. How can you and your neighbors afford not to call?

Dig Safely.

## "Rules & Regulations" Corner



### Certification Required

The treatment of water and wastewater in Oklahoma is regulated by the EPA and ODEQ. The "Rules & Regulations" concerning the Oklahoma Operators and Laboratory Technicians can be found in the ODEQ Chapter 252:710 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification on the ODEQ web site at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/degrules.htm>.

Rules governing Certification Required is found under 252:710-3-31

252:710-3-31. Certificate required

- (a) General requirement. The following shall hold certifications issued under the Act and this Chapter:
- (1) All persons who make decisions regarding the daily operational activities of:
    - (A) a public water system, water treatment facility and/or distribution system that will directly impact the quality and/or quantity of drinking water, including a nontransient noncommunity water system; or
    - (B) a wastewater system, wastewater treatment facility and/or collection system.
  - (2) All persons who program or maintain telemetry/SCADA systems and also make process control/system integrity decisions.
  - (3) All laboratory operators who are in general supervision of waterworks/wastewater works laboratory control tests.
- (b) Exceptions. The following exceptions apply:
- (1) Plumbers and contractors. Plumbers licensed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and contractors working under the general supervision of such plumbers are not required to obtain certification for construction, maintenance, or renovation of water/wastewater works systems. Such plumbers may also make connections to public water systems or lines or sewer systems or lines. All work performed shall be supervised and inspected by the responsible entity to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, OAC 252:626; and OAC 252:656 and 27A O.S. § 2-6-101 et seq.
  - (2) Noncommunity and minor systems. Noncommunity or minor systems as defined in Chapter 631 are not required to have certified operators.
  - (3) Small public sewage systems. Public sewage systems as defined in 27A O.S. § 2-6-101(12) are not required to have certified operators.
  - (4) Populations of 1,500 or less. Certification is not required for laboratory operators of distribution/collection systems or chlorinated groundwater systems serving populations of 1,500 or less where chlorination is used only for disinfection or total retention lagoons serving populations of less than 1,500. If the DEQ determines that additional tests which must be performed by a certified laboratory operator are necessary, the laboratory operator must obtain the applicable certification or use the services of an associated laboratory.

To have the fullest understanding of operator and laboratory technician requirements and responsibilities, please take some time to read and understand the "Rules & Regulations" regulating our industry.

*Remember, if you want the public and your city administrators to treat you and pay you like a professional, you must act like a professional. Follow the "Rules & Regulations" as mandated by the EPA and ODEQ.*

# Games & Comic Relief

## Holidays

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April Fools Day  
 Christmas  
 Daylight Savings  
 Fathers Day  
 Ground Hog Day  
 Halloween  
 Happy New Year  
 Labor Day

Memorial Day  
 Mothers Day  
 New Year Eve  
 Presidents Day  
 Saint Patricks Day  
 Thanksgiving  
 Valentines Day

## DRIP and DROP in the Newsletter

We have come up with a new game. How many "DRIP & DROP" can you find in this newsletter. The number this month is: 5.

How well do you know your OWPCA?



- 1 - Who is the new OWPCA President?
- 2 - Who is the OWPCA Secretary?
- 3 - What is the OWPCA Mission Statement?
- 4 - What is the OWPCA Web Site?
- 5 - Where does OWPCA receive its funding?
- 6 - Where is the OWPCA Short School held each year?
- 7 - When is the OWPCA Annual Short School?
- 8 - Does OWPCA provide scholarships?
- 9 - Why should you join and encourage othes to join the OWPCA?
- 10 - What is the OWPCA Motto?

## Bonus Question

What do you hear when you open the OWPCA Web Site?



## Last Chance to Renew Your OWPCA Membership

Renew your membership today and get the next four issues of the "The DRIP" magazine. Now is also a good time to get a membership for a relative or friend as a holiday gift. Memeberships are only \$10 a year, yes, only ten dollars a year. You can not find any other membership that inexpensive. Go to our web site [www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com) and order yours and some friends membership today.



## The OWPCA Advertising Sponsors



How would you like to get your company's name and advertisement seen by hundreds, maybe thousands, of operators, supervisors, superintendents, and city officials? You know, advertisements that would be seen by the actual people who buy your products. You can do that by placing your company's advertisement in the **OWPCA Drip Newsletter and Web Page, under the "Sponsors" page**. Go to the **OWPCA Web Page** at [www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com) and check out the advertisement form and send it in today. Not only will you get big advertisement for your dollars, you will also be supporting a great organization. So, what are you waiting for, go place your advertisement today.

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today."*



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Wow! Look at my company's advertisement in the OWPCA Drip Newsletter and on the Web Site: [www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com). It looks GREAT! What a better way for me to advertise and get my company's information out to my customers. I am so glad I advertise with and sponsor the OWPCA Organization.

*Shouldn't your company information and logo be listed here??*

To get your company's information listed in the OWPCA Newsletter and Web ([www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com)), contact Kristi Hill at 1-800-776-9722 or by e-mail, at [owpca@yahoo.com](mailto:owpca@yahoo.com).

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