

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,

MRWA Corporate Partners



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.

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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!

Feature Article:

MDH Purchased Equipment to Find Wells

By: Mike Strodtman, MRWA Source
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Recently, the Minnesota Department of Health purchased magnetometers and magnetic locators to assist in finding wells. In most situations, this equipment will be used to try and track down municipal wells that were used a number of years ago and their location isn't known.

If your community has a Wellhead Protection Plan there is a good chance you were provided a report that lists all the wells used by your community over the years. In this report, not only can we see how many wells your systems has used, we can also see if they were properly sealed. Before Minnesota adopted its well code in 1974, wells that were taken out of service were often left as is, back filled with various materials or "plugged" with concrete at the top. Improperly sealed wells can provide a conduit for surface contaminants to enter the groundwater. Even wells that were plugged can rust and deteriorate causing otherwise protected aquifers to become vulnerable to shallower contaminants such as bacteria or nitrate.

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Training & Technical Assistance Update:

The dates and locations for our upcoming in person training sessions are listed below. We also have these dates posted on our website www.mrwa.com on our *Training Calendar* page. At the top of that page, please click on the box "Go To Small Systems Training" for our Class E & D Training dates and locations. For our in-person training sessions, we will email notices to operations specialists in those areas approximately one month prior to the class.

In-Person Training:

Class E Training Workshops (8am – Noon)

November 30, 2022

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

December 7, 2022

Morrison County Government Center
Royalton Room
213 1st Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Online Training:

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.***



December 2022
Dates and Topic TBD

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!

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