

## **New Mexico Environment Department – Drinking Water Bureau**

### **CERTIFIED Utility Operator Authorization to Publish Contact Information**

Public water systems (PWSs) in New Mexico may contract with either a certified water system sampler (“Sampler”) or a certified utility operator (“Operator”) to perform all water quality sampling. However, all PWSs are required to have an Operator perform all their operational duties. Appropriately certified or trained Operators may also perform Level 1 and Level 2 Assessments for a PWS to meet the requirements of the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR).

To assist PWSs find and contact Operators and or Samplers, the New Mexico Environment Department, (NMED), Drinking Water Bureau, (DWB), publishes on the Utility Operator Certification Program, (UOCP), public website a list (the “List”) of such Operators, identified by their respective certification level and their respective contact information. Operators shall not be included on the List until they have expressly requested to do so as prescribed below.

Operators who will accept requests from PWSs for water quality sampling services, operator services, and/or RTCR Level 1 and Level 2 Assessment services, and who wish to have their contact information available on the UOCP public website, shall complete, sign, and have notarized this *Utility Operator Authorization to Publish Contact Information* form and submit it to the UOCP. Services which operators offer and which they want published on the List include the following:

I. Water Quality Sampling or Operator Services

Regardless of whether a PWS contracts with a Sampler to perform water sampling, all PWSs are required to have an Operator perform operational duties. A PWS may use either an appropriately certified Operator or an appropriately certified sampler to collect all water quality samples that monitor the distribution system, which include microbiological, residual chlorine, lead and copper, disinfectant byproducts and asbestos.

II. RTCR Assessments

Operators who are properly certified or have attended an NMED-approved 8-hour RTCR training are eligible to conduct “triggered assessments” (Level 1 and Level 2) for New Mexico public drinking water systems.

By signing and having this form notarized, you are agreeing that:

(1) you are certified as an Operator in good standing with the New Mexico Utility Operator Certification Program; and,

(2) you authorize the UOCP to publish your name, certification level and contact information on the UOCP public website: [https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking\\_water/utility-operator-certification-program/](https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/utility-operator-certification-program/)

The NMED and DWB are not parties, guarantors, or insurers to any service agreement between an Operator and a PWS. Any and all such agreements are entirely the responsibility of those parties.

The DWB shall verify only whether you are approved to conduct RTCR assessments prior to publication of your name, certification level and contact information.

Submit the completed, notarized form to: [nile.carver@env.nm.gov](mailto:nile.carver@env.nm.gov) . You may ask to be removed from the DWB public Operator List at any time by email, also to [nile.carver@env.nm.gov](mailto:nile.carver@env.nm.gov) .

_____ Operator Name	_____ New Mexico Operator Certification ID Number
_____ Email Address	_____ Operator Certification type and Level
_____ Telephone Number	_____ Mailing Address

Type of service(s) (check all that apply):

☐ Water Quality Sampling Service    ☐ Operator Service    ☐ RTCR Assessments

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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State of New Mexico

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_