

MONTANA WATER CENTER
OPERATOR BASICS TRAINING SERIES – NATIONAL VERSION 2005

BETA TESTING AND CRITERIA FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Operator Basics 2005 uses an electronic log book to track each user's progress through each section, unit and course. At any time during or after completion of a course, a user can view the details of their progress to determine if they have met course requirements for reading time, view both the allotted and actual time spent, and accuracy of activity responses in each section.

Since each state has its own certification personnel, process and criteria, the Montana Water Center does not determine CEU's or CEC's for our training courses. However, we have done extensive testing to arrive at a final set of course component times that we feel are accurate for the average user.

To calculate the total time for each reading section and activity, six members of the Montana Water Center Multimedia Team worked through the training at a moderate pace. Our goal was to simulate the reading speed and abilities of a ninth or tenth grade education level. The times were averaged and beta-tested on the target audience of small system operators in a series of 2002 workshops during the two-year development cycle. In most cases, the original times allotted were close. Adjustments were made in those found to be off by fifteen to thirty seconds. Both the allotted time and actual time the user spent in each section are recorded in the log book.

See the "COURSE ACTIVITY DATA" document of each course for an itemized breakdown of activity locations, titles, types and times.