

Pa. DEP Announcement:

NIMS Courses Now Approved for Continuing Education Credit in Pennsylvania:

In December of 2004, Governor Rendell mandated that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Operators of drinking water and wastewater systems can learn about NIMS through several online courses available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Pa. DEP received permission from FEMA to sponsor the following online independent study NIMS courses:

- IS-100.PW Introduction to the Incident Command System, I-100, for Public Works Personnel
- IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
- IS-800 National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction

How to Receive Credit for a NIMS Course: You can find the above listed courses through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at <http://emilms.fema.gov/> .

Normally, approved training sponsors are required to report course completions to the Pa. DEP. Although Pa. DEP is now a sponsor for the NIMS courses, they cannot logistically receive course completion information from FEMA. Therefore, Pa. DEP has implemented a special reporting process for *these NIMS courses only*.

When you successfully complete one of the above NIMS courses, you will receive a successful completion email and a paper certificate from FEMA. In order to receive continuing education credit toward your water or wastewater license, you must report your completions to Pa. DEP by any **one** of the following three options:

- **Mail:** Make a copy of your course completion certificate, write your Pa. DEP Client ID number on the copy and mail it to:
Pa. DEP
Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Division of Operations Monitoring & Training
PO Box 8467, 11th Floor RCSOB
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8467
- **Fax:** Make a copy of your course completion certificate, write your Pa. DEP Client ID number on the copy and fax it to 717-772-4474.
- **Email:** Type your Pa. DEP Client ID number in the subject line and forward a copy of FEMA's Independent Study completion email to DEPWSTechTrain@state.pa.us .

Please remember that this is not Pa. DEP's normal procedure for documenting course completions. This is an exception for the NIMS courses only.