

RECIPROCITY FOR JOHN D NICE

9/11/08 Board Meeting

John Douglas Nice is requesting reciprocity for Water Distribution and Collections System from South Carolina. He works for South Island Public Service District since August 2003. He has 5 years experience in Collections and Distribution.

WATER APPLICATION ISSUES

- Original application was received June 9, 2008 requesting reciprocity for both water and wastewater on one application with one check, with one valid water certificate that expired June 30, 2008.
- Letter sent to Mr. Nice dated June 24, 2008 returning the application due to the above reasons.
- Application received July 3, 2008 without valid wastewater license and CHR was 10 months old. Per a phone conversation with Mr. Nice's wife, she claims it took 8 months to obtain the CHR from the state police. The date of request on the CHR we received was 8/23/07 and dissemination date was 9/18/07.
- Email was sent July 16, 2008 requested a new CHR and a valid Wastewater certification again.
- By the time we received the new CHR and voluntary wastewater certificate, his valid water certificate from SC had expired on June 30, 2008.

WASTEWATER APPLICATION ISSUES

- Mr. Nice holds a **voluntary** Collections System license for which he took an examination. The exam questions are not from ABC.
- This voluntary license given was issued 4/26/05 and according to their regulations, expired one year after issuance. SC says he was active until 6/30/08
- In South Carolina, wastewater treatment operator licenses are mandatory, and wastewater collection system operator certifications are voluntary, and the voluntary licenses are issued by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina.
- Mr. Nice worked for South Island PSD as an Installation Repair Operator since 08/14/2003.
- On 04/15/2005 he took his Voluntary Certification for wastewater collection system operator "D" exam and passed with a score of 84 (70 is passing)
- On 04/13/2006 he took his Voluntary Certification "C" exam and passed with a score of 79 (70 is passing).
- He was an active level "C" operator until 06/30/08.
- His application states he has experience in subclasses 1, 3 and collections.

Section 9 of Act 11 states: The PA Board may issue certificates without examination to applicants who hold valid certificates issued under laws of any other state, provided the out of state certificate was issued as a result of the successful passing of an examination equivalent to the examination given by the Board for the same classification.

Does the Board recognize voluntary certifications?