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Mr. Nowell:

Thank you for the comments you submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) concerning the proposed Administration of the Water and Wastewater Systems Operators' Certification Program regulations. Your comments are valuable to the EQB and will be included in the official record of public comments. At the conclusion of the public comment period for this proposal, the Department of Environmental Protection will prepare a comment/response document responding to all the comments received during the comment period. The comment/response document will be submitted to the EQB for consideration as part of the final rulemaking. You will receive notice when the final rulemaking is sent to the EQB, and a copy of the rulemaking package will be sent to you upon request. In addition, if you would like to receive a copy of the final rulemaking following the EQB's action, please contact me. The Department will provide the final rulemaking package to you when it is submitted to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees.

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Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the status of this rulemaking or any other regulatory initiative.

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: The Nowell Family [<mailto:rwnowell@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 11:53 PM
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Dear Commissioners and Board Members:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the referenced rulemaking. I am a certified water and wastewater operator and have working in the field for 17 years. Realizing comments from the operator associations may only count as one comment, I wish to add my agreement to their comments.

In the past, I have actively tried to recruit young people into the operator field of employment. It has been difficult and I have only succeeded three times. These new rules will make it nearly impossible to convince people to enter this career track.

Thank You for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Richard Nowell