ADEM Operator Certification



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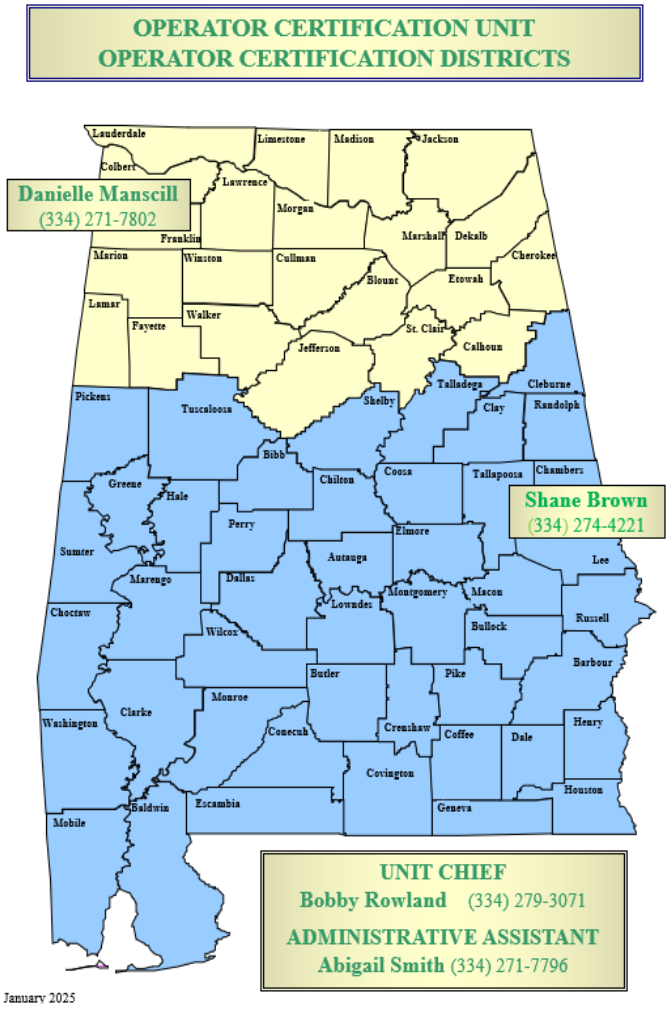




PROGRAM UPDATE

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Operator Inventory

Current Certified Operators – 3989

Dual – Certified Operators – 800

OpCert Revised Exams



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Grant Opportunities





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Grant Opportunities

- Eligible entities - Alabama permitted water systems and rural, small or tribal POTWs.
- Systems must be registered in STAARS (Statewide Accounting and Reporting System).
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OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

OCTOBER 2026

OPERATOR EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

GRANT OPPORTUNITY OPEN OCTOBER 1 THRU JULY 1

Applications will be processed throughout the grant cycle. Grant offers are mailed with a pre-addressed return envelope.

Within 30-days of the date on the grant offer, please sign the grant acceptance page and return it in the pre-addressed envelope.
Within 60-days of the date on the grant offer, please email proof of payment of eligible expenses.
Within 90-days of the date on the grant offer, payments will be disbursed.

Please include the grant number on all emails and in the name of all emailed documents.

To ensure that Alabama water systems have properly trained operators to operate and maintain drinking water infrastructure to supply safe water to consumers, and to operate and maintain Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) infrastructure to maintain clean waters of the state, ADEM is offering **a Grant Opportunity of up to $1000** to **eligible entities** for **eligible exam preparation expenses.**

Eligible entities are Alabama permitted water systems and rural, small or tribal POTWs. Systems must be registered in STAARS (Statewide Accounting and Reporting System). The application will ask for the Legal Name, Legal Address, and Vendor ID as recorded in STAARS. Small POTWs are those that serve 10,000 or fewer people.

Water Grant Application here



Wastewater Grant Application here.



Eligible Exam Preparation expenses for Water Systems:
1. **Books** published by AWWA (American Waterworks Association) or California State University, Office of Water Programs (also known as the "Sacramento books").
2. **Course tuition.**

Eligible Exam Preparation expenses for POTWs are:
1. **Books** published by WEF (Water Environment Federation) or California State University, Office of Water Programs (also known as the "Sacramento books").
2. **Course tuition.**

ADEM Water Workforce Survey





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ADEM Water Workforce Survey

- Survey Open October 1 thru December 1
  - 2024 Survey Numbers
    - 73 Manager Responses
    - 247 Operator Responses

2026 WATER WORKFORCE SURVEY

SURVEY OPEN OCTOBER 1 THRU DECEMBER 1

In 2024 we had 73 managers and 247 operators respond to our Water Workforce Survey.

Let's see if we can outdo those numbers this year!

Manager Survey



Operator Survey



OpCert Online

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Questions..?



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