



COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Ms. Townsend:

**Comments on Amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Divisions 3,
Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 3670) Relating to the Wastewater Treatment
Plant Classification, Operator Certification, and Contract Operator Registration Program
(Operator Certification Program)**

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 3670) relating to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Classification, Operator Certification, and Contract Operator Registration Program (Operator Certification Program). By way of background, the Sanitation Districts are a confederation of 23 individual special districts providing wastewater and solid waste management services to approximately 5.7 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts' sewerage system consists of 11 wastewater treatment plants, approximately 1,400 miles of sewer, and 52 active pump stations.

We have reviewed the proposed amendments and support the proposed changes to the Operator Certification program. We believe the changes clarify various definitions, improve the reciprocity process and increase the options of paths to obtain qualifying experience to become a certified operator.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or need additional information, please contact the undersigned at (562) 908-4288, extension 1701.

Very truly yours,

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