



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2009:008

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. CERTIFICATION BOARD 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-five (25) 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 approved and adopted the USET Certification Board for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts (USET Certification Board) Bylaws and subsequent revisions; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued National Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Final Guidelines (Guidelines) establishing program requirements for non-state certification providers in Indian Country to receive EPA approval; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Certification Board met with EPA Region 4 and USET certified operators in August, 2008, to discuss the activities of the USET Certification Board program and to request direction on future program development; and
- WHEREAS,** USET certified operators requested the USET Certification Board develop a comprehensive certification program, including a training component, to be submitted to the EPA National Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Certification Board further revised the Certification Board Bylaws to meet requirements of the EPA Guidelines, and made other administrative changes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors adopts the USET Certification Board for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts Bylaws, as amended; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports and approves the submission of said Bylaws and supporting material to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for program approval.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Board of Directors on Thursday, October 16, 2008.



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



Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.