

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER *(Division of Drinking and Ground Waters)*

Operator Certification

Any person applying to the director for certification as an operator of a water supply system or wastewater system under Chapter 6109 or 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code, at the time the application is submitted, shall pay a fee of \$25. The application fee of \$25 is effective through November 30, 2003. On and after December 1, 2003 any person applying to the director for certification shall at the time of application pay a fee of \$45. Upon approval from the director that the applicant is eligible to take the examination, the applicant shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Operator	\$ 35
Class I Operator	\$ 60
Class II Operator	\$ 75
Class III Operator	\$ 85
Class IV Operator	\$100

A person shall pay a biennial certification renewal fee for each applicable class of certification in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Operator	\$25
Class I Operator	\$35
Class II Operator	\$45
Class III Operator	\$55
Class IV Operator	\$65

If a certification renewal fee is received by the director more than thirty days but not more than one year after the expiration date of the certification, the person shall pay a certification renewal fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Operator	\$45
Class I Operator	\$55
Class II Operator	\$65
Class III Operator	\$75
Class IV Operator	\$85

A person who requests a replacement certificate shall pay a fee of \$25 at the time the request is made.

EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION OF LABORATORIES (Effective July 1, 2003)

The following fees on a per survey basis shall be charged for services rendered by the state in the evaluation and certification of laboratories and laboratory personnel for compliance with accepted analytical techniques and procedures established pursuant to Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code for determining the qualitative characteristics of water:

Organic Chemical	\$5,400
Trace Metals	\$5,400
Standard Chemical	\$2,800
Limited Chemistry	\$1,550
Microbiological:	
MMO-MUG	\$2,000
MF	\$2,100
MMO-MUG and MF	\$2,550

The fee for those services shall be paid at the time the request for survey is made. An individual laboratory shall not be assessed a fee more than once during a certification (three year) period. Unless the laboratory requests the addition of analytical methods or analysts, in which case the laboratory shall pay \$1,800 for each additional survey requested.

Plan Approval

(Effective July 1, 2003)

A person applying for a plan approval for a public water supply system pursuant to Section 6109.07 of the Ohio Revised Code shall pay a fee of \$150 plus 0.35 percent of the estimated project cost; however, the total fee shall not exceed \$20,000. The fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

License to Operate

A person applying for a license or license renewal to operate a public water system under Section 6109.21 of the Ohio Revised Code shall pay the appropriate fee at the time of application to the director. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten percent of the required fee.

Fees shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS (Effective July 1, 2003)

Number of Service Connections	Fee Amount
Not more than 49	\$112
50-99	\$176

Number of Service Connections	Average Cost Per Connection
100 to 2,499	\$1.92
2,500 to 4,999	\$1.48
5,000 to 7,499	\$1.42
7,500 to 9,999	\$1.34
10,000 to 14,999	\$1.16
15,000 to 24,999	\$1.10
25,000 to 49,999	\$1.04
50,000 to 99,999	\$0.92
100,000 to 149,999	\$0.86
150,000 to 199,999	\$0.80
200,000 or more	\$0.76

A public water system may determine how it will pay the total amount of the fee calculated, including the assessment of additional user fees that may be assessed on a volumetric basis.

As used in this schedule, "Service Connection" means the number of active or inactive pipes, goosenecks, pigtails, and any other fittings connecting a water main to any building outlet.

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NON-TRANSIENT NON-COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS (Effective July 1, 2003)

Population Served	Fee Amount
Fewer than 150	\$ 112
150 to 299	\$ 176
300 to 749	\$ 384
750 to 1,499	\$ 628
1,500 to 2,999	\$ 1,268
3,000 to 7,499	\$ 2,816
7,500 to 14,999	\$ 5,510
15,000 to 22,499	\$ 9,048
22,500 to 29,999	\$12,430
30,000 or more	\$16,820

As used in this schedule, "Population Served" means the total number of individuals receiving water from the water supply during a twenty-four hour period for at least sixty days during any calendar year. In the absence of a specific population count, that number shall be calculated at the rate of three individuals per service connection.

TRANSIENT NON-COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM (Effective July 1, 2003)

Number of Wells Supplying System	Fee Amount
1	\$112
2	\$112
3	\$176
4	\$278
5	\$568
System designated as using a surface water source	\$792

As used in this schedule, "Number of Wells Supplying System" means those wells (either active or inactive) that are physically connected to the plumbing system serving the public water system.

A public water system designated as using a surface water source shall pay a fee of \$792 or the amount calculated using the number of service connections or population served whichever is higher.

Underground Injection Control

Permit Applications for Class I and Class V Injection Wells

Persons applying for a permit to drill or permit to operate a Class I or Class V injection well, pursuant to Section 6111.043 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall pay a fee of \$2,000 per well. The fee is nonrefundable and shall be paid at the time the application is submitted. Each well must be permitted separately, and application must be made for both a permit to drill and a permit to operate.

Class I Injection Well Permit Modifications

Persons applying for a modification to a Class I permit to operate pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-34-23 shall submit a non-refundable fee of \$500 dollars in conjunction with the modification application.

Class I Injection Well Annual Permit Fees

Pursuant to Section 6111.046 of the Ohio Revised Code, each person who is issued an injection well operating permit or a renewal of an injection well operating permit for a Class I nonhazardous or commercial hazardous injection well shall pay an annual permit fee of \$12,500 per well. Each person who is issued an injection well operating permit or a renewal of an injection well operating permit for a Class I hazardous injection well to dispose of on-site waste shall pay an annual permit fee of \$30,000 per well.

For both nonhazardous and hazardous Class I injection wells, these fees are due for each permitted well within 30 days of the issuance of a permit or renewal of a permit, and annually thereafter within 30 days prior to the anniversary date of the issuance of the permit or permit renewal. OAC Rule 3745-34-16 provides specific information on tendering the checks.

Class I Injection Well Annual Waste Tonnage Fee

The owner or operator of a Class I well used for disposal of non-hazardous waste, as a trustee of the state, shall collect a one dollar per ton fee (up to a maximum of \$25,000) levied on the injection of these wastes, pursuant to ORC Section 6111.047. The individual is required to remit the fee to the director of Ohio EPA upon the anniversary of the date of issuance of the injection well operating permit or permit renewal. If payment is late, the owner or operator shall pay a penalty of 10 percent of the amount of the fee for each month that it is late. OAC Rule 3745-34-16 provides specific information on tendering the checks.

The owner or operator of a Class I well used for disposal of hazardous waste, as a trustee of the state, shall collect tonnage fees for wastes disposed annually in accordance with ORC Section 3734.18 and rules adopted under that Section. These fees are described under the Hazardous Waste Management portion of this brochure.

