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Hello Everyone,

Well, the 2009 OWPCA Annual Short School was a total success, again, and everyone had a wonderful time and did well in the classes and exams they took.

We had a great turn out with both vendors and participants. Everyone was excited about the classes, activities, and the meals provided.



Many pictures were taken during the Short School and they are now posted on the web page. Make sure you go to the web page and check them out at www.owpca.com. We have pictures of the Award Winners, Classes, Vendors, and Activities.

We would like to expand the Newsletter to provide more information and possible photos for our readers and advertisers to enjoy reading and seeing in the newsletter. So, we are looking for feed back on our newsletters and would like our vendors and readers to send in stories, articles, photos, etc. that they would like to see in the newsletter.

You can either send them to the OWPCA address listed above or to the web master at: docentstw@brightok.net. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Some of the possible things we would like to see are success stories and photos from the plants and individuals who work there, plant updates, awards they earned, problems and/or suggestions they may have for problems they have, etc. Think outside the box and let us know.

Hope to hear from you soon.

From "DRIP" and "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



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2010 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 11 Dec. 2009 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 09 April 2010 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 18 June 2010 Rose State College
- 09:30 am 06 August 2010 Rose State College
- 25-29 October 2010

Short School - Rose State College
Professional Training & Education Center

The President's First Word

The 2009 Oklahoma Water Pollution Control Association Short School went really great this year, and would like to thank everyone who attended this great training opportunity. Special thanks to the people at Rose State College for having us back again and OWPCA is looking forward to next years short school. Congratulations to Kristi Hill, Alan Coffin, all the instructors and volunteers this year for making short school run so smoothly and last but not least we would like to thank all the vendors that participated this year.



We all know that the economy is slow now and people are watching there pennies close and so should we as operators. Water loss is money loss, a small leak that appears and we just haven't had the time to get out there and fix it, could cost your town or district thousands of dollars over a period of time. I know winter time is here up on us, and I hate the cold just as much as the next guy, but December thru February is kind of slow months for field work and would be a good opportunity, to get some of these small leaks fixed.

I hope everyone had a safe holiday, until next time I hope to see you all down the road some where.

President
Scott Gouard

OWPCA Safety Clip by Bill Clark

Chlorine Gas Facts

When chlorine gas mixes with water, one of the products is concentrated Hydrochloric Acid. That means when chlorine gas gets in your eyes it's like splashing concentrated Hydrochloric Acid in your eyes and you could go blind. If you inhale chlorine gas into your lungs it will mix with the moisture in your lungs and also make Hydrochloric Acid. That would be like drinking Hydrochloric Acid. This makes chlorine gas a very **deadly gas. Don't take chances with your life. Wear a NIOSH approved chlorine respirator with full face shield or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when ever you are changing out a chlorine gas bottle.** Owners are required by law to supply operators with all of the required safety equipment they need to work safely.



Bill Clark's Corner Rose State College Now Has A Class "D" Water Operator On-Line Class



Rose State College has a Class "D" Water Operator On-Line Class. The class satisfies the DEQ 16 hour requirement and it is DEQ approved. Later this year we will have the Class "D" Wastewater Operator On-Line Class available. This class would be taken like a regular college on-line class. There is a test at the end of the course. A score of 70 percent or better on the course test to get the DEQ sixteen (16) hours of training credit. There is a DEQ certified instructor available by e-mail or phone for questions and to work through problems. One day a month those who completed the on-line course and test would come to the Training Center at Rose State to take their DEQ operator certification test. *This test day would be for the people who completed the Class "D" Water Operator Class On-Line course only.* When enrolled in the class, they would be told what day the on-line certification test would be administered. The cost of the Class "D" Water Operator On-Line Class would be the same as the current Class "D" Water Operator Class held in the class room.

The advantage with the on-line course is you save on travel expenses and the operator never has to leave the city or plant to get their Class "D" Water Operator Class training. All they need is a computer with internet access.

