

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

March 2019

Good afternoon! Attached is the March 2019 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.

In other Mississippi utility-related news: Mississippi's 25 electrical cooperatives can now offer high-speed internet service as Gov. Phil Bryant signed a law that immediately gives them that legal authority.

Michael Callahan, CEO of Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi, said he was counseling patience as Bryant signed House Bill 366, but the first of the power providers could begin offering internet service by the end of this year or early next year.

"Just letting people be connected to what's going on is critical to the advancement of this state," said House Speaker Philip Gunn, a Clinton Republican who sponsored the bill.

Callahan said 20 of the state's 25 cooperatives have already performed feasibility studies, and three more are now planning studies. He said many of the nearly 800,000 customers cooperatives serve statewide have indicated interest in buying the service, but said cooperatives have to make sure the service will pay for itself.

"We can't get caught up in emotion," Callahan said. "This has to be a business decision."

Callahan said cooperatives were meeting to discuss applications for a share of \$600 million in loans and grants the U.S. Department of Agriculture will award this year to expand service. He said cooperatives could partner among themselves or with outside vendors who have expressed interest.

Cooperatives aren't required to offer and current customers wouldn't be required to buy service.

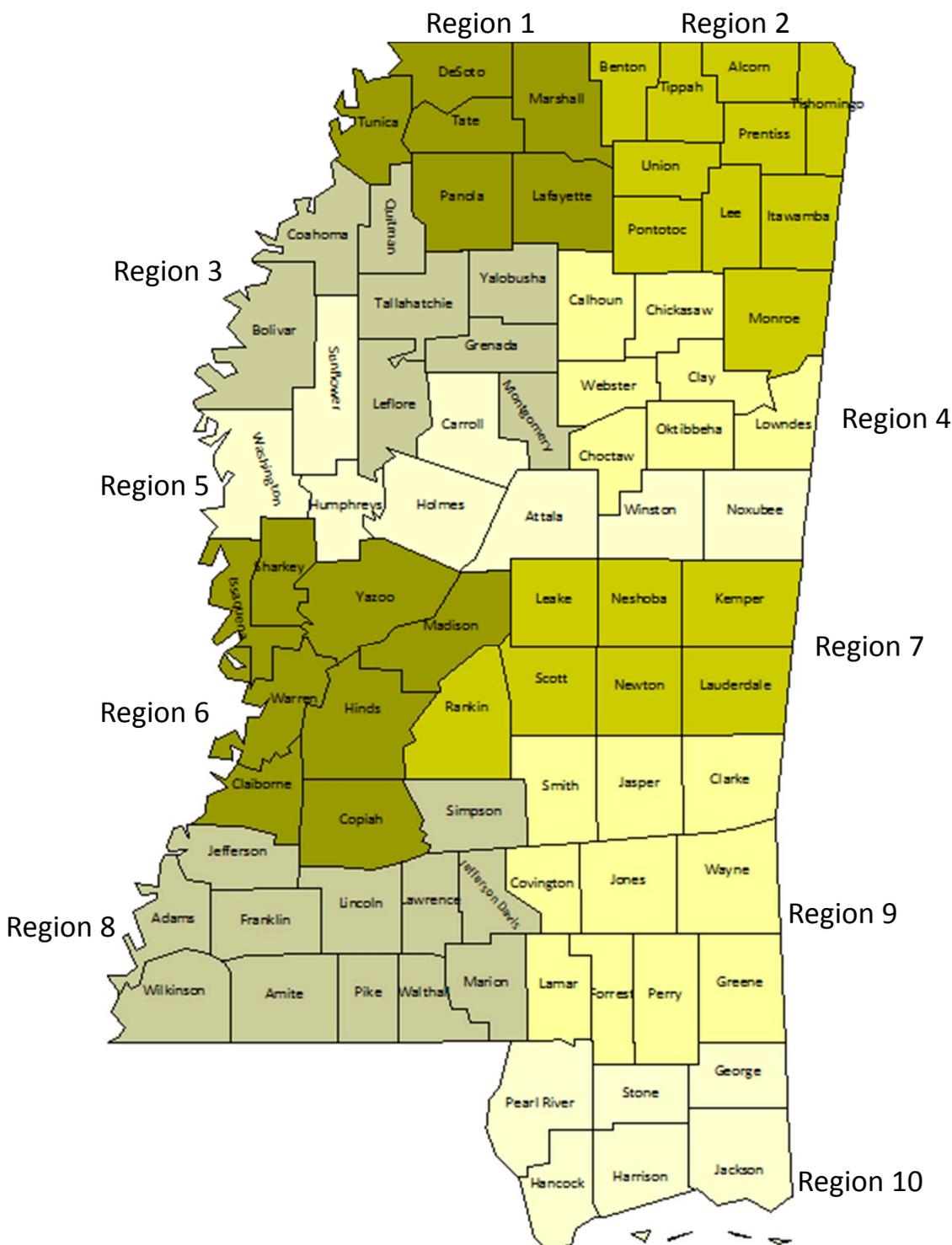
The law allows cooperatives to invest money, loan money or guarantee loans to affiliates, but says they can't use revenue from electric sales to subsidize broadband.

