

# Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

**November 2018**

Good afternoon! Attached is the November 2018 Operator Training Newsletter for all MSDH-BPWS Regions and following this message are the trainings for your particular region. If you have questions about the counties in your MSDH region, please see the map on the second page of the attachment to this e-mail.

Also, remember to please contact the training agency to make sure the training will be held. The information contained in this document was gathered from the MSDH-BPWS Training Calendar, so we have no information about if a particular training may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The American Water Works Association today applauded the signing of "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018," lauding it as an important step forward in the nation's efforts to renew its aging water infrastructure. The legislation authorizes the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) for two more years and removes its pilot designation, a key milestone for the federal loan program.

"The reauthorization of WIFIA at \$50 million -- and the fact that it is no longer a 'pilot' -- is a significant milestone for the program and a great victory for the entire water sector," said AWWA CEO David LaFrance. "AWWA's members can be proud of their work to elevate the issue of water infrastructure renewal, craft a workable solution, and then refine and fund it."

The legislation, also known as S. 3021, reauthorizes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the first time since 2003. The three-year authorization more than doubles the loan program's authorized spending to \$1.95 billion by the third year.

AWWA's 2012 *Buried No Longer* report found that an additional \$1 billion would be required over a 25-year period to repair and expand the U.S. water infrastructure. WIFIA provides low interest federal loans for large water infrastructure projects.

America's Water Infrastructure Act is a combination of regular, two-year water resources development legislation and a Safe Drinking Water Act bill that the House produced. AWWA provided substantial input, including advocating for stronger requirements for notifying downstream water utilities of chemical spills and updating security and resiliency provisions to reflect an all-hazards approach. The legislation establishes a Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program to award grants to increase resilience to natural hazards.

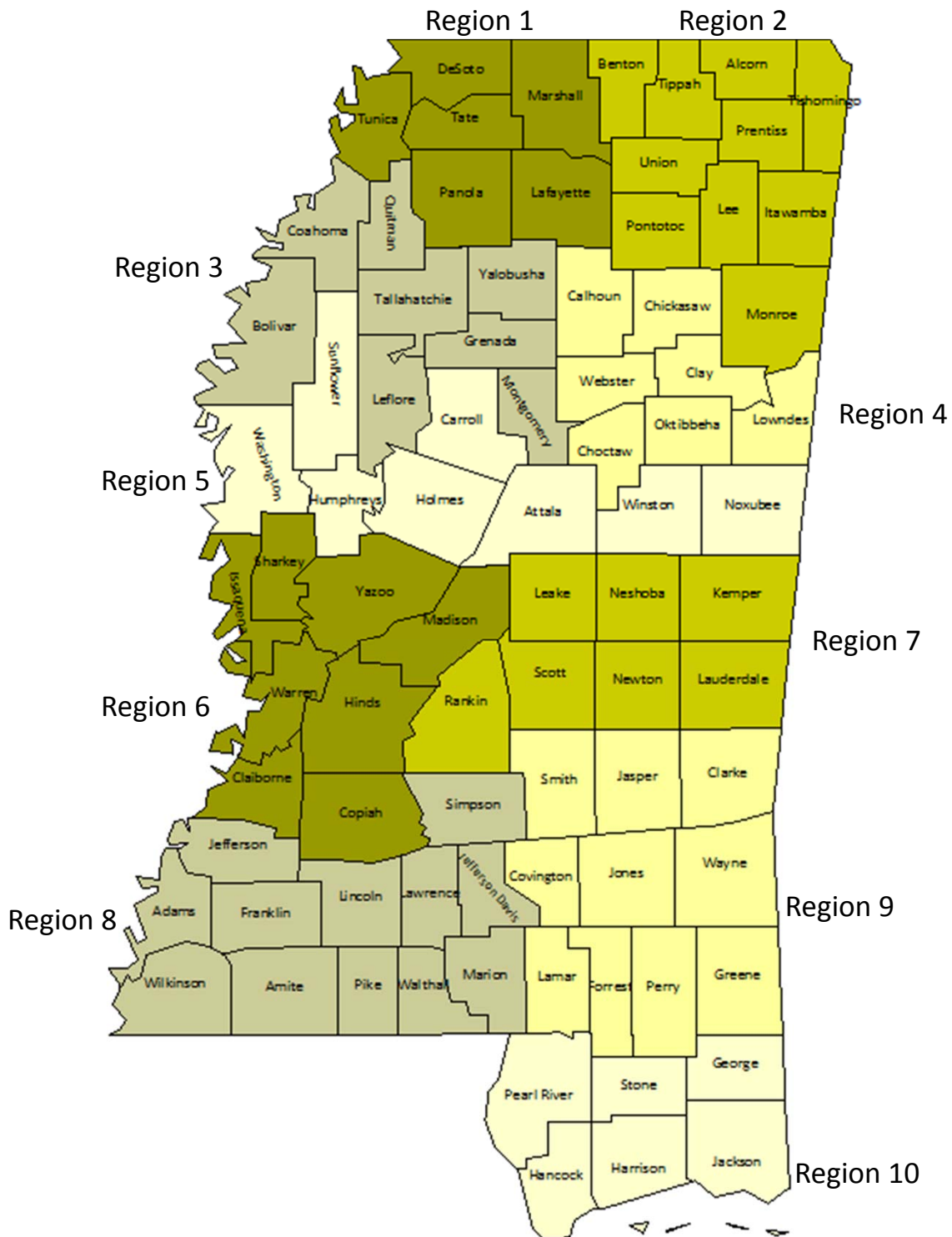
"We think the legislation strikes an important balance in applying an all-hazards approach to evaluating risk and resilience in the water sector," said AWWA Federal Relations Manager Kevin Morley, who oversees the Association's security and emergency preparedness work. "We believe that many of the resources AWWA has developed will aid utilities in meeting these new requirements."