Important aspects of the course include, but is not limited to:

- 16 Hours of DEQ Approved Training
- Save Travel and Hotel Costs
- Course cost - \$ 165.00
- College credit awarded after satisfactory course completion
- DEQ certified instructor available by e-mail, live blog and phone for course questions

To sign up or for more Information contact Bill Clark or Cindy Freeman at (405) 733-7488
or by e-mail at bclark@rose.edu

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Kara's Korner ODEQ Exam Application Updates



The ODEQ requires the Exam Applications to be turned in a **MINIMUM OF THREE (3) WEEKS** before the exam date (written and / or on-line), they mean three weeks before, or sooner. For instance, if your on-line exam is on a Thursday, the exam application is due at least three Thursdays before the test date and not on that Friday.

They are now allowing for exam applications to be **faxed, if they are being paid with a PO # or Credit Card**. But, if you are paying with a check, cash, etc., then it still has to be mailed. They both still need to be sent in at least three (3) weeks, or sooner, to ODEQ.



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ODEQ Adds CROMMER to ODEQ Web Site

This article was taken from the ODEQ Web Site

What is CROMERR?

CROMERR, an acronym for the phrase "Cross Media Electronic Reporting Rule," was adopted by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2005, for the purpose of providing a unified legal framework for electronic reporting under all of EPA's environmental regulations. CROMERR specifies the requirements for states, tribes and local governments that operated delegated programs to accept electronic reporting, including electronic signatures, from regulated facilities under most environmental regulations. Once a system is put in place that satisfies the requirements of CROMERR, regulated facilities can file electronic reports instead of paper reports, reducing the amount of paper created and transferred, and thereby reducing the cost of reporting and compliance monitoring for both the facilities and the agency operating the delegated program.

For more information, please go to the ODEQ Web Site at:
<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/CROMERR/CROMERRInfo.html>

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Environmental Education Grant Opportunities

To encourage teachers and youth leaders to develop effective environmental education programs, environmental projects and/ or strategies, the Environmental Quality Education Committee, working with the Department of Environmental Quality, offers grants each fall. A total of \$20,000 is available this year from funding received from the sales of the environmental license tags.



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ODEQ Fact Sheets

ODEQ has quite a few "Fact Sheets" on a number of topics regarding water. A few of the Fact Sheets include topics on Private Water Wells, Cryptosporidium, Blue Green Algae, Water System security, and many others.

Check them out at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/factsheets/>

ODEQ Short School Results

OWPCA would like to congratulate all of the following companies, plants, operators, and personnel who had received OWPCA awards for doing such a fine job in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is proud to have you in our state contributing so much to our state, communities, and public water industry.



Vendor of the Year	Southwest Chemical	
Darcy Award	Tony Henderson	City of Edmond
Darcy Award	Michael Shoals	City of Hugo
Wastewater Most Improved Plant of the Year	* * * * *	City of Pocola
Wastewater Lab Tech of the Year	Lyna Neal	City of Lawton
Wastewater Maint. Supervisor of the Year	Harold Short	City of Veolia
Jessie L. Vaughn Award	Bill Clarke	Rose State College
President's Award	Chris Wisniewski	ODEQ
Life Time Member	Leslie H. Dunlab	
Life Time Member	Ron Swafford	
Past President	Arnold Miller	
Stapley Award	Rhonda Gibson	City of Hugo
Water Newcomer of the Year	Mike Davis	City of Lawton
Large Water Plant of the Year	* * * * *	City of Lawton
Administrator of the Year	Linda Wichert	City of Weatherford
Water Supervisor of the Year	James Farris	City of Okemah
Water Superintendent of the Year	James "Wes" Bailey	RW&S Dist 1 Choctaw
Water Well System Supervisor of the Year	Sam "Well Daddy" Drain	City of Edmond
Water Well System of the Year	* * * * *	City of Edmond
Water Well Operator of the Year	Jim Solsberry	City of Edmond
Water Line Maintenance Operator of the Year	Larry McKillip	City of Weatherford
Certificate of Recognition	Bryon Mitchell	City of Edmond
Certificate of Recognition	Anthony Crawford	City of Lawton
Certificate of Recognition	Gary Langley	City of Edmond
Certificate of Recognition	Brian DeGiacomo	City of Lawton
Certificate of Recognition	Brian Green	City of Edmond
Certificate of Recognition	Rolando Crespo	City of Lawton
Certificate of Recognition	Steve Owens	City of Weatherford
Certificate of Recognition	Lee Atkins	City of Weatherford
Certificate of Recognition	Dennis Waller	City of Weatherford
Certificate of Recognition	Jeromy Brush	Severin Trent
Certificate of Recognition	Ricky Ward	City of Lawton
Certificate of Recognition	Aaron Horn	City of Lawton
Certificate of Recognition	Tommy Honeycutt	City of Lawton

"Rules & Regulations" Corner



Reinstatement

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/deqrules.htm>.

