

# Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

June 2015

Good morning! Attached is the June 2015 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.

Rain is in the forecast again. I believe we are all tired of hearing that after the very wet seasons we've had lately. However, living in the unpredictable-weather state of Mississippi, it has become a part of our lives.

EPA has developed a variety of guidance documents and other informative resources to support drinking water and wastewater utility preparedness, response and recovery. As demonstrated by the graphic below, being ready to respond to an incident requires a continuous cycle of activities.



Credit: <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/emmerplan/#pp28>

Flooding is one of the most common hazards in the United States, causing more damage than any other severe weather-related event. Impacts to drinking water and wastewater utilities can include loss of power, damage to assets, and dangerous conditions for personnel. As storms become more frequent and intense, flooding will be an ongoing challenge for water and wastewater utilities. "Flood Resilience" refers to the ability of water and wastewater utilities to withstand a flooding event, minimize damage, and rapidly recover from disruptions to service. Preparedness requires financial investment by the utility; however, flood prevention could minimize costly damage and enable the utility to provide more reliable service to customers during a disaster. To help pay for flood preparedness measures, a utility can apply for federal disaster mitigation funds.

For more information, please visit <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/emmerplan/#pp28> and view the *Flood Resilience: A Basic Guide for Water and Wastewater Utilities*. With a user-friendly layout, embedded videos, and flood maps to guide you, EPA's Flood Resilience Guide is your one-stop resource to know your flooding threat and identify practical mitigation options to protect your critical assets. Its focus is on small and medium drinking water and wastewater utilities.

Thank each of you for your hard work and dedication.

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

Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2

**Backflow Control Backflow Recertification**

Monday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Contact Person: Roger Crane at 662-333-9007

Training Location: Bethlehem Fire Department, Potts Camp (Marshall County)

Training Topics:

- Hazard of Backflow
- Fundamentals of Backflow
- Methods & Mechanisms for Preventing Backflow
- Testing & Maintenance
- Developing a Backflow Prevention Program
- RP Test Procedures
- Double Check Test Procedures
- PVB Test Procedures
- RP Hands-On Practice
- Double Check Hands-On Practice
- PVB Hands-On Practice

Note: The Recertification review class will be Monday, June 1, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Backflow Certification and Recertification examinations will be given Tuesday, June 2, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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Monday, June 1

**MWPCOA District 9 Bimonthly Meeting**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: David Karr at 662-563-6623

Training Location: Burns BBQ, 450 Hwy 6 East, Batesville (Panola County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH Update
- Business Meeting

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 18

**MWPCOA District 2 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: Bill Rutledge at 662-489-9722

Training Location: China Buffet, 3877 N. Gloster, Tupelo (Lee County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- Sampling

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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Wednesday, June 24

**MsRWA Operator Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: City of Corinth, Surface Water Treatment Plant, 2710 Hwy 72 East, Glenn (Alcorn County)

Training Topics:

- Water Field Testing
- MSDH Update
- Water Meters

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 25

**MsRWA Operator Training**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: City of Pontotoc, Public Works Building, 140 W. Reynolds St., Pontotoc (Pontotoc County)

Training Topics:

- Water Field Testing
- MSDH Update
- Water Meters

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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- WA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 11

**MWPCOA District 8 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at 662-295-2792

Training Location: Cattleman's Steak and Fish, 301 Tuscaloosa Rd., Columbus (Lowndes County)

Training Topics:

- Websites for Utilities
- Business Meeting

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Tuesday, June 9

**MS811 Training**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Atmos Office, Kosciusko (Attala County)

Training Topics:

- MS Dig Law
- Damage Prevention

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 25

**MsRWA Hands On Operator Training**

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: Vicksburg Water Treatment Plant, Vicksburg (Warren County)

Training Topics:

- RWEAC Emergency Response
- MSDH Update
- Phone Apps
- Water Plant Tour

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 11

**MWPCOA District 3 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7783

Training Location: Penn's Restaurant, 613 W. Government St, Brandon (Rankin County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- W/WW Jeopardy

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 16

**MWPCOA District 3 Operator Training**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7783

Training Location: Brandon City Hall, 1000 Municipal Dr., Busick Room, Brandon (Rankin County)

Training Topics:

- Safe Work Practices for Water/WW Operators
- Slips and Falls, Eye Safety, and Electrical Safety
- Hazard Communication and MSDS
- Confined Space Safety
- Water Bourne Pathogens
- Chlorine Safety and Lock Out/ Tag Out

Total Training Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 25

**MWPCOA District 4 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Susan Boyette at 601-483-6883

Training Location: Ryan's Steakhouse, 207 s. Frontage Rd., Meridian (Lauderdale County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- MS811

Total Training Hours: 2 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**

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Thursday, June 25

**MWPCOA District 7 Bimonthly Meeting**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Contact Person: Cathy Van Dan at 601-814-0998

Training Location: Golden Corral, 200 Anna Dr., McComb (Pike County)

Training Topics:

- Insurance
- Disinfection

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Monday, June 15

**Best Choice Backflow Certification & Recertification**

8:00 am – 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Bill Johnson at 601-270-3791

Training Location: Forrest County Multi-Purpose Center, 962 Sullivan Dr., Hattiesburg (Forrest/Lamar County)

Training Topics:

- Hazard of Backflow
- Fundamentals of Backflow
- Methods & Mechanisms for Preventing Backflow
- Testing & Maintenance
- Developing a Backflow Prevention Program
- RP Test Procedures
- Double Check Test Procedures
- PVB Test Procedures
- RP Hands-On Practice
- Double Check Hands-On Practice
- PVB Hands-On Practice

Note: The Recertification review class will be Thursday, June 18, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Backflow Certification and Recertification examinations will be given Friday, June 19, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, June 16

**MWPCOA District 5 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Otis Parker at 601-752-5307

Training Location: Bosun Joe's, 110 North Front St., Ellisville (Jones County)

Training Topics:

- Trench Safety
- Business Meeting

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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

Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4

**MsRWA Summer Training**

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 800-343-2520 or 601-857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Beach Blvd., Hwy 90, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

Tuesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Energy Efficiency
- USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program
- SFR Program
- Electrical Control Panels
- Working in Traffic

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Wednesday:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- SDWA Sampling Requirements
- Exhibit Hall Training
- Customer Service
- GPS/GIS
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 7 with 3.5 Regulatory

Thursday:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hydraulics
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 4 with 2 Regulatory

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Wednesday, June 3

**MsRWA Board Management Training**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at (601) 857-2433

Training Location: MS Gulf Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

- Laws & Regulations
- Duties & Responsibilities
- Operation & Maintenance
- Management & Finance
- Rate Setting
- Long Range Planning
- Customer Service
- Community Relations
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Training Hours: 8 with 2 regulatory hours

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Thursday, June 11

**MWPCOA District 6 Bimonthly Meeting**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Otis Parker at 601-752-5307

Training Location: Panda Palace Buffet, 15200 Crossroads Pkwy, Gulfport (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

- Control Panels
- Business Meeting

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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