

**MISSISSIPPI WATER AND POLLUTION CONTROL OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**P. O. BOX 720399, BYRAM, MS 39272**  
**Membership Application**

**MWPCOA: Different Jobs, Different People, Working Together to Insure Clean Water for our State. Now and in the Future.**

The Mississippi Water and Pollution Control Operators' Association, Inc., is an independent, non-profit organization managed by its membership and supported by membership subscriptions, short courses, the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control.

Organized in 1961, the main objective of the Association is to protect the interests of water and pollution control operators in the State of Mississippi. The Association has worked for many years to improve operators' training short courses. The Association instituted a voluntary operator certification program in 1972 and succeeded in obtaining passage of a law in 1986, the "Municipal and Domestic Water and Wastewater System Operator's Certification Act of 1986," which made the certification of operators mandatory after July 1, 1987. This law provides job security and improved benefits for operators, as well as providing better quality water and a safer environment for customers.

The development and dissemination of water quality information is another important goal.

**MWPCOA** is divided into nine district associations statewide. These districts hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings where ideas and information on operating problems are exchanged. Usually a short program of a technical nature is presented.

**MWPCOA** welcomes new members. Presently there are over 1,500 members. If you are engaged in the production, treatment, or distribution of water or engaged in the collection, treatment, or disposal of municipal, domestic, or industrial wastes, you are encouraged to join this Association. Others associated with this industry and who are interested in the well-being of water and pollution control operators are also welcome. The membership fee is \$150.00 for a three (3) year period.

**QUESTION:** Why should I join the Mississippi Water and Pollution Control Operators' Association, Inc.?

**ANSWER:** As a water and/or pollution control operators, you provide a service to every person in your community and or/town. As a members of the MWPCOA, you can stay abreast of any changes in the regulations since the Association serves as an extension of MS State Department of Health and the MS Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control.

**QUESTION:** What types of membership are offered through MWPCOA?

**ANSWER:** The membership consists of **Active Members, Honorary Life Members, and Associate Members**. An **Active Member** is engaged in the production, treatment, or distribution of water, or a person engaged in the collection, treatment, or disposal of municipal, domestic, or industrial wastes. An **Honorary Life Member** has rendered valuable and outstanding service in advancing the objectives of the Association.

An Associate Member is a business that advertises in the Association semi-annually newsletter either as a supporter or as an advertiser. Membership fee for supporters is \$50.00 annually and the business name, location and phone number are listed in two newsletters. Membership fee for advertisers is \$200 annually and their business cards are printed in two newsletters.

**QUESTION:** What is the cost of membership dues and what period of time does this cover?

**ANSWER:** Dues (except or Associates) are \$150.00 for a three (3) year period. The membership year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

**QUESTION:** What are the advantages of being a member of MWPCOA?

**ANSWER:** Newsletters, free training session in your area, contacts with fellow operators, annual and monthly meetings - all of these offer many opportunities keep up-to-date on new technologies, stay informed about changing regulations in the water and wastewater industry and to share problem solving information with other operators. Being part of a strong lobby group and having access to valuable training sessions to earn CEU credit are two more reasons for maintaining your membership.

**QUESTION:** What are CEUs?

**ANSWER:** CEUs are continuing education units. Through certification under the state law, a certified operator is required to obtain between 48 and 24 hours of CEUs in order to renew his/her certificate at the end of the three years.

**QUESTION:** Does an individual have to belong to MWPCOA in order to be certified?

**ANSWER:** Membership in MWPCOA is not required by the State in order to be certified. However, through membership in MWPCOA, an individual is informed of matters concerning receiving and maintaining certification.

**QUESTION:** Are members of MWPCOA required to attend annual short courses?

**ANSWER:** No. The short courses offered through the Association are provided for members who are interested in obtaining up to 16 hours of CEUs at one time.

**QUESTION:** Who can hold office in MWPCOA?

**ANSWER:** Anyone holding active membership in MWPCOA may hold office. Associate members do not have the right to hold office on the Board of Governors or to vote on matters presented to the Association.

**QUESTION:** Will I receive additional information on the Association when I join?

**ANSWER:** Yes, when your application is processed, you will receive a copy of the By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, a Certificate of Membership, and a wallet-size membership card.

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL APPLICATION BELOW FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

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MISSISSIPPI WATER AND POLLUTION CONTROL OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET OR P. O. BOX \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\$150 MEMBERSHIP FEE MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$150 FOR A 3 YEAR PERIOD**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this form to:

**MWPCOA, P. O. DRAWER 720399, JACKSON, MS 39272 - IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL (601) 857-0512.**