

## Chapter 81 Rules EO10 Fact Sheet

### OPERATOR CERTIFICATION: PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS and WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

#### Overall Rule Changes:

- Removed outdated rules and rule references.
- Replaced rules with citations to the Code of Iowa or the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) where the rule section was entirely captured by one of those laws.
- Shortened, simplified and clarified rules and terminology where possible.
- Removed redundancy and guidance text.
- Cleaned up the inconsistent use of acronyms; Public Water Supply (PWS), Operator in Charge (OIC), Direct Responsible Charge (DRC)
- Reconciled (Definitions):
  - Drinking Water Definitions with Chapter 40;
  - Wastewater Definitions with Chapter 60;
  - All definitions with Chapter 82 and 69.

#### Content Changes to Chapter 81:

- **81.5 Water distribution system classifications and operator certification grades**
  - Combined 81.5 and 81.6 so that the Grade A classification text is with the other water system classifications and grades.
- **81.8 Operator certification examinations**
  - 81.8(1) *Examination Applications*: Removed old text referring to paper exam application and form number; updated to reflect online automated application process and removed language referring to the old “paper exam” administration process.
  - 81.8(5) *Reexamination*: Removed the thirty (30) day wait period required to retest after failing twice.
- **81.9 Operator certification**
  - Combined old 81.10, 81.11, 81.12, 81.13, and 81.15 under new 81.9 so all of the certification requirements are in one rule.
  - Updated language to reflect automated virtual payment and certification system.
- **81.11 Operator by affidavit**
  - 81.11(2) “c”: Removed requirement for four (4) duly notarized copies; will put legal language on form so it can be digitally signed.
- **81.12 Disciplinary actions**
  - 81.12(1) *Reasons for disciplinary action*: Removal of reasons d through j; these are from Iowa Code section 455B.219, which is already referenced.
  - 81.12(3) *Procedure*: condensed and replaced language with updated references to 567 IAC Chapter 7.