



## MEMBER BULLETIN

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### **City of Toronto No Longer Verifying Wet Taps: Contractor to Coordinate Wet Tap Verification**

In Toronto, all wet taps performed on Toronto Watermains must be supervised by a Class 1 Certified Operator. Presently, contractors must request Toronto Water to perform this wet tap verification.

The City of Toronto is moving away from the process and will now **require Contractors to perform wet tap verification using their own licensed operator or hire a licensed sub-contractor to witness wet taps. In addition, dry taps will be permitted without a licensed operator.** These changes are expected to be incorporated into City of Toronto contract documents and standards within the next week.

Contractors therefore have two options:

1. Engaging a Certified Operator to perform wet taps on City watermains (i.e., hiring away).
2. Training staff persons to become Certified Operators.

#### **Becoming a Class I Certified Operator:**

Under the new protocol requiring contractors to coordinate the wet tap verification process, contractors will have the option of training their own staff persons to become Class I Certified Operators. The first step in the certification process is obtaining the Operator-In-Training (OIT) certificate, which is valid for 36 months while these individuals gain the required experience to become a Class I Operator. The City will permit OITs to verify wet taps, should the contractor choose to certify one of their own staff persons rather than hire away.

To obtain an OIT certificate, you must:

1. Have your Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent
2. Pass the Operator-in-Training or Class I exam (70% or higher)
3. Pay the exam and certificate fee



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Once again, the certificate is valid for 36 months to allow new operators to gain the required one year of experience in order to become a Class I operator. During this 36-month validity period, the OIT may witness wet taps. An OIT may renew an expiring OIT certificate for another 36 months if they take the “Entry-Level Course for Drinking Water Operators”.

If you have any questions about the Adjudication process, please contact Krishna Ruchlewicz (905-629-0587 ext. 227 or [krisha.ruchlewicz@oswca.org](mailto:krisha.ruchlewicz@oswca.org)).



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