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To: CSWEA Executive Committee
From: Howard Jacobson, PWO Representative
RE: PWO Report
Date: November 15, 2007

The 2007 Operations Challenge Teams again represented CSWEA by exceeding expectations in placing 24th (Shovelers) and 28th (Pumpers) at the National Competition in San Diego.

A special thank you should go to the Team Captains, Jim Miller, Rick Ashling, Vendors and Manufacturers that donated their time, materials and cash to help fund this event. A special thank you to Paul Nehm and his staff at MMSD for allowing the teams to use their facility for training.

The event standings were as follows:

Shovelers' standings in Collections 20th, Maintenance 28th, Process Control 12th, Safety 24th & Lab 27th.

Pumpers' standings in Collections 23rd, Maintenance 25th, Process Control 18th, Safety 27th & Lab 28th.

The experiences provided by this organization to the team members and support people are truly appreciated.

The 2008 Operations Challenge in Chicago will again prove to be a challenge for all involved. We will provide this opportunity to all as dictated by the present by-laws.

We will rely on the support of the team members' employers and continued financial support of CSWEA, State Sections and Vendors. I have requested that Executive Committee of CSWEA and the State Section review the reimbursement amount to teams members based on the following budget proposal.

CSWEA direct expenses:

Training meals and WEFTEC Registration	\$230
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Team Members reimbursements;

Lodging for training sessions	\$300
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Meals at WEFTEC	\$150
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Travel for WEFTEC	\$500
Lodging for WEFTEC	<u>\$500</u>
Total expenses and reimbursement per team member	\$1680

The goal of this program is to provide continued education, professional growth and camaraderie between the participants. I feel that this event shall continue to prove to be beneficial to the organization by challenging its membership and providing for the future leadership of CSWEA.