

Calendar of Events

February 1, 2024
- November 7, 2024

2024 DEP Operator Certification Exams

Various Locations

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

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The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) is offering PA DEP Operator Certification Exams on different dates and locations in 2024. You may register for more than one exam date, but you should allow at least 30 days between paper-based exam dates so DEP has time to grade exams and send pass/fail notifications by email ONLY.

Questions about certification exams should be directed to: pwea@pwea.org

Reserving your exam seat(s) can only be done online through PWEA's online registration system. Payment for exams is by credit/debit card only.

Before registering, please download and review the DEP informational document titled "Important Information for Operators Taking 2023 Certification Exams" (PDF).

REGISTRATION IS A TWO-PART PROCESS

1. Complete your online registration and pay the registration fee (credit/debit cards only) in order to reserve your seat. After completing the registration and payment process, you will receive a system-generated email confirming your reserved seat at the exam location you selected.

*2. You then need to complete and return to PWEA the PA DEP Test Selection Form within 10 work days - a link to this form will be included in your exam seat confirmation email. The Test Selection Form advises the DEP of your facility class and which drinking water or wastewater tests you want to take, so they can be loaded onto a computer for you or packaged for your written exam. Please do not delete any content from the DEP Test Selection Form prior to submitting to PWEA. Your completed DEP Test Selection Form must include your hand-written signature. **DO NOT TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR TEST SELECTION FORM WITH YOUR SMART PHONE;** the images arrive blurry, are too dark, are crooked, or are too small when printed and the DEP will reject your form.*

Completed DEP Test Selection Forms must be returned by email to pwea@pwea.org OR faxed to 717-303-5219 within 10 days of your online registration and payment.

PWEA will use your completed PA DEP Test Selection Form to prepare a detailed certification exam confirmation letter; it will be emailed to you at the email address you provide - be sure to check your Spam and Junk folders and to save the email with attachment for future reference. Please ensure you mark pwea@pwea.org as a safe sender in your address book to prevent the confirmation letter from going to the Spam or Junk folder. Your confirmation letter will include information you need to know prior to showing up at the exam site.

- Examinees taking computer-based exams at the DEP Regional Offices, receive immediate test results at end of exam.

- Examinees taking paper-based tests will receive results via email only; allow 30 days to receive your test results before contacting the PA DEP.

2024 Exam Date:

Computer-Based Exam April 8th (22 seats available)

Registration cutoff is March 7th.

Computer-Based Exam April 16th (10 seats available)

Registration cutoff March 15th.

Written Exam May 9th (40 seats available)

Registration cutoff April 8th.

Computer-Based June 4th (10 seats available)

Registration cutoff May 3rd.

Computer-Based June 20th (13 seats available)

Registration cutoff May 19th.

Computer-Based August 7th (22 seats available)

Registration cutoff July 6th.

Computer-Based August 20th (19 seats available)

Registration cutoff July 19th.

Computer-Based October 8th (19 seats available)

Registration cutoff September 7th.

Written Exam November 6th (40 seats available)

Registration cutoff October 5th.

Exam registration fees are:

\$75 for PWEA Members

\$125 for Non-Members

All credit/debit card transactions will include a 3.5% technology fee.

The name and address information for the credit/debit card you use to make an online payment must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card or else the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent

fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.

Cancellation Policy: No refund will be offered after the detailed confirmation letter has been processed and sent to you, unless there is someone on a wait list for the same exam date.

Questions about certification exams should be directed to: pwea@pwea.org.

April 30, 2024

Biosolids Committee Spring Symposium
Cardinal Hollow Winery in West Point / Virtual
08:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Join us for the upcoming Biosolids Committee Spring Symposium on April 30, 2024, where industry leaders will converge to explore the latest advancements in the Resiliency, Sustainability, and Optimization of Biosolids Treatment and Processing. Whether in person or virtually, this symposium promises valuable insights and networking opportunities.

? EVENT DETAILS

Date: April 30th, 2024

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Cardinal Hollow Winery in West Point, PA

Virtual Access: Virtual Attendees will receive a link for the webinar via email

?? REGISTER TODAY

Secure your spot by registering [HERE](#)

? #BiosolidsSymposium #SustainabilityInAction

REQUEST FOR ABSTRACTS

The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association Biosolids Committee is looking for speakers interested in presenting at the 1st Annual Spring Biosolids Symposium to be held on Tuesday, April 30th, from 8:00 to 4:00 at Cardinal Hollow Winery in West Point, PA.

The theme of this year's event is "Resiliency, Sustainability, and Optimization of Biosolids Treatment and Processing."

Anyone interested in presenting on a related topic is encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration.

There will be a total of ten (10) 30-minute presentation slots throughout the day, plus a lunchtime product demonstration.

