

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

August 2015

Good morning! Attached is the August 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.

In June 2015, EPA issued the 2015 underground storage tank regulation and the 2015 state program approval regulation. The revisions strengthen the 1988 federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations by increasing emphasis on properly operating and maintaining UST equipment. The revisions will help prevent and detect UST releases, which are a leading source of groundwater contamination. The revisions will also help ensure all USTs in the United States, including those in Indian country, meet the same minimum standards. This is the first major revision to the federal UST regulations since 1988.

The changes establish federal requirements that are similar to key portions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In addition, EPA added new operation and maintenance requirements and addressed UST systems deferred in the 1988 UST regulation. The changes include:

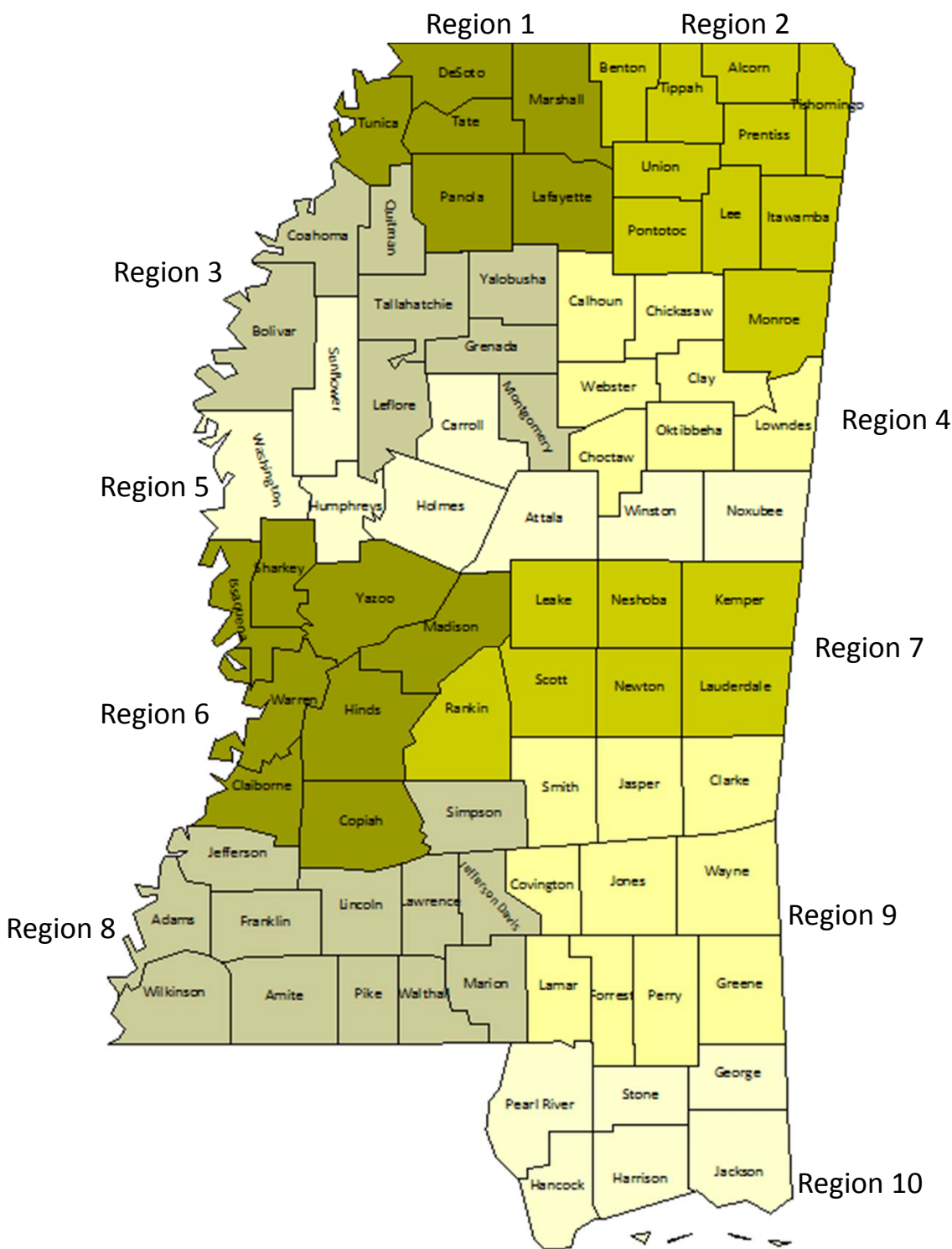
- Adding secondary containment requirements for new and replaced tanks and piping
- Adding operator training requirements
- Adding periodic operation and maintenance requirements for UST systems
- Adding requirements to ensure UST system compatibility before storing certain biofuel blends
- Removing past deferrals for emergency generator tanks, airport hydrant systems, and field-constructed tanks
- Updating codes of practice
- Making editorial and technical corrections

