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Electronic Testing Update

Many of you may be experiencing difficulties ordering EOC tests for individuals affected by the electronic testing migration. This issue stems from a communication disconnect between CDSAR and MilPDS. The best solution we've found to overcome this problem is to order the tests via a Form 17 (online or hard copy) in lieu of MilPDS/PC III. Please contact SMSgt Jim Lucas, DSN 523-6380, jim.lucas@tyndall.af.mil for assistance.

COVER Train 2.0

The software package for COVER Train 2.0 has been mailed to Unit Training Managers. You can expect to receive the program within the next two weeks. If you have not received the program by 28 February, e-mail our help desk: ceof.helpdesk@afcesa.af.mil. You will receive two "Administrator" CD ROMs and two "Trainee" CD ROMs. Please make as many copies as you need, however, we strongly recommend that you keep one original of each disk with your system administrator and the others in the unit training office. Please take time to review the "How to" and "Management" guides posted on the COVER Train web page at <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Training/covertrain/default.htm>. These guides provide procedural guidance on how to employ and deploy COVER Train throughout the squadron and technical instructions on how to use the software. The full implementation target date is 30 Jun 03. For more information please contact SMSgt James Faulkner at DSN 523-6074 or e-mail james.faulkner@tyndall.af.mil

2003 Unit Education and Training Manager (UETM) Workshops

We have two firm dates and locations for our 2003 UETMWs. AFSPC and AETC will be co-hosting their workshop at Patrick AFB, FL 5-8 May. The ANG guard will be hosting their workshop 21-25 Jul in San Antonio TX. We would like to finalize all dates before the Training Committee, scheduled for 10-14 Mar, at Gulfport, MS. Please send your requested dates (and a few alternate dates) to SMSgt Mike Trevino @ michael.trevino@tyndall.af.mil

CerTest Update

A new and revised test update file, dated 7 February 2003, is available for download from the AFCEA CerTest website <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Training/Certest/default.html>. As tests are continually undergoing review and revision, it is very important to check the site regularly and keep your test bank current. If you have any questions concerning the CerTest program, please contact SMSgt Jim Lucas at DSN 523-6380 or email jim.lucas@tyndall.af.mil

3E0X1 National Electric Code (NEC) Course

The NEC satellite course held in Dec was a huge success. It reached over 700 CE personnel throughout the CONUS. We now have the course tapes available for distribution. AFCEA owns rebroadcast rights for one year. We only have a few copies of the tapes and will distribute them on a first come basis. The tapes will be available to the requesting unit for a one-month period. For more information contact SMSgt Mike Trevino @DSN-523-6392 or email: michael.trevino@tyndall.af.mil

3E3X1 AFQTP Workshop

The Structures AFQTP workshop convened 21 - 31 Jan 03. They were chartered to write/rewrite/update the AFQTPs for the career field and bring these products inline with the new Aug 02 CFETP requirements. Estimated release date for the new AFQTPs is 28 Mar 03. Please look for them on our website at: <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Training/Enlisted/QTPs/3E3X1.htm> For more information please contact SMSgt Dan Sacks at DSN 523-6445 or dan.sacks@tyndall.af.mil

3E4X1 Utilities Craftsman Water/Wastewater Training

One of the most contentious issues concerning the Utilities AFS, is the issue of water/wastewater training as it pertains to plant operations. I've received a lot of feedback from the field suggesting that the current STS and associated training products do not adequately address the field's training requirements. Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with some subject matter experts and discuss the issue at length. Needless to say, there were varying opinions on the subject, but all agreed that the current 3E4X1 STS and 3E451 CDC contain a majority of the same training requirements as the previous version. That is to say, the requirement to train individuals on water/wastewater treatment tasks is nearly identical to previous requirements. The way the tasks are worded and consolidated in the new STS does differ significantly; however, the training requirements are basically identical.

