

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

May 2017

Good afternoon! Attached is the May 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 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.

From an article from the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, April 20, 2017:

Mississippi has plenty of work left to do, but a national report card shows the state has made significant gains in being prepared for public health emergencies. Since 2013, Mississippi improved in four out of the five broad categories on the National Health Security Index, according to a report released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“It appears Mississippi is improving at a faster rate than the country as a whole,” said University of Kentucky Professor Glen Mays, who lead the team of researchers. Mississippi still lags the nation with a score of 6.3 out of 10, compared to a national average of 6.8. States in the Deep South and Mountain West continue to trail states in the Northeast and on the West Coast. “Equal protection remains an elusive goal in health security, as rural and low-resource regions have fewer and weaker protections in place,” Mays said.

Public health emergencies can arise during a disease outbreak, but they can also come with natural disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes and man-made catastrophes like chemical spills or explosions. While state health departments are key players in preparing for and responding to these disasters, the index looks at a broader range of resources needed to respond in a crisis. Researchers look at more than 130 measures in five broad categories. The index was originally put together by the Centers for Disease Control. Now more than 30 organizations collaborate on the index, which is designed to be a tool to drive improvement.

“We only have about two-thirds of the protections the experts say we need,” Mays said. “We need to find ways to accelerate the improvement.” Mississippi had its biggest leaps in measures that reflect the ability to collect and analyze data to identify possible threats – going from 5.7 to 6.9 out of 10 – and communities’ capacity to work together in a disaster – from 4.2 to 6.0 out of 10. It also showed steady gain in the ability to mobilize and manage resources. The state scored above the national average in the community category, which includes measures that look at collaboration between public and private partners and volunteerism in preparing for and responding to crises. “That’s a very good sign,” Mays said. “It’s not just about resources. It’s about relationships.”

There were only small gains in measures that looked at the state of health systems and the ability to mitigate biologic, chemical or nuclear agents. The state remained level on the ability to prevent impacts from environmental and occupational hazards. That category includes

traditional health department functions like water and food inspections. That's a problem around the country.

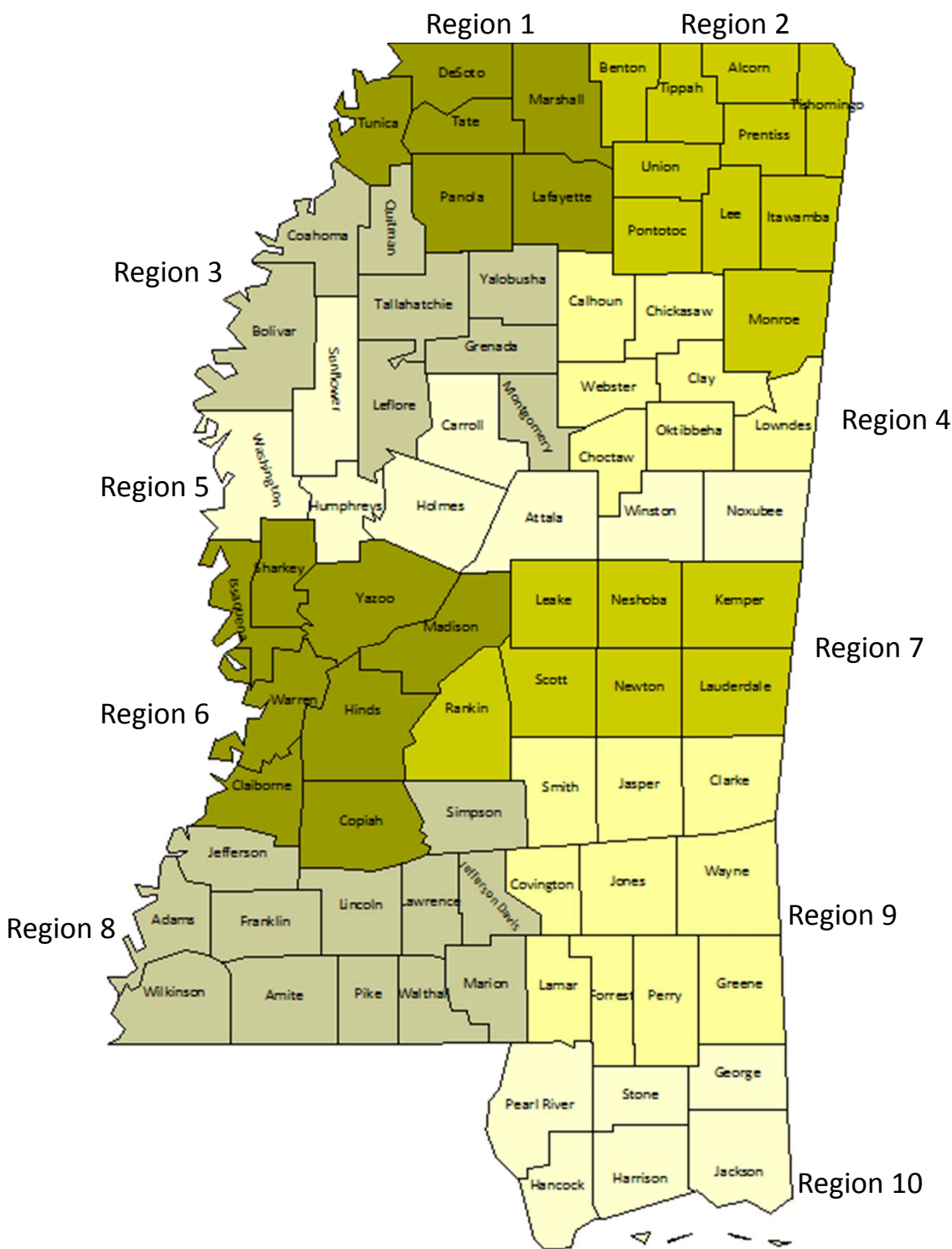
"We know we have an aging infrastructure for water and power," Mays said. "It's definitely an area of vulnerability." As the recovery from the recession has picked up speed, many states have reinvested in public health infrastructure, Mays said. Mississippi has seen an erosion as the state health department has been hit with deep cuts.

