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USET Resolution No. 2012:020

AUTHORIZATION OF AMENDMENTS TO USET CERTIFICATION BOARD BYLAWS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS AND LABORATORY ANALYSTS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors has established and approved the USET Certification Board Bylaws for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts (USET Certification Board and Bylaws; USET Resolution Nos. 2000:57, 2002:50, 2002:80, and 2002:81, 2009:08, and 2011:056) and subsequent revisions to same in order to place trained and certified operators and laboratory analysts on Tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published Final Guidelines titled "*Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program*"; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Certification Board has submitted its program for certifying drinking water operators to EPA to become an approved certification provider for Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Certification Board further revised the Bylaws to include administration of Association of Boards of Certification examinations and made other administrative changes as required by EPA for approval; and
- WHEREAS,** Section I Article VII *Adoption of Rules and Regulations by Certification Board* states that all rules and regulations and Bylaw modifications are approved by the USET Certification Board and submitted to the USET Board of Directors for final approval through Resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** nothing herein shall be construed as interfering with any treaty or other rights to self-regulation held by any USET member Tribe; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors adopts the USET Certification Board Bylaws for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts, as amended.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.