Rules governing Reinstatement is found under 252:710-1-8.



252:710-1-8. Reinstatement

(a) Suspension. A suspended certificate may be reinstated by the DEQ upon proper application, payment of all back fees and a satisfactory demonstration that all reinstatement requirements of the DEQ have been met. A person holding a suspended certificate may work as a helper under the supervision of a person certified by the DEQ.

(b) Revocation. Any person whose certification has been revoked by the DEQ must wait one year from the date of revocation before filing an application for any new certificate.

(c) Reactivation. Any person whose certification has expired for a period exceeding two years must re-apply in accordance with 252:710-1-5 and take a validated exam in accordance with 252:710-1-6. Previous experience and training will be taken into consideration under 252:710-1-5.

(d) Reinstatement requirements. To satisfy reinstatement requirements, a person must:

- (1) satisfy again the training requirements in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter; and
- (2) take again the certification examination at a level not to exceed the prior level and score 70% or higher to pass the examination. An applicant who fails to receive a passing grade on the examination may not repeat the examination for one (1) year.

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

WORD SEARCH

Z S L Z O U E U B J C C C G T G
 A E B E M O S V S H N G W N O R
 M R P R J K V I X E K Q A L P C
 S V U S I V V C Z V L L N T E I
 H I M S N F K I X O P A Z N R T
 B C E F O O T L R R I Q Q A A Y
 L E T W N I I O E C C Z M L T M
 C W E Y C G Y T I N G Y H P O A
 S A R E H A A N A I W Q Y R R N
 B T S Y M W H U S T L C S E Z A
 B E O M E C A L L H S T U T M G
 X R N T E L U T L E A T Z A J E
 U N S T I T I I E M T P F W K R
 J A B Z W R H A W Z T C U I M I
 W A I H R O S I V R E P U S L W
 L G Q G R O U N D W A T E R C H

Citizen
 City Manager
 Ground Water
 Lab Technician
 Lift Stations
 Mayor
 Meters



Cryptogram

The following is a cryptogram puzzle. To solve the puzzle, swap one letter for another, i.e. change all the "L's" to "E's"

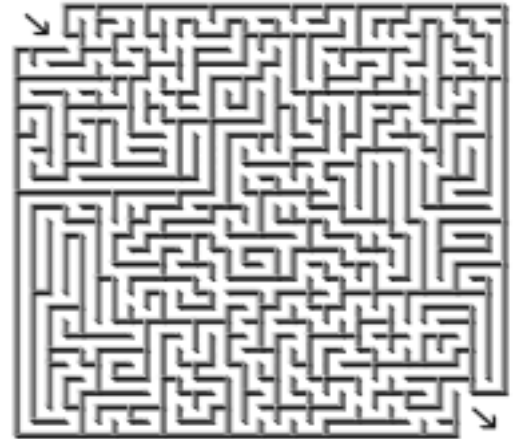
L A F L S S L C F L V C L U P F T Y V M C

Answer: EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

WORD PUZZLE What word begins with 'h', ends with 'n', contains six letters, and contains eight words besides itself without transposing a single letter?

Answer: "Herein." The words it contains are: "he", "her", "here", "ere", "re", "rein", "I", and "in."

A MAZE MINT



Operator
 Service Water
 Supervisor
 Wastewater Plant
 Water Plant
 Wells

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: 9.

Words of Wisdom

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
 Unknown Source

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) Danish philosopher and writer.



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



OWPCA New Officers, Committee Members, and District Director

The new OWPCA Officers, Committee Members and District Directors are now listed on page 3 of the newsletters and on the web page. The OWPCA Business Meetings are also listed on page 3 and the web site.

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