In 2016, the Mississippi State Department of Health had to shutter some county health departments, cut hours at others and reduce services. The health department is facing more cuts in the budget approved by the Legislature last month.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

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MSDH-BPWS Region Map



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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Thursday, May 18

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Jerry Kennemur at 662-415-2904

Training Location: Batesville City Hall, 106 College Street. Batesville (Panola County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 23

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Jerry Kennemur at 662-415-2904

Training Location: Mid-Valley Gas, 1001 College Hill Road. Oxford (Lafayette County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 16

MS811 Training

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Contact Person: Jerry Kennemur at 662-415-2904

Training Location: Biscuit's Steak House, 716 South Line Street, Ripley (Tippah County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 9

MWPCOA/MDEQ Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7783

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

Training Topics:

- Lagoon Treatment

Total Number of Hours: 3 with 0 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 23

MSRWA Board Management Training

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Greenwood, TBA (Leflore County)

Training Topics:

- Laws & Regulations
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

Wednesday, May 24

MSRWA 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 Road, Greenwood (Leflore County)

Training Topics:

- Lead & Copper Rule
- Lead & Copper Materials Inventory Requirements
- MS811

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Wednesday, May 17

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Jerry Kennemur at 662-415-2904

Training Location: Oktibbeha County 911,106 W Main Street. Starkville (Oktibbeha County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours; 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 9

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Training Location: Entergy Office, 2nd Street, Indianola (Sunflower County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, May 11

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Training Location; Atmos Office, Andrew Drive, Washington (Washington County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Tuesday, May 16

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Training Location: Atmos Office, HWY 35 Bypass, Kosciusko (Attala County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Wednesday, May 10

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

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

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, May 11

MSRWA Hoot Training

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: MSRWA Office 5400 North Midway Road. Raymond (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- Energy Conservation
- Emergency Response
- MSDH UPDATES

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Monday, May 15 – Friday, May 19

MSRWA Backflow Certification

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: MSRWA, 5400 N. Midway Rd., Raymond (Hinds 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
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Wednesday, May 17

MS811 Training

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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

Training Location: Public Works Office, HWY 51 N, Madison (Madison County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, May 18

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Training Location: Public Service Commission Office, South Mound Street, Yazoo City (Yazoo County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW

Total number of hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Wednesday, May 10

MSRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus, Redd-Watkins Vocational-Technical Building, 30 Campus Drive, Natchez (Adams County)

Training Topics:

- Lead & Copper Rule
- Lead & Copper Materials Inventory Requirements
- Lead & Copper Sample Site Plan
- MS811

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, May 11

MSRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Columbia/Marion County Library, 900 Broad Street, Columbia (Marion County)

Training Topics:

- Lead & Copper Rule
- Lead & Copper Materials Inventory Requirements

- Lead & Copper Sample Site Plan
- MS811

Total Number of Hour: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Wednesday, May 24

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Charles Stallings at 228-234-1795

Training Location: Collins Train Depot, South Ash Avenue, Collins (Covington County)

Training Topics:

- MS811DIGLAW

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, May 3

U.S. EPA Online Webinar

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Person: Anna Epstein at 617-673-7189

Training Location: Online

Training Topics:

- Resources for Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 1 with .5 Regulatory

Thursday, May 11

MS811 Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Jerry Kennemur at 662-415-2904

Training Location: Coast EPA, 14082 Hwy 49, Gulfport (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

- MSDIGLAW
- Locator Training

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 1 Regulatory

Friday, May 12

MSRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Avenue, Biloxi. (Harrison County)

Training Topics:

- Fire Hydrants
- Valves

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26

Best Choice Backflow Services BPAT Certification and Recertification

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Bill Johnson at 601-270-3791

Training Location: D'Iberville Parks & Recreation Center, 10760 Kajja Drive, D'Iberville, Ms 39540
(Harrison County)

Training Topic:

- BPAT Certification & Recertification.

Total Number of Hours: 0
