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Minnesota Rural Water Association



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Onsite Technical Assistance

We are still available to help answer any questions that you may have regarding your drinking water system, operator renewals or training. If you are in need of onsite technical assistance at your public water system, please feel free to contact us to set up an appointment. Our contact information is listed below. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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 e-mail 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!

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MRWA Wellheadlines:

The Demystification of Class V Injection Wells

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There are many topics that come up in discussion that have required additional explanation during my experience working with public water supply systems on Wellhead Protection (WHP) issues. I suppose it's to be expected; as federal and state regulatory agencies gather new data it seems to bring new issues to light requiring us all to bring ourselves up to speed. However, there are few WHP topics that have been met with such hazy understanding as that of Class V wells; just what are they, and what is their significance in relation to protecting drinking water?

I have to admit I am not as familiar with this type of land use and potential source of contamination to drinking water as I am with



many others since there are such a vast range of types of Class V wells—there are at least 23 different kinds—utilizing various types of technology. Also, Class V wells are not as commonly used in Minnesota as they are elsewhere in the country. It's easy to recognize the reason for the need of further description of what this land use is when bringing up the topic.

For general understanding, a Class V well, also referred to as a shallow disposal well, is one whose purpose is to inject non-hazardous substances underground, either into or above a source of drinking water.

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In-Person Training Update

Our in-person training workshops are still on hold and we are hoping to get them rescheduled as soon as possible once it is safe to do so. We will continue to follow guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it relates to holding in-person training.

Online Training Update

While our in-person training sessions are on hold, we are offering online remote training sessions using Zoom. Attending these online remote trainings will help keep you in compliance with the certification rule. If you have not received these email invites for the Zoom online training sessions, please email mrwa@mrwa.com and provide your name, public water system name, and preferred email address to us so that we can add you to our email list. If you have received emails from us in the past but not these Zoom notices, please check your Junk/Spam folder. If you use a Gmail account, you may need to check the Promotions folder for the email invites. You will be notified via email of the date and time of each online remote training session. An email address will be needed to register for these online remote training sessions. **Each operations specialist must register and sign-in separately on their own device to receive credit for attending the online remote training session.**



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