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Dear SEO:

I am sure you know by now that the charging of registration fees for Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) continuing education was appealed and a settlement has been reached.

The terms of the settlement included a prohibition against charging fees for SEO continuing education. In addition, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) agreed to refund any and all fees paid by or on behalf of SEOs to DEP for training since April 1, 2002. For checks that have been cashed, a refund will be sent to the appropriate party. All checks that have not been cashed will be returned.

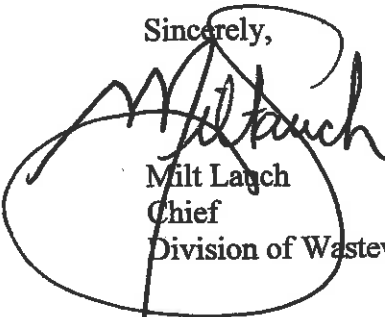
As a result of the settlement, we will not have the anticipated training fee revenues. The planning module fee revenues, which are the only source of funding to support the SEO training program, are limited and vary from year to year. We are uncertain at this time whether we will have to cut back on training efforts to stay within budget. We are also uncertain how the settlement will affect future DEP plans to offer SEO continuing education credits.

New training course announcements will not include fees. All persons who paid fees for SEO continuing education courses, including the web courses, will receive a refund. You do not need to request a refund. Your money will be refunded automatically. Please be patient if you are due a refund. That process may take several weeks to complete.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate the support many of you expressed for DEP's SEO training efforts. We will continue to provide the best possible training program our budget will allow.

If you have questions, please call me at the above phone number.

Sincerely,



Milt Lanch  
Chief  
Division of Wastewater Management

