**Section 380.615 Sanctions**

a) The decision between revocation and suspension must be based on the following:

1) The severity of the violations that led to the sanction including:

A) The frequency or duration of the violations;

B) The impact on the operation of the wastewater treatment works; and

C) The impact on the water quality or aquatic life of the receiving waters.

2) The recalcitrance of the operator in preventing the recurrence of the violations.

3) Any other mitigating or aggravating factors.

b) If a Certificate of Technical Competency is suspended, it shall be considered void for a period of time not to exceed a year and a half. This period shall be set according to the factors listed in subsection (a). Experience obtained during this period shall not be credited towards meeting the requirements described in Subpart E. At the end of this period the suspended certificate shall be considered valid.

c) If a Certificate of Technical Competency is revoked, the operator may not reapply for any certificate for a period of not less than one and a half years but not more than 4 years. This period shall be set according to the factors listed in subsection (a).

d) After a Certificate of Technical Competency is revoked, an operator may not apply for a certificate until after the period set pursuant to subsection (c) has elapsed. In order to obtain a certificate the operator must successfully complete a written examination for the class of certificate sought. Education and wastewater operator experience gained prior to revocation shall be credited towards meeting the requirements described in Subpart E. However, any experience obtained during the period set pursuant to subsection (c) will not be credited towards certification.

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