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GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE COURSE CREDIT VALUES

Mission Statement: The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) shall review all appropriate continuing education courses to maintain and improve Driller and Operator competency and improve the protection of the ground water resource.

Purpose:

The following guidelines have been established by the Continuing Education Committee to provide consistency in evaluating courses and assigning a credit value to them for the purpose of fulfilling the education requirement of Section 42-238 Idaho Code.

Authority:

The Idaho Ground Water Association has been delegated, by the Director of the Department of Water Resources, the responsibility of developing and operating the Continuing Education Program.

The Idaho Ground Water Association has appointed the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) to review and determine the credit value of training courses. The final decision on the credit value of a training course shall reside in the CEC.

Credits Based on Length and Content of Courses:

The training courses that will improve the well drilling industry will be categorized by the content into one of six groups.

Group I – Comprised of courses that directly relate to well construction and the protection of the ground water resource, increase professionalism and business acumen. Group I education is valued at one credit per one hour of instruction.

- A. Idaho Drilling Rules and Regulations
- B. Resource Protection
- C. Well Construction Methods
- D. Hydro-Geology/Geology
- E. Operation of Drilling and Related Equipment

- F. Maintenance of Drilling and Related Equipment
- G. Well Location Techniques
- H. Special Drilling Problems and their Solution
- I. Round Table on Above Topics
- J. Jobsite or Specific Drilling Related Safety
- K. Business Management
- L. Vertical Ground Source Heat Loops
- M. Other State Rules & Regulations

Group II – Includes those training courses that will improve the Ground Water Industry by broadening its understanding of ground water. Group II education is valued at ½ credit per one hour of instruction.

- A. Pumps
- B. Electrical as Related to Pumps
- C. Plumbing as Related to Pumps
- D. Water Treatment
- E. Water System Components
- F. Round Table on Above Topics

Group III – Includes the courses that do not fall into Group I or Group II that benefit the individual driller or operator in their professional development. Group III education is valued at ¼ credit per one hour of instruction.

- A. Website Development
- B. Round Table on Above Topics

Group IV – Includes any miscellaneous courses that may be submitted for approval for credits. Requires synopsis and proof of attendance.

- A. College Courses
- B. Correspondence Courses
- C. Internet Courses

Group V – Attendance of National or Regional Conferences will carry Idaho credits as scored by those events.

Group VI – Specific approved courses and credits allowed per licensing period that does not require pre-notification to the Committee. However, authentication of course must be submitted for credits.

- A. OSHA/OSHA HAZWOPPER eight hour course (**four credits allowed**)
- B. OSHA forty-hour course (**eight credits allowed**)
- C. Mud school forty-hour course (**eight credits allowed**)
- D. MSHA annual training, eight-hour refresher (**four credits allowed**)

- E. All certified first aid and CPR four-hour courses (**two credits allowed**)
- F. IDWR GPS/Map Reading minimum two-hours of training (**two credits allowed**)
- G. Select “pre-approved” courses and course credit value are listed on IGWA’s website.

The credit value of a course will be based upon the published agenda length of the training session and the subject matter group the training is within. Group I, Group II, and Group III courses will be evaluated to the closest ¼ hour and will be applied accordingly. Groups IV, V & VI do not apply to this scoring as they have a set credit limit already approved.

Conditions

- A. Two Credits per licensing period ~~required~~ unrelated to Idaho Drilling Rules & Regulations.
- B. Only one credit allowed for same topic attended more than once at any one meeting.
- C. Requests for Continuing Education Credits should have a 30-day advanced notice to the Committee (**except Group VI**).
- D. A presenter will be allowed double credit for his/her presentation.
- E. In-house courses need prior approval (**except Group VI**)
 - 1. Consent to publishing in News Bulletin, Website or other media.
 - 2. Open to others in drilling industry.
- F. No post approval (**except Group VI**).
- G. These Guidelines may be amended periodically. Amended Guidelines are not effective until approved by the IDWR.