



**Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.**  
and  
**The New Mexico Utility Operator  
Certification Program**



*are pleased to announce:*

**WATER DISTRIBUTION – LEVEL 1**  
**Comprehensive Operator Training Course**

**Entire Course (Parts 1 & 2), March 16, through April 3, 2026**

**In-person Part 1 location: Mesilla, New Mexico**

Sponsored by the New Mexico Environment Department

**Includes:**

- ✓ FREE, Comprehensive operator training for personnel of New Mexico utilities
- ✓ Earn over 48 training hours, approved by NMED
- ✓ FREE textbooks provided for students to keep
- ✓ Course aligns with NMED need-to-know criteria

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**This course has 2 Parts:**

This training course covers a comprehensive curriculum delivered in 2 parts.

(Part 1, in-person classroom training) + (Part 2, on-line live class sessions )

The on-line Part 2 continues where the in-person Part 1 ends. Part 2 will not review the curriculum content covered in Part 1.



Student comments from past offerings of similar training by this instructor.

*"The Instructor was energetic and willing to help students after hours. Has field experience."*

*"What I liked most was that the instructor made the material understandable and interesting."*

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## **Course Dates and Times:**

### PART 1 – In-Person classroom sessions

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
March 16 – 20, 2026  
in Mesilla, New Mexico

**AND THEN**

### PART 2 – On-Line live class sessions

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,  
March 25, 27, 30, and April 1, 3 (in 2026)  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time

**Instructor:** Michael Alvidrez, Alvidrez Water Operations LLC.

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Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Utility Operator Certification Program are pleased to offer the **Water Distribution – Level 1 Operator** comprehensive 2-part training course. The course is designed to prepare personnel of New Mexico utilities to be entry-level drinking water distribution system operators. The training course will follow the newly developed NMED Need-to-Know Guidebook for Water Distribution System – Level 1 certification. Subjects covered in this training course will include, but not be limited to:

- Drinking Water Disinfection,
- Hydraulics,
- Pumps,
- Water Storage,
- Fire Hydrants,
- Meters and Valves,
- Water Distribution Math, and
- Drinking water regulations.

Water industry standard training books will be provided to registrants who are accepted into this course. Attendees who complete the course requirements will receive written recognition of the training contact hours earned based on class participation, course assignments, and attendance.

A practice exam will be provided to help prepare for the NMED Water Distribution System – Level 1 (DS1) certification exam. The DS1 exam is available year round through web-based testing at various locations across New Mexico.

## **REGISTRATION**

The training course size will be kept small (less than 40 students) to maintain a student-to-teacher ratio that focuses on student-centered learning. Class seat reservations will go quickly, so register as soon as possible.

Students that are accepted into the course will receive written confirmation of a class seat reservation.

To register, please contact Nancy Rebarchik ([nrebarchik@geo-logic.com](mailto:nrebarchik@geo-logic.com))

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