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## [The Quiz Spot](#)



Take a 'new' short quiz and test your knowledge of Small Systems.

Dear Lori,

Welcome to the *E-Source: News and Training Information for Small Systems*. The purpose of this bulletin is to keep you, the operator of a small water system, informed on issues concerning your water system. Topics covered in the bulletin will include: operation and maintenance, treatment, backflow/cross-connections, regulations, operator training, management, and many others. Dates and locations of future workshops will also be included.

If you have suggestions about topics that you would find helpful give us a call at 1-800-367-6792 or send us an e-mail at [don.christianson@mrwa.com](mailto:don.christianson@mrwa.com) or [jennifer.koenig@mrwa.com](mailto:jennifer.koenig@mrwa.com). Maybe you had a unique experience at your water system that you would like to write about and submit for the bulletin. We're always looking for volunteer writers! We hope this bulletin will be of assistance to you in operating your water system. Watch for this quarterly newsletter and we'll see you at a future small system training workshop!

## Hazardous Cross Connections in Your Water System?



Part of the Groundwater Rule involves identifying hazardous cross connections in a community water system. The Minnesota Department of Health is considering hazardous cross connections as a "significant deficiency". A hazardous cross connection is one where potential contaminants could cause waterborne disease or illness by entering the potable water system. As of July 1, 2011, MDH District Engineers began notifying community Public Water Systems if such conditions were observed during sanitary survey inspections. After January 1, 2013, affected systems will be required to perform corrective action to remove such cross connections.

**Let's step back a moment and discuss some important terms involved in backflow cross connection prevention.**  
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## Upcoming Training Sessions

### Class D Training (8am - 5pm)

(Class E Operators may attend the morning session of the Class D workshops for 4 credit hours)

#### [April 23, 2013](#)

Roseau City Hall Trader Room  
121 Center Street East, Roseau, MN

#### [September 10, 2013](#)

Minnesota Rural Water Association Building  
217 12th Avenue SE, Elbow Lake, MN

#### [September 24, 2013](#)

Maple Grove Public Works  
9030 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN

## Class E Training (8am - Noon)

#### [May 1, 2013](#)

Hastings City Hall  
101 Fourth Street East, Hastings, MN

#### [May 8, 2013](#)

Xcel Energy-Monticello Training Center  
2100 West River Street, Monticello, MN

#### [June 20, 2013](#)

St. Peter Community Center  
600 South 5th Street, St. Peter, MN

Register for any training session at:

<http://www.mrwa.com/wform.htm>

## MDH Consumer Confidence Reporting Guidance



**For Community Water Systems Only:** Access this "Cheat Sheet" for completing your Consumer Confidence Report provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. [Get the "Cheat Sheet"](#)

[here.](#)

Sincerely,

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