

## **Section One:                    General Information**

### **Why does my facility have to have a certified operator?**

Indiana Code (IC) 13-18-11-11 states:

- (a) All water or wastewater treatment plants and water distribution systems, whether publicly or privately owned, must be under the supervision of an operator whose competency is certified to by the commissioner in a classification corresponding to the classification of the plant or distribution system to be supervised. However, this section does not prohibit a governmental agency, a corporation, or an individual from continuing to employ in that capacity a person in responsible charge of the operations of the works if the person is certified under section 10 of this chapter.*
- (b) A certified operator may supervise more than one (1) plant or system if it can be shown that adequate supervision to ensure safe and effective operation is provided for all parts and systems supervised. As added by P. L. 1-1996, SEC.8.*

Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 5-22-1 states:

*Sec. 1. The purpose of this rule is to establish the following:*

- (1) A classification system of wastewater treatment plants.*
- (2) The criteria by which a person may become a wastewater treatment:*
  - (A) apprentice; or*
  - (B) certified operator.*

*The intended result of this rule is to facilitate the entry of individuals into the occupation of wastewater treatment through an apprenticeship opportunity and promote excellence among wastewater treatment operators for the ultimate goal of protecting Indiana waters receiving treated wastewater discharged from wastewater treatment plants.*

### **How do I know what classification my facility should be?**

If the facility classification is not specified in your permit or you have questions, please contact the Wastewater Certification Coordinator, at (800) 451-6027, (317) 232-8791 or [rmcmmonig@idem.in.gov](mailto:rmcmmonig@idem.in.gov).

### **What are the operator classifications?**

There are ten operator classifications, five municipal and five industrial, The municipal classifications are: I-SP, I, II, III, and IV. The industrial classifications are: A-SO, A, B, C, and D.

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Basically the license of the operator should match the classification of the facility or be higher. Here is the specific breakdown of what license can operate what facility:

- (1) A Class I-SP certified operator is certified to operate a Class I-SP wastewater treatment plant.*
- (2) A Class A-SO certified operator is certified to operate a Class A-SO wastewater treatment plant.*
- (3) A Class I certified operator is certified to operate:*
  - (A) Class I-SP;*
  - (B) Class I;*
  - (C) Class A-SO; and*
  - (D) Class A;*