Operator Certification Program

333-061-0210 Scope
OAR 333-061-0210 through OAR 333-061-0272 apply to community and non-transient non-community public water systems, water suppliers responsible for these types of water systems, and the operators of water treatment plants and distribution systems at community and non-transient non-community public water systems.
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Stats. Implemented: ORS 448.450, 448.455, 448.460, 448.465 & 448.994

333-061-0220 Classification of Water Treatment Plants and Water Distribution Systems
Water treatment plants and distribution systems at community and non-transient non-community public water systems are classified based on the size and complexity of the water system facility. Classification of a water system or water system facility determines the level of certification required for operators in direct responsible charge of a water system or water system facility as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0225.

(1) Small water system classification applies when a water system serves 150 service connections or less and:
   (a) Uses only groundwater as its source; or
   (b) Purchases finished water from another public water system.

(2) Water distribution classification applies when a water system is not classified as small in accordance with section (1) of this rule, and is based on the population served by the water system as follows:

   Classification: — Population Served:
   Water Distribution 1 — 1 to 1,500
   Water Distribution 2 — 1,501 to 15,000
   Water Distribution 3 — 15,001 to 50,000
   Water Distribution 4 — 50,001 or more

(3) Water treatment classification applies to water treatment plants when:
   (a) A water system is not classified as small in accordance with section (1) of this rule; and
   (b) Treatment is provided for contaminants identified in OAR 333-061-0030(1) through (5) and (7) by that water treatment plant.
   (c) Water treatment classification is based on a point system that reflects the complexity of water treatment present. Points are assigned as follows:

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<td>Treatment System Size: (population served or flow whichever is greater)</td>
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<td>Population served</td>
<td>1/10,000 (max 30)</td>
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<td>Average daily flow</td>
<td>1/1 mgd (max 30)</td>
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Treatment System Water Source:
  Groundwater: ................................................................. 3
  Surface Water or Groundwater Under the Influence
  of Surface Water ......................................................... 5

Chemical Treatment/Addition Process:
  Fluoridation ............................................................. 5

Disinfection:
  Ultraviolet (UV) .......................................................... 2
  UV with Chlorine Residual ............................................. 5
  Ammonia/Chloramination ............................................. 3
  Chlorine ...................................................................... 5
  Mixed Oxidants .......................................................... 7
  Ozonation (on-site generation) ....................................... 10
  Residual Maintenance .................................................. 0

pH Adjustment:
  Slaked-Quicklime (Calcium Oxide) ............................... 5
  Hydrated Lime (Calcium Hydroxide) ......................... 4
  All others (hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric
  acid, sodium carbonate) ............................................... 1

Coagulation & Flocculation Processes:
  Chemical addition (1 point for each type of chemical
  coagulant or polymer added, maximum 5 points) ........... 1-5

Rapid Mix Units:
  Mechanical mixers ....................................................... 3
  Injection mixers .......................................................... 2
  In-line blender mixers .................................................. 2

Flocculation Units:
  Hydraulic flocculators ................................................ 2
  Mechanical flocculators ............................................... 3

Clarification and Sedimentation Processes:
  Adsorption Clarifier ................................................... 10
  Horizontal-flow (rectangular basins) .............................. 5
  Horizontal-flow (round basins) ..................................... 7
  Up-flow solid contact sedimentation ............................ 15
  Inclined-plate sedimentation ...................................... 10
  Tube sedimentation .................................................... 10
  Dissolved air flotation ............................................... 10

Filtration Processes:
  Single/mono media filtration ...................................... 3
  Dual or mixed media filtration ..................................... 5
  Membrane Filtration/Microscreens ............................... 5
  Direct ........................................................................ 5
  Diatomaceous earth ................................................... 12
Slow sand filtration .......................................................... 5
Cartridge/bag filters .......................................................... 5
Pressure or greensand filtration .......................................... 10

**Stability or Corrosion Control:**
- Slaked-Quicklime (calcium oxide) ...................................... 10
- Hydrated Lime (calcium hydroxide) ................................... 8
- Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) ....................................... 6
- Orthophosphate .............................................................. 5
- Soda ash (sodium carbonate) ............................................. 4
- Aeration: Packed tower, Diffusers ..................................... 3
- Calcite ........................................................................... 2
- Others: sodium bicarbonate, silicates ................................. 4

**Other Treatment Processes:**
- Aeration ........................................................................... 3
- Packed tower aeration ...................................................... 5
- Ion exchange/softening .................................................... 5
- Lime-soda ash softening ................................................... 20
- Copper sulfate treatment .................................................. 5
- Powdered activated carbon ............................................... 5
- Potassium permanganate ................................................... 5
- Special Processes (reverse osmosis, activated alumina, other) 15
- Sequestering (polyphosphates) .......................................... 3

**Residuals Disposal:**
- Discharge to lagoons ......................................................... 5
- Discharge to lagoons and then raw water source ............... 8
- Discharge to raw water ..................................................... 10
- Disposal to sanitary sewer ............................................... 3
- Mechanical dewatering ..................................................... 5
- On-site disposal .............................................................. 5
- Land application ............................................................. 5
- Solids composting ................................................................ 5

**Facility Characteristics Instrumentation:**
- The use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with no process control ....................... 1
- The use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with partial process control .................. 3
- The use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with complete process control ........... 5
- Clear well size less than average day design flow .............. 5

**Classification of Water Treatment Plants**

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(4) Filtration endorsement is an additional classification that applies when a water treatment plant is classified as Water Treatment 2 and uses conventional or direct filtration treatment to treat surface water or groundwater under the influence of surface water. Filtration endorsement certification, as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0235, is required for operators designated in direct responsible charge of a water treatment plant receiving the filtration endorsement classification, except for those operators already certified at Water Treatment Level 3 or higher.

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