

To all Sewage Enforcement Officers:

The Department has made some changes to the Technical Guidance Document *Sewage Enforcement Officer Certification and Training Program Guidance* (Document Number: 385-2314-002) that will have a direct effect on maintaining your certification. The guidance will be published as draft in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on June 1, 2019 and it will be open for public comment through July 1. The draft document can be viewed on DEP's eComment webpage, www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment . At this location you can submit your comments and view other people's comments concerning the document. We welcome your input on the changes.

Some of the changes being proposed are as follows:

1. A Learning Management System (the Pennsylvania Clean Water Academy) that will serve as a one-stop shop for SEO continuing education. It will be a self-service opportunity for SEOs to view and register for upcoming training courses, check on their credit status and personal contact information.
2. Certification cycles will remain a 2-year cycle but will begin on the initial date of certification of the SEO. This will only affect newly certified SEOs or those returning into active status from being lapsed or inactive.
3. Carry-over or roll-over credits will eventually be phased out. Please see the guidance document for details and time frame.
4. The reinstatement of a pre-requisite soils course. Please see the guidance document for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to respond back to this email.

Best regards,

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