

Who Does What?

The Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Association (**AWWOA**) vs Alberta Environment and Parks (**AEP**). Both groups support Alberta operators, but in different ways.

AWWOA – Not-for-profit member association	AEP – 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 (also available through other) • All AWWOA courses recognized by AEP certification program 	<p>Training for Operators</p> <p>Offers no training</p>
<p>Operator Certification</p> <p>NOT involved in certification exams or awarding of continuing education units (CEUs)</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 • One AEP representative appointed as non-voting member on the Board • A few permanent employees manage association programs and services 	<p>AEP Certification Advisory Committee</p> <p>Minister of AEP 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 	<p>Certificates of Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained by passing AEP certification exams • Certificate numbers are different than AWWOA membership numbers • AWWOA membership is not mandatory to become certified • There is no fee for writing certification exams or to renew certificates
<p>Seminar</p> <p>Hosts popular annual operators’ seminar in Banff which includes workshops and tradeshow</p>	<p>Seminar</p> <p>Participates at annual operator’s seminar with tradeshow booth and presentations</p>
<p>Operator Newsletter</p> <p>AWWOA publishes newsletter 3X/year as communication tool for members</p>	<p>Operator Newsletter</p> <p>AEP provides some financial assistance towards the newsletter, and occasionally supplies articles</p>
<p>Website</p> <p>Information about utility news, AWWOA training and online courses, job postings, resource materials and other items important to operators</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Information about AEP Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program – application form, program guide, exam schedule, etc.</p>
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