

Employee Certification and Training Works

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Klickitat PUD (KPUD) makes an effort to train, refresh and certify its present employees and new hires. All KPUD employees are required to maintain current first aid, CPR and AED training, in addition to job-specific certifications and training.

The linemen in our operations department just renewed their annual explosives license, which requires that they have 16 hours of training a year or the equivalent number of hours on their blasting-shot record.

They also maintain their flagging and forklift certification and CDL licenses. The linemen rotate through annual training classes. Recently, some of our linemen attended underground fault locating, transformer hot sticking, vectoring, rigging, chains and inspections training.

KPUD's water/wastewater operators are required to maintain certification according to the state

Department of Health rules and regulations.

Eric Shea attended a workshop on cross connection and has taken a state exam for cross connection. Howard Sinor and Tim McMurrin attended the Evergreen Rural Water of Washington training conference in February to learn effective means of operating our newly updated wastewater treatment plants in Wishram, Lyle and Klickitat, and provide safe drinking water to our customers.

Tim Furlong, water/wastewater department supervisor, and Doug Miller, water/wastewater project manager, also attended training at the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association conference regarding reclaimed water use in the state.

Sharon Ohnstad, KPUD's new energy services specialist, has attended job training and certification classes. She passed the Bonneville Power Administration program for testing heat pumps, and is now Performance Tested Comfort Systems-certified. She also attended a five-day class in

Eugene, Oregon, passing her Residential Energy Auditor and Inspector Certification test.

Nadine Huxley, customer service/human resource manager, was certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources through the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI), in December. HRCI certifications require professionals to demonstrate their expertise and application in the core principles of human resources.

Miquette Ihrig, staking engineer for KPUD's White Salmon office, has finished three of the 12 classes to obtain her Staking Engineer Certificate from the Northwest Public Power Association. The classes are held throughout the region and are attended by engineers from Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Miquette hopes to complete her training by February 2008.

Congratulations to all our employees for continuing their education and keeping current with their training to enable them to better serve the public. ■

Public Utility District No. 1 Of Klickitat County 2007 Fuel Mix Report

Biomass	0.13 percent
Coal	2.53 percent
Cogeneration	0 percent
Geothermal	0 percent
Hydro	86.46 percent
Landfill gases	0 percent
Natural gas	0.95 percent
Nuclear	9.85 percent
Other	0 percent
Solar	0 percent
Petroleum	0.03 percent
Waste	0.05 percent
Wind	0 percent
Total	100 percent

July Happenings in Klickitat County!

July 4—Jaycees' Annual Demolition Derby and Motocross, Klickitat County Fairgrounds.

July 7-8—Goldendale Community Days, Parade and GMA Open Show 'N Shine.

July 21—Art & Wine Festival, White Salmon.

July 21-22—Trout Lake Festival of the Arts, live music, local wines and food. Go to www.troutlake.org/arts.