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DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL ENTRY
APPROVAL OF OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM
FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-29-03 (C)(5) requires that sewage treatment systems contractors complete at least six hours of continuing education approved by the Ohio Department of Health. The rule also describes the mechanisms by which registered sewage treatment systems contractors may demonstrate competency in lieu of annual continuing education hours approved by the Ohio Department of Health, including maintaining certain professional certifications applicable to the industry. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-29-03 (C)(5)(d) authorizes the Director of Health to approve other continuing education programs to be used in lieu of annual continuing education hour requirements.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-29-03 (C)(3)(c) recognizes Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Class A, I, II, III, or IV treatment works operator certification as authorized under Chapter 3745-7 of the Administrative Code as an acceptable alternative to system specific training, qualification, or certification required as a condition of a system's approval by the Director.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-7-15 requires minimum approved contact hours for each certification level within the two year certification period. The minimum required contact hours for Ohio EPA operator certification range from eight hours for Class A operator, twelve hours for wastewater works operator I or wastewater collection system operator II, and twenty-four contact hours for wastewater works operator II, wastewater works operator III, or wastewater works operator IV. All contact hour training is approved by the Director of Ohio EPA.

Sewage treatment systems contractors who successfully demonstrate active certification from Ohio EPA as a Class A operator, wastewater works operator I, wastewater collection system operator II, wastewater works operator II, wastewater works operator III, or wastewater works operator IV shall be considered compliant with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-29-03 (C)(5) and shall not be required to complete additional continuing education hours approved by the Department of Health as a condition of registration as a sewage treatment system contractor in accordance with rule 3701-29-03 of the Administrative Code.

11/18/15
Date

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Director of Health

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Journal Entry of the Director of the Ohio Department of Health.

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