

Small Systems Bulletin

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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Feature Article:

TEAM: Training, Educating, and Assistance in Minnesota

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It is just amazing how time flies; here it is, that wonderful time of the year again! I hope by now that all of you have finished the spring flushing of your hydrants, recorded the information in your files, and fixed any and all problems that were found. Remember, a proper maintenance program can extend the longevity of your equipment, keep costs down, and possibly save you and your system from legal issues. Keep up the good work!

Training Sessions: Minnesota Rural Water Association held numerous online virtual training sessions since this pandemic began. Hopefully, you or someone from your water system were able to attend a few of these sessions. Since the start of this pandemic over year ago, and at the time this article is being written, MRWA has held 12 small water systems online (virtual)



training sessions. Each of the training sessions covered a specific topic, including: Chlorination of the Drinking Water System, Understanding Water Meters, Line Tracing 101, Source Water Protection, Distribution System Overview, Small Public Water Systems, Well Basics, Storage Tanks, Asset Management, and Water System Routine Maintenance. The attendance and participation within these sessions has been impressive! Because of the increasing attendance, MRWA's plan is to be conducting small water system online training approximately every three weeks until the social distancing is lifted.

If you know any water operations specialists who have the opportunity to attend these upcoming training sessions, please encourage them to do so. Remember that water operations specialists are allowed to go one step/certification higher than your water system is classified.

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Training & Technical Assistance Update:

We are excited to announce that we are going to start offering in-person training opportunities starting in August! We plan to offer online training in September and November and in-person training in August, October and December. See dates and locations below:

August 25, 2021

Best Western/Kelly Inn
University A Room
100 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN

October 5, 2021

Whitefish Lodge & Suites
14150 Swann Drive
Crosslake, MN

December 9, 2021

Ramsey Municipal Center
Alexander Ramsey Room
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN

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These dates and locations are posted on our *Training Calendar* under "MRWA Class E Training" (about half-way down the web page). We will mail notices to operations specialists in those areas approximately one month prior to the class. Our *Training Calendar* can be found at www.mrwa.com. 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. If all goes well, we hope to add more in-person training dates to the calendar. Please continue to check our *Training Calendar* for more in-person training dates.

Online Training Update:

We will continue to offer online remote training sessions using Zoom. 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. We also have a link on our *Training Calendar* under our "MRWA Class E Training" listings. 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.**



Technical Assistance:

We also wanted to let you know that if you are in need of onsite technical assistance, please feel free to contact us to set up an appointment. If you have any questions about training or technical assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you so much for all that you do in providing safe drinking water to your consumers! Have a great summer!

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