

567—81.2(455B) General.

81.2(1) *Plant grade for system with multiple treatment processes.* A plant having a combination of treatment processes that are in different grades shall be assigned the highest numerical plant grade of that combination.

81.2(2) *Increase in facility grade for complex systems.* The director may increase a plant or water distribution system grade above that indicated in rules 567—81.3(455B) to 567—81.6(455B) for those systems which in the judgment of the director include unusually complex treatment processes, complex distribution systems, or which present unusual operation or maintenance conditions.

81.2(3) *Operator-in-charge certification requirement.* The operator-in-charge shall hold a certificate of the same classification of the plant or water distribution system and of equal or higher grade than the grade designated for that plant or distribution system.

81.2(4) *Shift operator certification.* Any person who is responsible for the operation of an operating shift of a plant or distribution system or major segment of the plant or distribution system and is under the supervision of the operator-in-charge identified in 81.2(3) shall be certified in a grade no less than a Grade II level for Grade III and IV plants and distribution systems and Grade I for Grade I and II plants and distribution systems.

81.2(5) *Public water system certificate requirement.* The operator who is designated by the owner to be the operator-in-charge of both the water treatment plant and the water distribution system shall hold a public water system (PWS) certificate valid for water treatment and water distribution in accordance with 81.2(3) and 81.2(6).

81.2(6) *PWS certificate.* A PWS certificate shall be issued to an operator successfully completing water treatment or water distribution certification. The PWS certificate shall specify the grade and classification for which the certificate is valid. An operator successfully completing both water treatment and water distribution certification shall be issued a PWS certificate valid for both classifications. For purposes of renewal, all renewal fees and CEU requirements shall be applied as one certification. The number of CEUs required shall be determined by the highest certification grade on the operator's public water system certificate.

81.2(7) *PWS certificate issuance.* Rescinded IAB 1/7/04, effective 2/11/04.

81.2(8) *Notification requirements for a personnel change in the operator-in-charge.* The owner of a plant or distribution system must notify the department of a change in operator(s)-in-charge within 30 days after the change.

81.2(9) *Change of address or employment.* Certified operators must report to the department a change in address or employment within 30 days after the change.

81.2(10) *Owner reporting requirements.* All owners of plants and distribution systems must report, when requested by the department, the method of treatment provided, the average daily pumpage, and the operator(s)-in-charge.

81.2(11) *Compliance plan.* When the director allows the owner of a plant or distribution system required to have a certified operator time to obtain an operator, the owner must submit a compliance plan indicating what action will be taken to obtain a certified operator. The plan must be on Form 52, Compliance Plan 542-3120, provided by the department and must be submitted within 30 days of the facility owner's receipt of a notice of violation.