

Who Does What?

The Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Association (**AWWOA**) vs Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (**AEPA**). Both groups support Alberta operators, but in different ways.

AWWOA – Not-for-profit member association	AEPA – Government of Alberta department
<p>Training for Operators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Level Training course • Level I Certification Preparation course • Various relevant training courses • All AWWOA courses recognized for CEU's by AEPA certification program 	<p>Training for Operators</p> <p>Offers no training</p>
<p>Operator Certification</p> <p>NOT involved in certification exams or assigning continuing education units (CEUs) to courses</p>	<p>Operator Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification exams – delivery, location and dates • CEUs – training evaluated for purposes of provincial certification program
<p>AWWOA Operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected members sit on voluntary Executive Board which oversees association affairs • A few permanent employees manage association programs, services and events. 	<p>AEPA Certification Advisory Committee</p> <p>Minister of AEPA appoints committee members who make recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification program policy ○ Applications for certification and certification renewal ○ Evaluation of specific training/education with respect to certification (CEUs)
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWWOA membership is voluntary and not tied to operator certification • There is small annual membership fee • Anyone can join and take advantage of various member benefits including discounts and bursaries 	<p>Certificates of Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained by passing AEPA certification exams • Certificate numbers are different than AWWOA membership numbers • AWWOA membership is not mandatory to become certified • There is a fee for writing certification exams and to renew certificates
<p>Annual Operator Seminar</p> <p>Hosts Annual Operators Seminar in Banff which includes workshops, tradeshow and tech sessions</p>	<p>Annual Operator Seminar</p> <p>Participates at Annual Operators Seminar with tradeshow booth and presentations</p>
<p>Annual Water Week Conference</p> <p>Hosts Annual Water Week Conference in Edmonton which includes workshops, tradeshow and tech sessions</p>	<p>Annual Water Week Conference</p> <p>Participates at Annual Water Week Conference with presentations</p>
<p>Operator Newsletter</p> <p>AWWOA publishes newsletter 3X/year as communication tool for members</p>	<p>Operator Newsletter</p> <p>AEPA provides updates regarding certification program in each issue</p>
<p>Website – www.awwoa.ca</p> <p>Information about industry news, AWWOA training and annual events, job postings, resource materials and other items important to operators</p>	<p>Website & Portal https://www.alberta.ca/water</p> <p>Information about Certification Program – detailed program guidelines, certification exams, renewals etc. Compliance365 – operator portal for certification process</p>
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