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Dear Mr. Klepadlo:

We have completed the review of your Application for Post-Presentation Credit for **2007 Technical Symposium**.

Based on the information provided, we will not be able to approve this submittal for continuing education contact hours. Conferences and symposiums do not meet the course guidelines outlined in Section 8, Sponsor Responsibilities and Course Guidelines, of the Training Provider Manual for the Pennsylvania Water and Wastewater System Operator Training Program (Provider Manual). The key course guideline that conferences do not meet is:

- Classroom courses must have an assessment method in addition to learner attendance to measure successful achievement of course objectives. For example, participants must complete tests or quizzes, participate in problem-solving, skill-check or hands-on exercises, or complete a project. Assessments must be based on the course objectives.

We only allow Post Presentation credit for courses that meet these guidelines. If you attended a session during the symposium that met our course guidelines, you may submit this course for review using the Post Presentation Application.

A copy of the Provider Manual can be obtained by contacting this office or online at our Operator Information Center through our Website at www.dep.state.pa.us. At the directLINK keyword search input field, type the words "**DEP operators**". Once you enter the Operator Information Center, click on **Approved Training Provider Information**.



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Any person aggrieved by this disapproval may request the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators, P.O. Box 8454, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8454, to review, at a scheduled public meeting, department decisions regarding training for: certification, recertification and continuing education for renewal of certification pursuant to Section 5(10) of the Water and Wastewater Systems Operators' Certification Act, 63 P.S. 1005 (10).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 717-705-6350 or by e-mail at wmcnamara@state.pa.us.

Sincerely,



William J. McNamara
Chief, Training Section
Division of Operations Monitoring and Training

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Gentlemen:

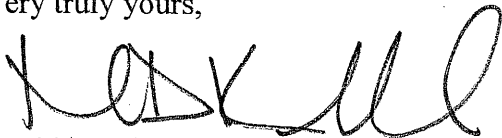
I am hereby requesting an appeal and review of the decision from DEP signed by William J. McNamara, Client Training Section, Division of Operators and Training regarding my continuing educations credits.

The DEP on-line courses provided by DEP are very rudimentary in nature, providing fundamentals in Operator Training. I contend that being a registered Professional in four (4) states and designing and providing startup and operations and guidance to operators all throughout the country and designing and starting up operators for the first Sequencing Batch Reactor facility on the East Coast of the country, (Elmhurst, PA.) precludes me from having to take fundamental courses like Nitrification and Denitrification and the other courses which I have been designing and operating for over 30 years.

I content that the National Professional Engineers exam is far and away a more demanding test than any of the courses set-up and approved by DEP for operators. In addition Malcolm Pirnie's Technical Symposium brings together the most pre-immanent minds in the country to review highly technical complex projects and real life resolutions in dealing with them. Malcolm Pirnie has over one hundred (100) PHD's which at this conference provides the most up to date solutions in dealing and operating complex water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Accordingly, I am hereby again requesting an appeal of the findings made in the attached letter by William J. McNamara. We look forward to the Board's response to my request for a public meeting. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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