

SMALL SYSTEMS BULLETIN

MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

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Dear Lori,

Welcome to this edition of the *Small Systems Bulletin*. The purpose of this bulletin is to keep you informed on issues concerning your water system. We plan to issue this bulletin quarterly. 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 email at kyle.kedrowski@mrwa.com or 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!***



Class D Certification for Small Systems

by Jennifer Koenig

I have been working for Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) for almost 12 years and have met some very fun and interesting operators during my travels. I work with nontransient noncommunity public water systems which include places like schools, businesses, daycare facilities and factories.

Most of these systems are classified as Class E systems but there are a number of Class D systems and a few Class C systems. Let's review what constitutes Class E and Class D public water systems (as shown in the chart).

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Congratulations to the following nontransient noncommunity and nonmunicipal community water operations specialists for passing the water certification exam!

Class C

Neil Schanus - MN Correctional Facility - Moose Lake

Class D

David Beck - Lac Qui Parle Valley ISD #2853
 Kelley Becker - Heron Lake BioEnergy LLC
 Michael Blenker - Long Prairie Packing Company
 Jamie Collins - MN Correctional Facility - Red Wing
 Edward Daoust - MCF - Willow River & Moose Lake
 Mindy Eidhammer - Heron Lake BioEnergy LLC
 Anatoliy Goncharenko - Pearson Candy Company
 Keith Gravidahl - Whitebirch, Inc.
 Chris Harper - Saputo Dairy Foods USA
 Thomas Heil - Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
 Tyrel Kennedy - Olmsted County Waste to Energy
 Douglas Kohler - Saputo Dairy Foods USA
 Patrick Lanahan - Pearson Candy Company
 Rodney Marquardt - Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church
 Demario Robinson - PepsiCo
 David Spiczka - Appert's Foodservice
 Jon Stachour - Pequot Lakes School District 186
 David Thaemert - Hazelden Foundation
 John Thorson - Heron Lake BioEnergy LLC
 Gary Trogstad - Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
 Ted Vanden Bosch - Heron Lake BioEnergy LLC

MDH Drinking Water Protection 2013 Annual Report -

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/dwar/report2013.pdf>



The link above is for the MDH Drinking Water Protection 2013 Annual Report. In the report, you will find information on the 40th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Implementation of the Wellhead Protection Plan for the city of Little Falls, Source Water Protection Grants, Distribution Challenges in 2013 and a summary of the Monitoring Test Results for 2013.

The QUIZ SPOT**1. Water samples collected for coliform bacteria monitoring must be analyzed by the laboratory within:**

- a. 10 days
- b. Three days
- c. One week
- d. 30 hours

2. Black stains on plumbing fixtures might be attributable to:

- a. Calcium
- b. Copper
- c. Magnesium
- d. Manganese

3. Which type of valve is best for throttling flow:

- a. Check valve
- b. Butterfly valve
- c. Foot valve
- d. Gate valve

4. The size of the fire hydrant refers to the size of the valve opening. For example a 6-inch hydrant has a 6-inch main valve.

- a. True
- b. False

answers: 1-d, 2-d, 3-b, 4-a

Upcoming Training Sessions

Class D Training (8am - 5pm)

July 22, 2014 -

Crown College
8700 College View Drive, St. Bonifacius, MN

October 14, 2014 -

AmericInn Hotel & Suites Owatonna
245 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN

Class E operators may attend the morning session of the Class D workshops for 4 credit hours.

Class E Training (8am - Noon)

July 17, 2014 -

Whitefish Lodge & Suites
14150 Swann Drive, Crosslake, MN

August 7, 2014 -

Hutchinson National Guard Armory
1200 Adams Street Southeast, Hutchinson, MN

August 26, 2014 -

Scandia Community Center
14727 209th Street North, Scandia, MN

October 8, 2014 -

Vermilion Community College - SWAMP
13884 Rocky Ridge Road, Ely, MN

November 25, 2014 -

Benco Electric Cooperative
20946 549th Avenue, Mankato, MN

December 2, 2014 -

Milona Community Center

5590 County Road 14, Miliona, MN

Sincerely,

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