Established in 1881, the American Water Works Association is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world's most important resource. With approximately 51,000 members, AWWA provides solutions to improve public health, protect the environment, strengthen the economy and enhance our quality of life.

Thank you for all you do.

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# MSDH-BPWS Region Map



**MSDH Region 1 includes the counties of:  
Desoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tate and Tunica**

Monday – Friday, October 29 – November 2

**Backflow Control BPAT Certification and Recertification**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Roger Crane at 662-333-9007

Training Location: Bethlehem Fire House, 2173 Brownlee Road, Potts Camp, MS (Marshall County)

Training Topics:

- BPAT Certification & Recertification

Total Number of Hours: 0

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Wednesday – Friday, November 7 – 9

**ACTS NOW and MS811 Training**

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Location: Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, 151 Beach BLVD, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Topics:

- Damage Prevention
- MS811
- OSHA UPDATES
- Protecting Water Lines

Total Number of Hours: 14 Total with 6 Regulatory

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Tuesday, November 13

**Sigma Consulting & Training**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Chris Pappas at 863-232-2910

Training Location: Holiday Inn, 210 Power Drive, Batesville (Panola County)

Training Topics:

- Responding to a Chemical Disaster
- Chemical Hazards
- Decontamination Procedures

Total Number of Hours: 8.5 Total with 1 Regulatory Hour

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**MSDH Region 2 contains the counties of:  
Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Tippah,  
Tishomingo, and Union**

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Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Topics:

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- OSHA UPDATES
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**MSDH Region 3 contains the counties of:  
Bolivar, Coahoma, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Quitman, Tallahatchie, and  
Yalobusha**

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Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Location: Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, 151 Beach BLVD, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Topics:

- Damage Prevention
- MS811
- OSHA UPDATES
- Protecting Water Lines

Total Number of Hours: 14 Total with 6 Regulatory

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Wednesday, November 7

**MsRWA Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-426-2636

Training Location: Coahoma Community College, 3240 Friars Point Road, Clarksdale (Coahoma County)

Training Topics:

- Operator Regulations
- MSDH UPDATE
- Chlorinators
- Water Meters

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

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**MSDH Region 4 contains the counties of:  
Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha and Webster**

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Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Topics:

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**MSDH Region 5 contains the counties of:  
Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Noxubee, Sunflower, Washington and  
Winston**

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Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

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**MSDH Region 6 contains the counties of:  
Copiah, Claiborne, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Sharkey, Warren and Yazoo**

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Training Location: Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, 151 Beach BLVD, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
- Utility Workshop

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total 0 Regulatory

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

Training Topics:

- Damage Prevention
- MS811
- OSHA UPDATES
- Protecting Water Lines

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Thursday, November 8

**MsRWA Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Public Service Commission of Yazoo City, 210 South Mound Street, Yazoo City, MS (Yazoo County)

Training Topics:

- Operator Regulations
- MSDH UPDATE
- Water Quality Analysis

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

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Monday – Friday, November 12 – 16

**Best Choice Backflow Services BPAT Certification & Recertification**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Bill Johnson at 601-270-3791

Training Location: Metro Mechanical Inc, 1385 Industrial Drive, Bolton (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- BPAT Certification & Recertification

Total Number of Hours: 0

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Thursday, November 15

**MsRWA Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Rickey Parker at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Old Wesson School, 1087 8TH Street, Wesson (Copiah County)

Training Topics:

- UTILITY SELF ASSESSMENT

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

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**MSDH Region 7 contains the counties of:  
Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Rankin and Scott**

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Thursday and Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Thursday, November 15

**Sigma Consulting & Training**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Chris Pappas at 863-232-2910

Training Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 438 Riverwind Drive, Pearl MS (Rankin County)

Training Topics:

- Responding to a Chemical Disaster
- Chemical Hazards
- Decontamination Procedures

Total Number of Hours: 8.5 Total with 1 Regulatory Hour

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Tuesday, November 27

**MWPCOA District 3 Meeting**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7782-3

Training Location: McClain Lodge, 314 Clark Creek Road, Brandon (Rankin County)

Training Topics:

- Training Update
- Business Meeting

Total Number of Hours: 2 Total with 1 Regulatory

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**MSDH Region 8 contains the counties of:  
Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lincoln, Marion, Pike,  
Simpson, Walthall, Wilkinson**

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Training Topics:

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Thursday, November 15

**MsRWA Board Management Training**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: SW Community College - Horace Holmes Student Union, 1156 College Drive - 2nd Floor Auditorium, Summit (Pike County)

Training Topics:

- Laws & Regulations
- Emergency Preparedness
- Rate Setting

Total Number of Hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

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Wednesday, November 28

**MsRWA HOOT Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Griner Drilling Office, 1014 HWY 98, Columbia MS (Marion County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE
- Well Abandonment Procedures
- Aquifer Geology

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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**MSDH Region 9 contains the counties of:  
Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Perry, Smith and  
Wayne**

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Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Training Topics:

- OSHA
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Contact Person: Kerry Brown at 501-548-6363

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Wednesday, November 14

**Sigma Consulting & Training**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Chris Pappas at 863-232-2910

Training Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 133 Plaza Drive, Hattiesburg (Forrest County)

Training Topics:

- Responding to a Chemical Disaster
- Chemical Hazards
- Decontamination Procedures

Total Number of Hours: 8.5 Total with 1 Regulatory Hour

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**MSDH Region 10 contains the counties of:  
George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone**

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