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Chairman of the Board
Amherst County Service Authority
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Dear Sir:

The 2012 Annual Short School for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators will be conducted August 12 – 17, 2012 on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Virginia. The entire program (classes, meals, and lodging for students) will take place in the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The hospitable environment provided by the Center has proven to be an excellent stimulus for instructors and students alike.

The wastewater Short School will continue its tradition of providing the participant with a strong program of practical information that can be applied to plant operation and control. This type of program requires the active participation of experienced plant operators. Without the operator/instructor's practical knowledge and experience, the program would fall short of its goals. It is the active support of Virginia's industries, localities and businesses that makes this program so successful.

Dan French has instructed at the Wastewater Short School for 35 years. I would ask that the Amherst County Service Authority support wastewater operator training in Virginia by sponsoring Dan as an instructor for the wastewater program at this year's Annual Virginia Tech Short School. Sponsorship would mean that the Amherst County Service Authority would underwrite Dan's salary and travel expenses for the time spent at Short School. Dan has indicated to me that he would be willing to share his operating skills and knowledge of wastewater treatment and technology as an instructor at the Annual Short School.

The Authority's continued support of the program would be deeply appreciated. If Dan can participate this year, he will be asked to prepare and present approximately two to four hours of instruction each day he can attend on various aspects of wastewater treatment. Since Dan has previously instructed most of the topics offered during Short School and detailed instructional guides are available for any topics he may not have taught, I would not anticipate that preparation would place extraordinary demands on his time prior to Short School.

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I hope that the Amherst County Service Authority will continue to support the Short School program. It is the support of such organizations that makes the Annual Short School the outstanding program it is.

If you have any questions regarding the Short School program or the responsibilities of instructors or sponsors, please feel free to call me at (804) 698-4106.

Sincerely,



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