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Vernon L. Wood
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Dear Mr. Wood:

Attendance at this year's Virginia Tech Annual Short School for Wastewater Operators, conducted August 8 - 12, 2011, was very good. The program provided high quality instruction to 117 wastewater treatment plant operators and trainees. The total number of participants was up from last year, due in part to a new level (On-site Treatment) that was added to the Short School this year. Considering current economic conditions, it is also encouraging that so many employers still value the training provided by the Short School. Based upon the success of the participants (97% achieved a passing grade) instruction was excellent. The instructional contributions made by Dan E. French of your organization were instrumental in achieving the goals of the program. I want to thank you for allowing Dan to participate this year. Attached is a breakdown of the participants' performance on the final exam and the course by class level.

The support of organizations such as Amherst County Service Authority who, each year, sponsor instructors for the Wastewater Short School is a key element in insuring the continued availability of high quality training for wastewater treatment plant operators and other personnel.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Staples
Environmental Engineer Senior
Operator Training Program
Office of Water Permits and Compliance Assistance
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Enclosure

cc: Dan French

Attachment
Statistical Summary
Wastewater Operators Short School
August 8 – 12, 2011

Wastewater 1

Participants	47	
Pass	44	
Fail	<u>3</u>	
% Passing	93.6%	
Average Final Examination Score		74%
Average Course Numerical Grade		82%

Wastewater 2

Participants	34	
Pass	34	
Fail	<u>0</u>	
% Passing	100%	
Average Final Examination Score		74%
Average Course Grade		82%

Wastewater 3

Participants	19	
Pass	18	
Fail	<u>1</u>	
% Passing	94.7%	
Average Final Examination Score		60%
Average Course Grade		75%

Wastewater 4

Participants	13	
Pass	13	
Fail	<u>0</u>	
% Passing	100%	
Average Final Examination Score		89%
Average Course Grade		92%

Wastewater 5 (Onsite Treatment)

Participants	4	
Pass	4	
Fail	<u>0</u>	
% Passing	100%	
Average Final Examination Score		79%
Average Course Grade		79%