

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

August 2017

Good afternoon! Attached is the August 2017 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 third 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.

House advances Drinking Water System Improvement Act of 2017

July 17, 2017

Members of the U.S. House Subcommittee on the Environment concluded markup recently on legislation that would make a series of minor reforms to the Safe Drinking Water Act while reauthorizing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

The unanimously-approved Drinking Water System Improvement Act of 2017 authorizes spending up to \$8 billion on the DWSRF over the next five years, while also authorizing up to \$750 million for the Public Water System Supervision grant program.

Lawmakers promised to continue to refine the bill ahead of a full-committee markup. The bill will now move to the full Energy and Commerce Committee, the House and the Senate before becoming law.

Other components of the Drinking Water System Improvement Act would:

- Extend for five years the current “Buy American” provisions that require the use of domestic iron and steel on DWSRF projects, along with provisions that allow EPA to waive the requirement if domestic products would increase overall project costs by more than 25 percent;
- Require recipients of DWSRF dollars to certify to their state that they have considered the costs and effectiveness of materials and techniques chosen for the project;
- Offer a two-year enforcement reprieve to water systems that enter contractual agreements to take over “significant management or administrative functions” of other systems that have a history of water quality violations;
- Require states to report on actions they take to encourage utility asset management planning, and direct EPA to periodically review and update training materials it produces for water utility managers on asset management strategies;
- Direct EPA to study and report to the public on existing and potential technologies for the treatment and distribution of drinking water;
- Improve DWSRF loan terms for projects serving disadvantaged communities; and
- Amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act to ensure that community water systems are notified of a release of a contaminant into its source waters.

During the markup, the subcommittee also approved a bloc of amendments to the legislation that would include the cost of lead service line replacements in future EPA Drinking Water Needs Surveys, set

aside six percent of a state's annual DWSRF allotment for projects in disadvantaged communities, permanently apply Davis-Bacon wage controls to DWSRF-funded projects, authorize \$25 million over five years for grants to help schools replace drinking water fountains tainted with lead, and require the Government Accountability Office to identify instances of duplicative state, local and federal requirements on DWSRF loan recipients.

Additional provisions could be inserted before the bill goes to the full Energy and Commerce Committee. Lawmakers plan to negotiate proposals to require regular updates to vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans and to increase the frequency of consumer confidence reports.

The bill could be ready to go before the full Energy and Commerce Committee before the end of July. After that, the bill could be a candidate for inclusion in any comprehensive infrastructure legislation Congress may attempt to assemble later this year.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) commended members of the subcommittee, ultimately noting it as an improvement for the Safe Drinking Water Act.

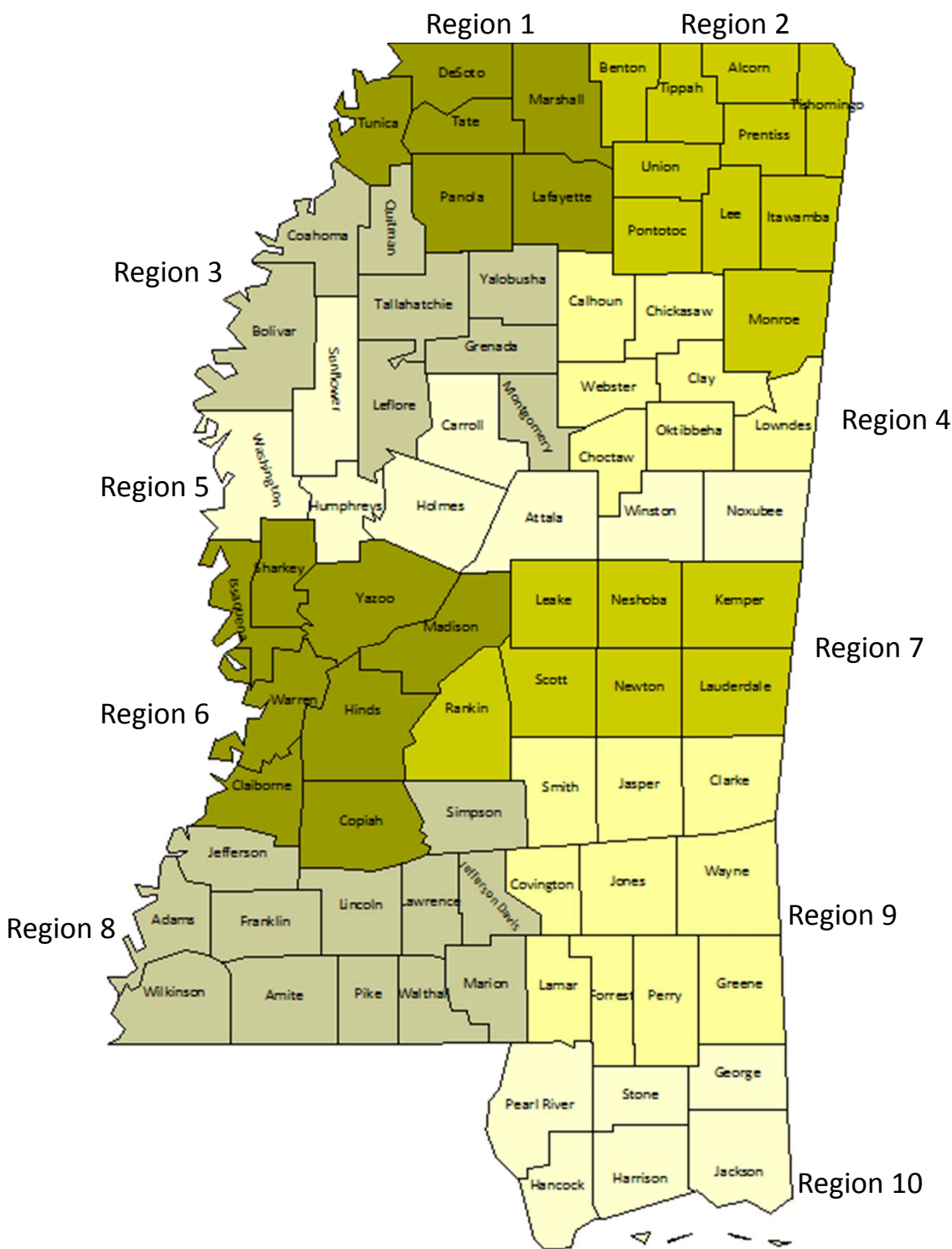
"The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan program remains an important water finance tool," said Tracy Mehan, AWWA executive director for government affairs. "Reauthorization of the SRF program is overdue, and drinking water providers are pleased to see a substantial increase in authorized funding."

