NO COST RESILIENCE PLANNING AND ADAPTATION TRAINING FOR THE WATER UTILITY SECTOR

IN-DEPTH TRAINING ON CREAT

To complement the Building Resilience to Extreme Weather Events - Introductory Session webinar (July 2020), EPA is hosting a free Virtual CREAT training to help drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities use CREAT for resilience planning and adapting to extreme weather threats to infrastructure and resources. Developed by EPA’s Creating Resilient Water Utilities (CRWU) initiative, CREAT is a risk assessment application that helps utilities to adapt to extreme weather events by better understanding current and long-term weather conditions.

Training Format and Schedule
The Virtual CREAT Training includes a series of four 2-hour sessions conducted via webinar. The four sessions are completed sequentially over a 4-week period. The schedule is:

- **Session 1:** Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C.T.
- **Session 2:** Thursday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C.T.
- **Session 3:** Thursday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C.T.
- **Session 4** (Optional): Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C.T.

6.0 credit hours for certified MN drinking water operators are available for participation and continuing education units (CEUs) for certified MN wastewater operators may be available for participation (application for wastewater operators pending). In order to qualify for credits and continuing education units, attendees are required to attend sessions 1, 2 and 3.

Training Objectives
- Conduct a risk assessment using CREAT.
- Identify and share information on adaptation strategies to build utility long-term resilience.
- Share information on available resources for financing resilience and adaptation.

Training Topics and Agenda Highlights

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As part of the training, attendees complete short homework assignments that reinforce skills for starting their own risk assessment. To prepare for the training, attendees are encouraged to view a recording of the Building Resilience to Extreme Weather Events - Introductory Session webinar (July 2020), if they did not previously attend. Please visit: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/6602638101991075344

Register
Register by November 3 at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9101362940057624843

If you have questions or would like more information, email Alfredo Lagos (alfredo.lagos@gdit.com).

To learn more about CREAT, visit: https://www.epa.gov/crwu/creat-risk-assessment-application-water-utilities