For more information, please visit the EPA website.

Please stay safe in this summer heat and thanks 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**

Tuesday, August 11

MsRWA Hands On Operator Training

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: North Delta Planning and Development, 220 Power Dr., Batesville (Panola County)

Training Topics:

- Energy Efficiency
- Emergency Response
- Chlorinator Repair
- MSDH Update
- Fire Hydrant & Valve Repair

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Monday and Tuesday, August 24 and 25

Backflow Control Recertification

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Roger Crane at 662-333-5007

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, August 24, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Backflow Certification and Recertification examinations will be given Tuesday, August 25, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, August 12

MsRWA Operator Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Town of Saltillo, City Hall, 395 Mobile St., Saltillo (Lee County)

Training Topics:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Generator Maintenance
- MSDH Update
- "Strange Things" found in Storage Tanks
- Tank Inspection

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, August 13

MWPCOA District 8 Bimonthly Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at 662-295-2792

Training Location: Friendship House, 20037 Doss Dr., Aberdeen (Monroe County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, August 26

MsRWA Operator Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: City of Greenwood, Greenwood Utilities, 2201 West River Rd., Greenwood (Leflore County)

Training Topics:

- Back-flow Preventers
- Piping Products
- MSDH Update
- "Strange Things" found in Storage Tanks
- *Tank Inspection

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 27

MsRWA Operator Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: MSU, Bost Extension Center, Theater, Extension Dr., Starkville (Oktibbeha County)

Training Topics:

- Back-flow Preventers
- Piping Products
- MSDH Update
- "Strange Things" found in Storage Tanks
- Tank Inspection

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

Thursday, August 27

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Atmos Office, Greenville (Washington County)

Training Topics:

- MS Dig Law
- Damage Prevention

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 6

AWWA Training

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Mauricka McKenzie at 601-941-9599

Training Location: 125 South Congress St., Jackson (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- Water Well Design
- Water Well Construction and Maintenance
- Groundwater Sources, Well Pump Test, Log Interpretation
- MSDH Update
- Treating Colored Water
- Water Plant Tour

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, August 6

MWPCOA District 3 Bimonthly Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7783

Training Location: Beechwood Restaurant, 4451 Clay St., Vicksburg (Warren County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- Lagoon Closure

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

Thursday, August 13

MsRWA Board Management Training

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

Training Location: MsRWA, 5400 North Midway Rd, Raymond (Hinds 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

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

Thursday, August 13

MsRWA Operator Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Meridian Community College, Hwy 19 North, Webb Hall, College Dr. & 14th St.,
Great Southern Room, Meridian (Lauderdale County)

Training Topics:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Generator Maintenance
- MSDH Update
- "Strange Things" found in Storage Tanks
- Tank Inspection

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, August 27

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
- MSDH Update

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, August 19

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Atmos Office, Natchez (Adams County)

Training Topics:

- MS Dig Law
- Damage Prevention

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Wednesday, August 19

MsRWA Management Workshop

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Tom Abernathy at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Adams County Water Association, 700 Hwy 61 North, Washington, MS (Adams County)

Training Topics:

- Management Areas for Sustainability
- Utility Rate Study
- Table Exercise

Total Training Hours: 6 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, August 27

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:

- Government Structure of Community Water Systems

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 18

MWPCOA District 5 Bimonthly Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Otis Parker at 601-752-5307

Training Location: Golden Corral, 6082 Hwy 98, Hattiesburg (Forrest County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- Sampling Procedures

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 13

MWPCOA District 6 Bimonthly Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Otis Parker at 601-752-5307

Training Location: Sicily's Italian Buffet, Biloxi (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- VFDs

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory
