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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BUREAU OF WATER STANDARDS AND FACILITY REGULATION

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To All Sewage Enforcement Officers:

The purpose of this letter is to inform sewage enforcement officers (SEOs) operating within Pennsylvania of recent changes that have or will occur to the SEO training program. Due to on-going state budget cuts, the SEO training program is being transitioned to a third-party training format. During this interim period, the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) web-based courses will continue to be offered, free of charge, on the SEO training website. These courses will continue to be available for SEOs that require additional contact hours to retain their certification.

Future SEO training will be delivered by DEP-approved third-party training providers. As such, classroom type training will be fee-based, with a reasonable cost set by the training provider and fee paid by you directly to them. DEP intends to have the third-party training program in place by the end of the year.

Thank you for your cooperation during the restructuring of the SEO training program. If you have any questions or need assistance with your continuing education transcript, please contact the Act 537 Program by e-mail at RA-seotrng@pa.gov. Again, you will be notified of program updates and future opportunities for continuing education training. Please continue to check the website at www.seotraining.org for updated information.

Sincerely,

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