Article source: https://www.djournal.com/news/new-mississippi-law-lets-electric-co-ops-offer-internet/article_f5f94345-55b3-555d-a2f8-97dc5cc78de6.html

Thank you for all you do.

Lauren Behel and Alan Barefield
Mississippi State University Extension Service

MSDH-BPWS Region Map



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

Monday - Friday, March 4 – 8

Backflow Control BPAT Certification & 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

Monday – Thursday, March 25 – 28

MsRWA Annual Conference

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE
- WATER PLANT TOURS
- Asset Management
- Ethics in the Work Place
- Energy Conservation
- USDA Loan & Grant Program
- MSRWA BUSINESS MEETING
- STATE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND

Total Number of Hours: 24 Total with 12 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, March 6

MsRWA HOOT Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Town of Farmington, 4135 County Road 200, Corinth MS (Alcorn County)

Training Topics:

- Leak Detection
- Distribution System Flushing
- Water Quality Analysis

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

Wednesday, March 20

MWPCOA District 2 Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Sheila Williams at 601-573-2792

Training Location: MSU Extension Service, 400 C.J. Hardin, JR Road, Pontotoc MS (Pontotoc County)

Training Topics:

- Proper Sampling Procedures
- MSDH UPDATE
- Compliance
- Water Testing

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

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Training Topics:

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

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

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Total Number of Hours: 24 Total with 12 Regulatory

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

Thursday, March 7

MsRWA HOOT Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: East Lowndes Water Association, 1325 Ridge Road, Columbus MS (Lowndes County)

Training Topics:

- Water Conservation
- Distribution System Flushing
- Cross Connection

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE
- WATER PLANT TOURS
- Asset Management
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**MSDH Region 5 contains the counties of:
Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Noxubee, Sunflower, Washington and
Winston**

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

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Total Number of Hours: 24 Total with 12 Regulatory

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

Monday – Friday, March 18 - 22

Best Choice Backflow Services BPAT Certification and Recertification

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Bill Johnson at 601-857-3791

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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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

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- WATER PLANT TOURS
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Total Number of Hours: 24 Total with 12 Regulatory

Monday, March 25

MsRWA Board Management

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Trademart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson MS (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- Rate Setting
- Emergency Preparedness
- Board Members' Duties, Responsibilities, & Ethics
- Post Assessment

Total Number of Hours: 8 Total with 2 Regulatory

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

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Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

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Total Number of Hours: 24 Total with 12 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, March 6

MsRWA HOOT Training

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Group Camp, Percy Quinn State Park, 2036 Percy Quinn Drive, McComb MS (Pike County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE
- Flushing Procedures
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 6 Total with 3 Regulatory

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Training Topics:

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

Wednesday, March 13

MsRWA Asset Management Class

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Lake Terrace Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg (Forrest County)

Training Topics:

- Asset Management
- Capital Assets

Total Number of Hours: 7 Total with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday, March 14

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Lake Terrace Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg (Forrest County)

Training Topics:

- USDA Loan & Grant Program
- Drinking Water State Revolving Program
- Asset Management

Total Number of Hours: 7 with 3 Regulatory

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

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Training Location: Mississippi Trade Mart Center, 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE
- WATER PLANT TOURS
- Asset Management
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