



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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**Office of Water Management**

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Dear Sewage Enforcement Officer:

We are pleased to announce that beginning on July 1, 1998, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) will be assisting the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in administering the Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) training program in the Commonwealth. PSATS, with its experience in providing training and other services to local governments, will be a valuable asset to the program. SEO training will remain under the direction of DEP, which has legislative responsibility for SEO training and certification.

PSATS' responsibilities will include course scheduling, notification and registration; coordinating and assisting with new course development; providing support to SEO instructors; and marketing the program to municipalities and individuals.

Since the inception of the SEO training program in 1993, DEP has continued to evaluate and improve the program. In keeping with this effort, the Department, in cooperation with the SEO community, is reformatting the program to offer a five day pre-certification academy. The new academy curriculum will include all information contained in the current basic courses. DEP will also offer a menu of advanced continuing education courses which are designed to maintain and improve the certified SEO's proficiency.

DEP, PSATS and selected SEO peer trainers will develop the new pre-certification course over the next eight months. We expect to offer the first academy in April 1999. In the interim, the existing pre-certification courses will continue to be offered, at least until the end of 1998.

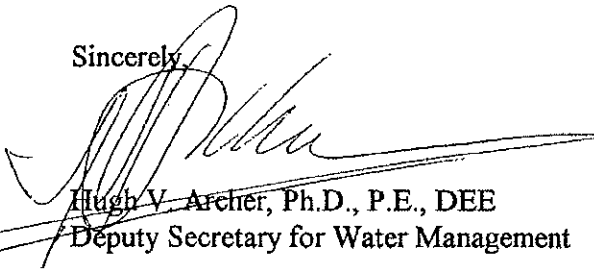
The Department is also considering a number of options for transition from the old training format to the new. Transition issues include current SEO continuing education requirements and dates for SEO exams in 1999. We will be working with the SEO Certification Board and advisory groups during the next several weeks to choose a transition plan that is reasonable and cost effective. You will be notified on specific changes in the program as they develop.



PSATS is eager to provide a quality training service to DEP and the SEO community. Two key staff members dedicated to this effort are Amy Bobb, Director of Education, and Karen Atkinson, Associate Training Coordinator. If you have questions about future training courses, they can be reached at 717-763-0930.

If you would like further information about the new program or have suggestions to improve the training, please contact Jay Africa in DEP's Division of Wastewater Management, at 717-783-2941.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh V. Archer", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hugh V. Archer, Ph.D., P.E., DEE  
Deputy Secretary for Water Management

cc: Mr. Hite, PSATS  
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