

Final update on the Process Control event

TO: Operations Challenge 2011
Teams

FROM: Mike Ross, Process Control Event Coordinator

DATE: September 16, 2011

There will not be any mandatory questions on the Process Control test this year. In past years we have picked a set of questions that must be answered. This is done to encourage participants to study and expand their knowledge of a particular area of wastewater operations.

This year I and the other volunteers that work to create and compile the test have been much busier than usual. We will have the test completed for the competition. But we were running behind schedule at the point where we usually can determine which topic would be best for the mandatory questions. So rather than put out a notice that doesn't really give enough time to study, or choose a topic when we haven't fully reviewed and validated the questions and answers yet, we will not make any questions mandatory.

None of the other rules and guidelines for the test have changed. The topics listed in the final rules: Activated sludge, chemical precipitation, sustainability and plant valve configuration are on the test. So next month feel free to correctly answer as many questions as you wish, and we'll see who earns the most points.

As always, any feedback on current or future tests is appreciated.

Equipment update on the Laboratory event

TO: Operations Challenge 2011 Teams

FROM: Mary Ann Pietrowicz, Laboratory Event Coordinator

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Please be aware that the Pen type colony counter (Hach part# 2613200), is no longer available. The supplier is no longer manufacturing them. While Hach is searching for a replacement product from a new vendor, we will discontinue use of this counter in the lab event. The tally counter (Hach part# 1469600) will still be available to teams. Both items have only been optional, not required, for teams to use during the event. The Pen type colony counter will not be used in the Laboratory event in Los Angeles.