

567—81.11(455B) Operator by affidavit.

81.11(1) *Affidavit allowance.* The owner of a plant or distribution system required to have a Grade A, I, IL, or II certified operator may sign an affidavit with a certified operator of the required classification and grade.

81.11(2) *Affidavit requirements.*

a. An affidavit will verify that the certified operator is the OIC and has direct responsibility for a plant or distribution system that does not have first rights on the services of that operator.

b. The department shall provide an affidavit form that requires the certified operator's name and signature, the operator's certification number, classification and grade, and the date of last renewal of the operator's certificate. The affidavit form shall be proof that the certified operator has agreed to be directly responsible for the operation and maintenance of the plant or distribution system.

c. The affidavit must be returned to and approved by the local regional field office of the department, based upon the ability of the certified operator to properly operate and maintain additional facilities. Upon affidavit approval, the department may specify additional operational and maintenance requirements based on the complexity and size of the plant or distribution system.

d. In the event of affidavit disapproval, the plant or distribution system owner must terminate the agreement with the certified operator and seek the services of another certified operator.

e. Both the plant or distribution system owner and the certified operator shall notify the director at least 30 days before the termination of an affidavit.

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