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# E-SOURCE SMALL SYSTEMS BULLETIN

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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 include: operation and maintenance, treatment, backflow/cross-connections, regulations, operator training, management, and many others. Dates and locations of future workshops are also 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!

## Do You Have a Health Record For Your Well?

*By Jeff Dale, MRWA Technical Advisor*

I didn't realize until the "drought" issue this year just how many cities do not keep records of the water levels in their wells. Not all wells are created equal (or all aquifers), but almost all (99%) have pumps, pipes, and screens. The drought forced some cities to check water levels, both static and pumping. Many of these wells have no previous data relating to the static or drawdown levels, often for many years. [Read more>>>>](#)

## MDH Annual Drinking Water Report - 2012

Over the next few editions of the Small Systems Bulletin, we will feature certain sections of the MDH Drinking Water Protection 2012 Annual Report. If you would like to review the entire report, please visit the MDH web site at:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/dwar/report2012.pdf>

In this edition of the newsletter, we have posted the section titled "Monitoring" for you.

## Monitoring

Minnesota's community water supplies are tested for a number of different types of contaminants. The reasons for testing-and how often the testing is done-depend on the type of contaminant and other factors. The type of contaminant also determines what actions will be taken if unacceptable levels are found in the water.

The major types of contaminants tested for include: [Read more>>>>](#)

## Upcoming Training Sessions

### Class E Training (8am - Noon)

[November 26, 2013](#)

Syngenta, Inc.  
317 330th Street, Stanton, MN

[December 12, 2013](#)

Cologne Community Center  
1211 Village Parkway, Cologne, MN

Register for any training session at:  
<http://www.mrwa.com/wform.htm>

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Sincerely,

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