

Walter A. Weers Outstanding Achievement Award

2008 Recipients – Dale Butler and Jim Wiseman

Both Mr. Butler and Mr. Wiseman were involved in the development of the 2000 statute, which reorganized and revitalized Colorado's operator certification program - Dale as an active member and representative of the Rocky Mountain Section of Water Environment Federation (RMWEA) and Jim as the General Chairman of the Colorado Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Certification Council.

Mr. Butler spearheaded the founding, organization and incorporation of Colorado Environmental Testing, Inc. (CECTI), served as its first president; oversaw the first certification exams under the new system; worked with the WWFOCB to establish administrative policies; and helped the OCPO office establish administrative procedures.

Mr. Wiseman negotiated the conditions under which the Certification Council's program would become a part of the state's certification program; and continued to provide professional and educational services to the operators.

These two men have dedicated years to seeing that Colorado's facility operators hold certifications representative of high professional standards. Colorado has a certification program that is nationally recognized for its excellence.