Presenters should target to speak for about 20 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for questions.

Professional Development Hour (PDF) certificates will be made available to attendees, upon request.

Abstracts should be emailed to Charles Winslow (Charles.Winslow@ghd.com) and Richard Valiga ([Richard Valiga \(RValiga@tullyenvironmental.com\)](mailto:RValiga@tullyenvironmental.com)) by Monday, February 19th.

Selected speakers will be notified by March 1st. There is no minimum or maximum length for abstracts, nor a required format.

June 16, 2024
- June 19, 2024

2024 PennTec Exhibits and Sponsorships
Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
215 Innovation Blvd
State College , PA 16803

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Registration is NOW OPEN FOR 2024!

WELCOME

We invite you to join us as an Exhibitor and/or a Sponsor at the PWEA's 95th Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (PennTec 2024), which will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel • 215 Innovation Blvd • State College, PA 16803. With an average yearly attendance of over 700 water quality professionals seeking the latest knowledge and technology available, PennTec 2024 would be a great way to get the word out about your products, equipment, and services!

Details regarding this year's exhibit space and sponsorship offerings can be found in the PennTec 2024 Exhibitor Prospectus.

Prime booth locations within the Exhibit Hall will sell quickly, so don't delay!
[Click Here to Register](#)

If you prefer to register offline, complete the PennTec 2024 Exhibit Space Contract and send to the address shown on the contract form.
Please scan and email a copy to rachelesohn@pwea.org prior to mailing.

Cancellation Policy: Booth cancellations received in writing on or before May 3rd, will receive a full refund less a \$250 processing fee. Cancellations received after that date, will not receive a refund.

Please note, all credit card transactions will include a 3.5% "technology fee." The credit/debit card name and address information must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card or else the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Penn Stater for PennTec 2024. Reservations must be made by May 16, 2024. Rooms may not be available after this date!

The discounted room rate is as follows: \$132.00 per Room/Single or Double Occupancy, plus taxes.
This rate includes overnight accommodations only. All rooms are non-smoking.

Book By Phone: ?Call Reservations at 1-800-233-7505 and mention Reservation ID PWEA24A to receive the discounted rate.
Book Online: Online reservations can be made by visiting <https://thepennstaterhotel.psu.edu>

June 16, 2024
- June 19, 2024

2024 PennTec Annual Conference
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

On behalf of the PWEA Board of Directors and the 2024 Conference Committee, it is our distinct pleasure to extend to you a warm invitation to join us at PWEA's 95th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, PennTec 2024. This distinguished event will take place from June 16th-19th at the esteemed Penn Stater Conference Center.

PennTec 2024 promises an enriching Conference Program featuring a diverse array of topics centered around water quality. Complementing the technical sessions are workshops, approved by the PA DEP, offering additional contact hours for wastewater and drinking water operator licenses.

WORKSHOPS

For attendees registering for the Full Conference, workshops providing hour-for-hour operator contact hours are available at a discounted rate of \$25 each. Seating for these workshops is limited, necessitating advance registration to secure your place. Details regarding workshop topics and pricing can be accessed by downloading the PennTec 2024 Workshop Information.

DETAILS

For comprehensive details regarding the Conference and its sessions, we encourage you to STAY TUNED for the PennTec 2024 Registration Program – COMING SOON!

HOW TO REGISTER

All Attendee Registration is to setup to be conveniently completed online for 2024! Registrants will have the option to pay via Credit Card or request invoice to pay by check upon completion of online registration.*

**Kindly note, a 3.5% "technology fee" will apply to all credit card transactions.*

September 18, 2024

PWEA Leadership Development Conference - RESCHEDULED 9/18/24

Various Locations

07:30 AM - 04:00 PM EST

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*This conference also qualifies for a total of 6.0 Professional Development Hours.
This conference is presented by the PWEA Training Committee.*

CONFERENCE FEES - Registration deadline is May 1, 2024.

*PWEA Member * - \$110 (includes lunch)*

Non-Member - \$175 (includes lunch)

** To qualify for the Member Rate, you must be a PWEA member or a WEF member with PWEA selected as your State Association.*

COURSE OVERVIEW

Teams are more effective when individual differences are recognized, acknowledged, respected and leveraged. When individual contributors feel that their “value-add” is meaningful, they become more engaged and productive, and the team functions more efficiently and smoothly. This conference is designed to focus on three critical aspects of leadership and team success.

*Collaborative Leadership
Behaviors of Effective Team Leaders
Communication*

The concepts, ideas, procedures, and opinions offered at PWEA educational opportunities are those expressed by the various presenters. The PWEA assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the presentations. This training was funded in part with a grant from the Water Environment Federation.