

January 2004 Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF SANITARIAN EXAMINERS ("RS Board")

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As in many settings, the new year brings a number of changes for the RS Board and our profession. Please review the brief news items below and check the Board website for further information. Questions can be directed to the Board office.

1. Effective January 1, 2004, a completed Continuing Education Request form must accompany all Continuing Education approval requests. The form is available on the Board's website or copies may be requested from the Board office. **Submissions not containing this completed form will be returned to the submitter without being considered by the RS Board for clockhour approval.**
2. The 2004 RS Exam dates and locations have been set and are available for viewing on the RS Board website. The Exam Application form is also available on our website and **must be submitted and received, with applicable fees, at least 4 weeks prior to the exam date.** These exams are ordered from NEHA approximately 4 weeks before each exam date and due to the increasing amount of time it takes to receive, **no exceptions to the 4 week minimum submission time will be considered.**
3. Considerable changes in the makeup of the RS Board members has taken place and will continue in the new year. With Trenton Davis's retirement, Dr. Burton Ogle with Western Carolina University is the new Educator rep. With the completion of Terry Pierce's term as Health Director rep, Tim Green with Alamance County has joined the Board. The State retirement of Linda Sewall and the hiring of the new DENR Division of Environmental Health Director will soon result in a new DENR Secretary rep. Lastly, both Eddie Pierce and Dennis Salmen have completed 2 terms on the Board, effective December 31, 2003, and are awaiting appointments from the Governor's office for their replacements.
4. All Registered Sanitarian Interns must complete a Public Health Law course within **4 years of their date of employment in the field of environmental health.** The NC Environmental Health State of Practice (SOP) Committee 2004 dates and locations for the Environmental Health course Law (the accepted equivalent) have been set. They are May 26-28 in Fayetteville and October 6-8 in Winston-Salem. For further information, contact SOP via their website at <http://www.sph.unc.edu/oce/sop/>.
5. Effective September 2003, all Intern Applications **must** be accompanied by written documentation from the employers' Human Resources or Personnel Department verifying the **start date of employment in the environmental health-related field.** This policy ensures that the legal, accurate date of employment for a registered person is on file and assures compliance with completing a Public Health Law course within **4 years of the date of employment in the field of environmental health.**
6. The 2004 Directory of Registered Sanitarians and Interns will be available in next 4+ weeks on the RS Board website. Currently available in a pdf format, the Board hopes to also make it available this year in an EXCEL format. As in 2003, a printed Directory will not be mailed to all registered persons, local Health Directors, etc. Persons without Internet access may request a copy by contacting the Board office.
7. The RS Board has a Continuing Education Policy which is updated after applicable Board actions, policies, etc. and is available on our website. The diversity of training, and the settings in which it is presented, necessitate regular Board review and policy adoption. Please review this guide on a regular basis.