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Workshop Agenda

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 2:00 pm EDT
Operator Certification Program

DEP is hosting a public workshop to discuss and receive public input on the development of proposed amendments to Chapter 62-602, F.A.C. Amendments are being proposed to Chapter 62-602, F.A.C., to implement Chapter 2023-204, Laws of Florida, which amended sections 403.865 and 403.867, F.S., and created section 403.8721, F.S. Chapter 2023-204, Laws of Florida, which directed DEP to adopt rules for issuing licenses by reciprocity for water treatment, domestic wastewater treatment, and water distribution system operators with licenses from other states and individuals serving in the United States Armed Forces. Additionally, section 403.8721, F.S., authorizes DEP to issue temporary operator licenses during a declared state of emergency. Additional amendments will simplify and clarify rule language.

This meeting is open to the public. DEP is hosting this public workshop in person at Bob Martinez Center, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Room 609, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, as well as virtually via GoToWebinar. To register for the meeting virtually, please visit the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7441934943444855897>.

1. Call to Order, statement of purpose of workshop. The Notice of Public Workshop for Chapters 62-602, F.A.C., were published December 2, 2024, and are available online at:
 - https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=28770799
2. Introduction of presenter and panelists.
3. Remind attendees that the workshop is being recorded.
4. Updated draft rule language.
5. Receive public comments on rulemaking.
6. Describe the rest of the rulemaking process, as currently anticipated.
7. Adjourn.

Additional Information

- Water Resource Management rule development information website
<https://floridadep.gov/water/water/content/water-resource-management-rules-development>
- Draft language will be available on the rule development information website within 7 days before the workshop.
- Comments and recommended rule amendments will be due by January 10, 2025. Please send them as follows:
 - o Email: OCP.Reciprocity@FloridaDEP.gov

o U.S. mail: Operator Certification Program, Division of Water Resource Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Rd, MS 3506, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

- Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at 850-245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least ten (10) days before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 800-955-8771 (TDD) or 800-955-8770 (voice).