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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 issue this bulletin quarterly. Topics covered in the bulletin include: operation and maintenance, treatment, backflow/cross-connections, regulations, operator training, management, and many others. Dates and locations of future workshops are included.

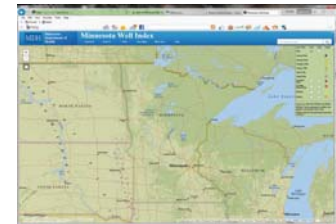
If you have suggestions about topics that you would find helpful give us a call at 800-367-6792 or send us an email at kyle.kedrowski@mrwa.com or jennifer.koenig@mrwa.com. Maybe you had a unique experience at your water system that you would like to write about and submit for the bulletin. We're always 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!**



Minnesota Well Index - Online Well Database

by Dave Neiman

We recently received information from MDH regarding the new **MN WELL INDEX**, a web-based online database containing detailed well information, which is available to everyone. This is the latest release of what was formerly known as the County Well Index. For those of you familiar with the older version, read ahead for information on some of the recent upgrades. For those of you who have never used the MDH online data, get familiar with this helpful feature and use it when you have a need. Here is the MDH release information: [Read more>>>](#)



Above: Screen shot of the MN WELL INDEX online at:
<https://apps.health.state.mn.us/cwi>.

Trace Wire Installation Specification by Jeff Dale



MRWA, with the assistance from vendor partners, has developed a Trace Wire Installation Specification which is reprinted on page 25 and continued through page 30 (of the [Fall 2015 Today magazine](#)). The specification itself is 11 pages and we've reprinted one of the drawing specifications, but for the full version with all drawing specifications, please download the file from our web site at www.mrwa.com. The specification and drawings were developed for download by all utilities and firms.

For many years trace wire has been installed on our utilities with very little thought for longevity or performance. This specification will provide you with every aspect of the installation, allowable products, and final verification procedures. Check it out on the pages that follow and online. We think you will find it very useful. [READ MORE>>>](#)

The QUIZ SPOT

1. Increased lead levels in water can cause impaired mental function in children and increased

blood pressure or kidney problems in adults:

- a. True.
b. False.
- 2. It is not necessary to screen the vent on a water storage unit because the vent is already down-turned.**
a. True.
b. False.
- 3. When a single water sample is reported as safe, this may be interpreted to mean ____.**
a. That the water supply is adequately protected.
b. The the water supply may be regarded as safe until additional samples are requested by the city health officer.
c. That the water supply was safe at the sampling point at the time of the sampling.
d. None of the above.

answers: 1-a, 2-b, 3-c

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES:

To register: Call our office at: 800-367-6792 - OR - Online at: www.mrwa.com

**All Class D & E training sessions are subject to cancellation because of low attendance.*

4 certification hours awarded for Class E training for full attendance and 8 certification hours awarded for Class D training for full attendance.



Upcoming Training Sessions

Class E Training (8am - Noon)**February 11, 2016 -**

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

March 2, 2016 -

Marriott Hotel (formerly Le St. Germaine Hotel)
404 West St Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN

May 3, 2016 -

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

May 10, 2016 -

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

Class D Training (8am - 5pm)**March 15, 2016 -**

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

April 12, 2016 -

People's Energy Cooperative
1775 Lake Shady Avenue South, Oronoco, MN

April 26, 2016 -

Minnesota Rural Water Association
217 12th Avenue SE, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Sincerely,

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