My feeling is that folks may assume that the HAF/ILE directive to remove military personnel from plant operations correlated to the removal of plant operations tasks from the STS;



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However, this is not really the case. I encourage you to compare your previous STS/MTL to your new one, and provide me feedback on what areas are not meeting your requirements. I look forward to your comments. SMSgt Jim Lucas, DSN 523-6380, jim.lucas@tyndall.af.mil

3E5X1 Engineering

The next "Introduction to USAF GeoBase Technologies" course at the National Geospatial Intelligence School, Fort Belvoir Virginia is scheduled for 24-28 Mar 03. This course presents a great opportunity for training in Air Force GeoBase concepts and applications. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of AF Engineering personnel, AFS 3E5X1, responsible for creating and maintaining digital maps of both garrison and expeditionary bases. At command or unit expense, MAJCOMs may nominate one student and two alternates. Travel and per diem are the only expenses for the course. Students must be E-4 or above, and hold at least a 5-skill level. Previous experience with geospatial information systems or GPS surveying is NOT required. In addition to the 3E5X1, students may also be accepted from 3E7X1, 3E8X1 or 3E9X1, E-4 & 5-level or above.

MAJCOM Functional Managers are collecting student names now and will be forwarding their nominations by 28 Feb 03. Please contact your MAJCOM Functional Manager to request a seat. For more information please contact SMSgt Pat Abbott at DSN 523-6322 or pat.abbott@tyndall.af.mil

3E6X1 Operations Management

There have been so many problems and questions with the current CDC's so a new set of CDC's was created. This new 3-volume (Edit Code 2) set clarifies information and corrected mistakes printed on the old CDC's. The new set is currently in production and should be ready for release by the end of February. The field activation date for the new CDC's will be established as soon as the production/publication has been completed and the existing CDC's will be deactivated.

It has been a real pleasure working with MSgt Robert (Bob) Lee (3E6 CDC writer). He and his family are PCSing to Colorado and taking a new position as Superintendent of the Jacks Valley Training Complex, USAF Academy. Would like to wish him well. Who will be taking MSgt Lee's place you may ask? Effective 5 Feb 03, TSgt Keith Loter will assume these duties as the new 3E6 CDC writer and we want to welcome him to his new position. For more information please contact MSgt Waldlena Schmidt at DSN 523-6378 or waldlena.schmidt@tyndall.af.mil

A Note from the Career Field Manager

A WORD OF THANKS ON ELECTRONIC TESTING: By now many of you have experienced the frustrations associated with the migration of personnel from 3EX5XG/H/I to 3EX5XA/B/C. However, we seem to have crested the hill on this issue and are well on our way to resuming normal operations. I want to extend my personal thanks to you for your patience and professionalism throughout this process. My folks are

working closely with our colleagues at AFIADL to reinstate Civil Engineering's electronic testing program. I'm anticipating we'll be back online, better than ever, within the next 6 months. Again, I appreciate all you do for our folks and encourage you to call our POC SMSgt Jim Lucas, DSN 523-380, for questions, comments, or assistance on this matter.

From discovering complications with electronic testing and developing a plan for repair and long term management, to the release of COVER Train version 2, and the publication AFPAM 32-1125 volume 1, your team of career field managers has been busy doing many good things for the betterment of all civil engineers. It takes many hours of behind the scenes work with involvement of numerous organizations to bring any project from an idea to reality. Please continue to work closely with the career field managers as they work issues of importance to us all. Thank you.

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We have included two additional documents in this month's Newsletter. One is the message pertaining to the Electronic Testing issue and the other is a list of certifications available to CE specialties.



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ELECTRONIC TESTING DEACTIVATION MESSAGE: In case you missed it:

1. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD MANAGER FOR PERSONNEL IN UPGRADE TRAINING (UGT) TO THE 5-SKILL LEVEL IN CIVIL ENGINEER AFSC 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E4X3, 3E5X1, AND 3E6X1. PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO ALL TRAINING MANAGERS IN UNITS WITH PERSONNEL IN THESE CAREER FIELDS ASSIGNED AND HELP ENSURE REQUIREMENTS ARE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED.

