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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF SANITARIAN EXAMINERS

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Presently there are 870 Registered Sanitarians (RS), 75 Registered Sanitarian Interns (RSI), and 104 Registered Sanitarians-unaffiliated in North Carolina.

The Board has worked progressively throughout the year to get the registered website, www.rsboard.com developed and live. At this printing, the Board hopes to have the site completed and live by years' end (December 2002). The site is planned to include a complete list of all RS and RSI's, continuing education applied for and approval status, calendar dates related to Board business such as exam dates, Board meeting minutes, current forms, policies, and procedures, and other relevant information and links.

In 2002, four new members were appointed by the Governor's office to replace Donnie McFall, Gerald Strickland, and Charlie Jackson whose terms had expired and Malcolm Blalock, who retired. Linda Sewall, Dicke Sloop, Len Gilstrap, and Sheila Nichols were welcomed to the Board in June and October of this year.

The Board has produced an Educational Policies and Procedures Guidebook for new and renewing RS applicants. The diversity and types of training and the formats in which they are presented (e.g. internet videoconferencing and college courses) has lead the Board to develop several new policies regarding applicable continuing education (CE) for renewing RSs and RSIs. These include:

- Course presenters may now receive CE credit when meeting certain conditions
- Internet-based videoconferences may receive CE credit when verification of attendance is provided
- CE credit for any course which has a minimum attendance requirement, such as a SOP course, will only be approved if that course requirement is met
- ServSafe courses will no longer be approved for CE credit after December 31, 2002
- CE credit can be awarded for completion of Single-Topic or Single-Module sessions of Centralize Intern Training (CIT) for individuals taking a CIT 'refresher' (taking it for second time). Certain limitations and rules apply.

Starting this year, the RS billfold cards are being produced electronically. In order to maximize this savings, **the cards will be sent all at one time after January 31, 2003.**

Your 2003 Renewal Notice for annual registration is included on the other side of the Newsletter. Be sure to provide correct and sufficient information on the registration form, including continuing education hours completed. Ms. Bishop, the Board's Secretary, maintains an up-to-date list of all the approved continuing educational hours. The list is distributed on the environmental health list serve after every Board meeting where continuing education has been approved. If there are any questions regarding approved educational hours, don't hesitate to call the Board office.