

TITLE 35: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
SUBTITLE C: WATER POLLUTION  
CHAPTER I: POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PART 312  
TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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**Section 312.100 References to Other Sections (Repealed)**

(Source: Repealed at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

**Section 312.101 Prohibition**

A person must not cause or allow the use or operation of any treatment works for which a permit is required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309 unless the operation of the treatment works is under the direct and active field supervision of a person who has been certified by the Agency as competent to operate the particular type or size of treatment works being used or operated.

(Source: Amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

**Section 312.102 Classifications**

Agency rules in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 380 (Procedure for the Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Works) classify treatment works by type and size based on the volume and nature of wastewater influent to the treatment works and the complexity of the treatment works. Those rules also contain corresponding standards defining the class or classes of operators competent to operate a particular type or size of treatment works.

(Source: Amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

### **Section 312.103 Standards for Certification**

The Agency must not certify a person as a competent operator unless the person submits adequate proof that the person is competent to operate the particular class of treatment works for which certification is sought in a manner that will not cause a violation of the Act or this Chapter.

(Source: Amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

### **Section 312.104 Procedures**

In addition to the procedures required by this Part 312, the Agency may adopt all procedures reasonably necessary to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Part.

(Source: Amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

### **Section 312.105 Appeals**

An applicant for certification may appeal the Agency's decision to the Board in the manner provided for reviewing permit decisions under Section 40 of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105 (Appeals of Final Decisions of State Agencies).

(Source: Amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 23, 2023)

### **Section 312.Appendix References to Previous Rules (Repealed)**

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