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Continuing education hours.

(A) Prior to expiration of certification, continuing education shall be completed as follows:

(1) Certified facility operators of C&DD facilities shall complete a minimum of ten clock hours per year of approved continuing education courses to be eligible to apply for renewal in accordance with rule 3745-580-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Certified facility operators and certified inspectors of solid waste and infectious waste treatment facilities shall complete the applicable Ohio EPA certification course triennially or complete a minimum of ten clock hours per year of approved continuing education courses to be eligible to apply for renewal in accordance with rule 3745-580-06 of the Administrative Code.

[Comment: An individual certified as a certified facility operator under section 3714.062 and division (L) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code may satisfy the requirements of this rule by annually completing ten clock hours of continuing education approved for both C&DD facilities and solid waste and infectious waste treatment facilities.]

(3) Certified inspectors of solid waste and infectious waste treatment facilities and certified facility operators shall submit documentation of attendance with the renewal applications on forms prescribed by the director.

[Comment: This may include an attendance form provided by an organization that received approval from Ohio EPA in accordance with this rule.]

(B) Continuing education hours shall be approved by Ohio EPA by completing one of the following:

(1) An individual may apply for continuing education hours from attendance at a course with subject matter related to the operation and performance of the respective facility type. No more than twenty per cent of the required continuing education hours shall be safety-related training courses.

(2) An individual, association, or organization may apply for approval to conduct a course for continuing education hours that may be completed by facility operators and inspectors with subject matter related to the operation and performance of solid waste, infectious waste treatment, or C&DD facilities.

(3) An application for program approval shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the director and shall include at a minimum the educational objectives of the course, program content, continuing education hours requested, names and qualifications of instructors, and verifications that course attendance is monitored.

(4) A course approved for continuing education hours shall at a minimum meet the following criteria:

(a) The course shall be instructed by individuals with a sufficient level of expertise in the information being presented in the course.

(b) The course shall cover new technologies, best management practices, or operations consistent with the statutes and rules of Ohio and industry standards. Courses may also cover inspections, enforcement, or compliance consistent with the statutes and rules of Ohio.