2. DUE TO DISPARITIES IN THE COMPUTER-BASED CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSE (CDC) ELECTRONIC END OF COURSE EXAMS, THE FOLLOWING COURSES HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: 3E052G, 3E052H, 3E151G, 3E151H, 3E151I, 3E251G, 3E251H, 3E351G, 3E351H, 3E351I, 3E451G, 3E452G, 3E453G, 3E453H, 3E451I, 3E551G, 3E551H, AND 3E651G. AS OF 10 JAN 2003, ALL PERSONNEL ENROLLED IN THESE COURSES HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY RE-ENROLLED INTO THE CORRESPONDING PAPER BASED COURSE. PREVIOUSLY ISSUED COURSE MATERIALS AND ENROLLMENT DATES ARE STILL VALID.

3. THE PATH OUTLINED BELOW WAS USED TO MIGRATE PERSONNEL FROM COMPUTER-BASED TO PAPER-BASED COURSES:

<u>FROM COMPUTER-BASED TEST CDC</u>	<u>TO PAPER TEST CDC</u>
3E052G	3E052A EDIT 1
3E052H	3E052B EDIT 1
3E151G	3E151A EDIT 2
3E151H	3E151B EDIT 2
3E151I	3E151C EDIT 1
3E251G	3E251A EDIT 1
3E251H	3E251B EDIT 1
3E351G	3E351A EDIT 1
3E351H	3E351B EDIT 1
3E351I	3E351C EDIT 1
3E451G	3E451A EDIT 2
3E452G	3E452 EDIT 1
3E453G	3E453A EDIT 1
3E453H	3E453B EDIT 1
3E453I	3E453C EDIT 1
3E551G	3E551A EDIT 1
3E551H	3E551B EDIT 1
3E651G	3E651 EDIT 1

4. THIS MESSAGE WAS COORDINATED WITH AFIADL/ECC AND HQ AFPC/DPPAT. POC FOR THIS MATTER IS SMSGT JIM LUCAS, HQ AFCEA/CEOF, DSN 523-6380. SUBORDINATE UNITS AND SUPERVISORS, PLEASE COORDINATE QUESTIONS THROUGH YOUR UNIT OR BASE TRAINING MANAGER OR YOUR MAJCOM/FOA TRAINING MANAGER.



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DANTES has agreements with nationally recognized certification associations, eight of which apply to Civil Engineer AFSCs. Certification examinations document a person's level of competency and achievement in a particular area. Military personnel may already have the experience and knowledge required to gain certification in their occupational specialty. Please contact your local Education office for more information on the following certifications:

Certification Agency	Types of Certification	Rating	Exam?	Courses/ Training.
Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) www.abccert.org	Water Treatment, Distribution Wastewater Treatment, Collection, Analysis, Industrial Wastewater	3E4XX	YES, Class I,II,III, and IV	College courses, 1 to 4 years site experience
American Institute of Constructors (AIC) www.constructorcertification.org	Certified Professional Constructor	3E2X1 3E3X1 3E5X1	YES	Minimum 2 years management
American Society for Quality www.asqc.org	Certified Quality Manager, Technician, Engineer, Assistant, Improvement Associate, Mechanical Inspector	1SXXX 3E6XX	YES	Minimum 2 years experience
Institute of Certified Professional Managers (ICPM) http://cob.jmu.edu/icpm	Certified Manager	All AFSCs	YES	4 years experience as a manager
National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) www.nccco.org	Certified Crane Operator	3E2X1 3E3X1 3E5X1	YES	5000 hrs experience in the last 5 years
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) www.neha.org	Certified Food Safety Professional, Environmental, Hazardous Substances, and Radon Certifications	1SXXX 3E4XX 4BXXX	YES	NEHA will determine if examinee is qualified
National Institute for the Certification in Engineering Technology (NICET) www.nicet.org	Technician Trainee, Associate Engineering, Engineering, Senior Engineering Technician	3E5X1 3E631 32E, 62E	YES	Determined by NICET
Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) www.sbe.org	Broadcast Technologist, Broadcast, Senior, and Professional Broadcast Engineer, Broadcast Networking Technologist	2EXXX 3E531 3NOXX 3VOXX	YES	Academic Degree or Professional field experience