AWWA also voiced support for potential improvements to the Safe Drinking Water Act. The association supported language that encourages – but does not mandate – asset management practices at utilities and does not impose a federal definition of asset management.

Source: <https://waterfm.com/house-advances-safe-drinking-water-reform/>

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MSDH-BPWS Region Map



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

Thursday, August 10

AWWA Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Jim Miller at 256-310-3646

Training Location: MSU Extension-Desoto County Office, 3260 HWY 51 South Hernando (Desoto County)

Training Topics:

- SCADA
- Confined Space Safety

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, August 9

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Town of Saltillo, City Hall, 395 Mobile Street, Saltillo.

Training Topics:

- Preparing for MSDH Inspection
- MSDH Update
- Mapping your Public Water System

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory Hours

Thursday, August 24

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Bancorp South Arena, 375 East Main Street, Tupelo (Lee County)

Training Topics:

- Mueller Company Training
- Fire Hydrants
- Valves
- Pipe Repair

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 17

MWPCOA District 9 Business Meeting

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: David Karr at 662-563-6623

Training Location: 3 Way Restaurant, 5620 HWY 32, Charleston (Tallahatchie County)

Training Topics:

- MSDH UPDATE

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, August 17

MWPCOA District 1 Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Bobby Brown at 662-721-0571

Training Location: Bolivar County Extension Service, 406 North Martin Luther King Drive, Cleveland
(Bolivar County)

Training Topics:

- Damage Prevention
- MSDIGLAW
- MSDH UPDATE
- COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Tuesday, August 22

MsRWA Board Management Training

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Taylor Hall, 600 Butler Street, Grenada (Grenada County)

Training Topics:

- Laws & Regulations
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

Wednesday, August 22

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Taylor Hall, City of Grenada, 600 Butler Street, Grenada (Grenada County)

Training Topics:

- Preparing for your MSDH inspection
- MSDH UPDATE
- Mapping you Public Water System

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 10

MWPCOA District 8 Business Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at 662-295-2792

Training Location: Cattleman's Restaurant, 301 Tuscaloosa Road. Columbus (Lowndes County)

Training Topics:

- System Hydraulics & Water Loss

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

There are no trainings for this region for the month of August.

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

Tuesday, August 15

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry K Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Public Works Office, Washington Street, Vicksburg (Warren County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Wednesday, August 16

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Mississippi Rural Water Office, 5400 N Midway Road, Raymond (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- NIMS
- Safety in Disaster areas
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 8

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry K Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Central Water Association, Valley View Drive. Philadelphia (Neshoba County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, August 10

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: City of Meridian, Union Station, 1901 Front Street, Meridian (Lauderdale County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW
- Break Point Chlorination
- MSDH UPDATE

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, August 10

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry K Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: EMEPA Office, HWY 39n, Meridian (Lauderdale County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 15

MWPCOA/MDEQ Day Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Ronnie Lindsey at 601-551-6642

Training Location: Pike County Library, 1022 Virginia Avenue, McComb (Pike County)

Training Topics:

- Lagoon Treatment

Total Number of Hours: 3 with 0 Regulatory

Thursday, August 17

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry K Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Atmos Office, Andrew Drive, Washington, MS (Adams County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

There are no trainings for this region for the month of August.

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

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