

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

August 2016

Good afternoon! Attached is the August 2016 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 MSDH:

At least one public water system has reported to MSDH that their treatment plant has become a site for the Pokémon Go game. This particular system has increased security, and MSDH urges other water systems to be mindful of the increased potential for trespassing.

What is the Pokémon Go game? It is a smartphone app that uses smartphones' GPS to detect where a user is in a virtual game map. Certain characters appear throughout the map that correspond with real places in each community. These characters can only be "caught" on the smart phone if the user walks/drives to that location. Most often, these characters can be found at common or accessible locations such as malls, restaurants, or monuments. However, there is a chance of the virtual map showing characters at or near prohibited locations.

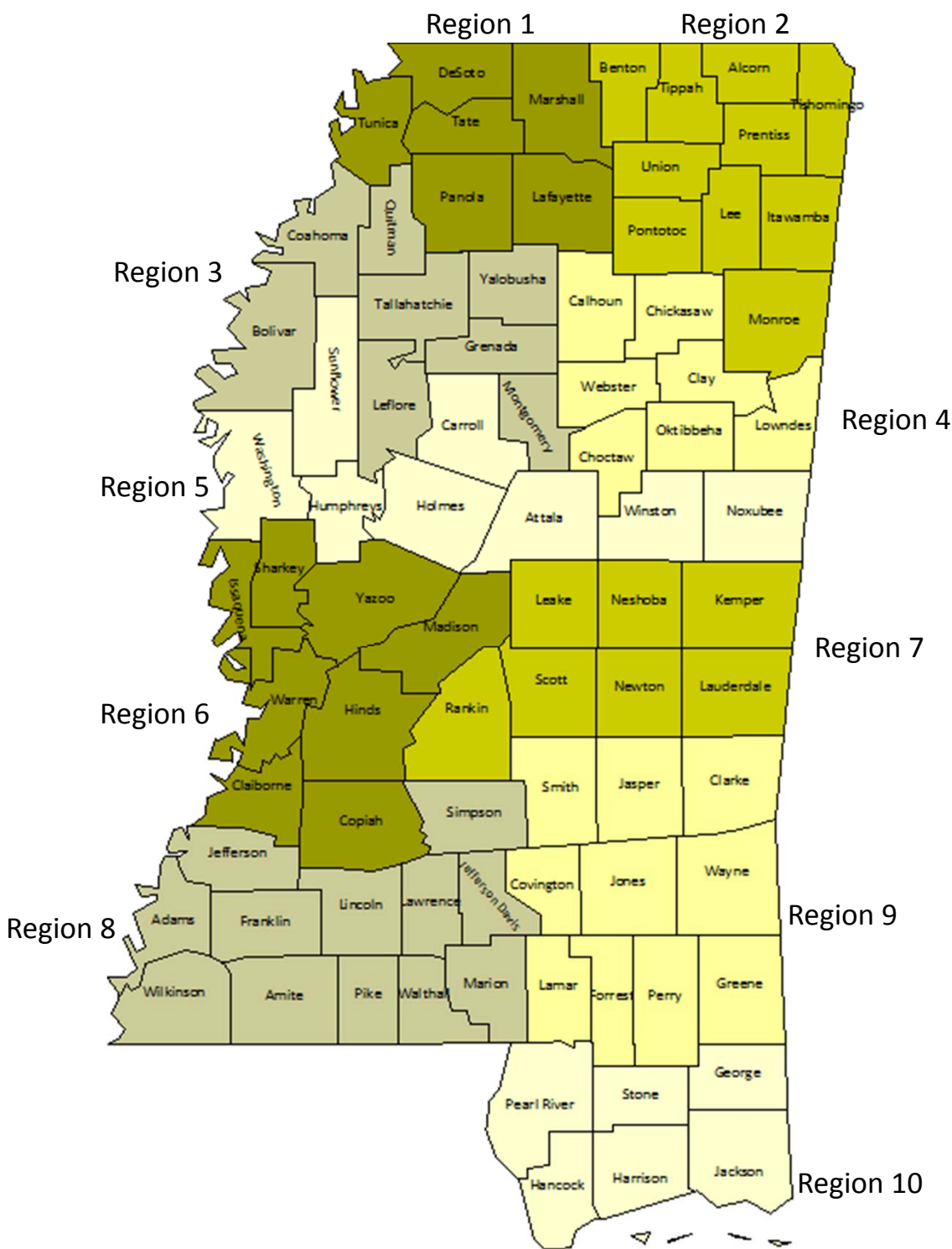
For example, the virtual map may show that a particular character is at or near the base of your elevated tank because the tank is a recognizable landmark. Players of the game will follow the virtual map on their phone to your facility to try to "catch" this character. This may lead to members of the public trying to access restricted areas or otherwise interfering with the water system.

As per MSDH urging, please be aware that this game may attract people, especially children and teens, to locations that may be prohibited. Extra security, monitoring, signage, etc. may be helpful to minimize trespassing or interfering with system assets.

Thank you for your dedication and stay safe.

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MSDH-BPWS Region Map



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

Tuesday, August 16

AL/MS AWWA & MS Water Environment Assn Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Mr. Jim Miller at 256-310-3646

Location: Mississippi State University Extension Panola County Office 245-C Eureka Street Batesville,
Ms 38606 (Panola County)

Training Topics:

- Equipment Monitoring
- Remote Monitoring & Control
- Energy Optimization.

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Wednesday, August 10

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: 395 Mobile Street, Saltillo (Lee County)

Training Topics:

- Water Meters
- Fire Hydrants
- SDWA
- Locating Water Leaks

Total Training Hour: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, August 11

MWPCOA Bimonthly Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at (662)-295-2792

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

Training Topics:

- District 8 Business Meeting
- Operators Relationship to local Emergency Management

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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

Thursday, August 11

MWPCOA District 9 Bimonthly Meeting

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact: David Karr

Location: 3 Way Restaurant, 5620 Ms Hwy 32, Charleston (Tallahatchie County)

Training Topics:

- Business meeting
- MSDH Update.

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Tuesday, August 23

MsRWA Board Management Training

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock

Location: City Of Grenada- Taylor Hall, 900 Butler Street (Hwy 51& MLK Drive) Grenada (Grenada County)

Topics:

- Regulations
- Customer Service
- Rate Settings
- Management and Finance
- Emergency Preparedness.

Total Training Hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

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

There are no trainings in this region for August 2016.

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

There are no trainings for this region for August 2016.

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

Wednesday and Thursday , August 17 and 18

MsRWA Training

Wed: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thurs: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc., Training Facility, 5400 N. Midway Road,
Raymond (Hinds County)

Training Topics:

- Financial Sustainability & Capacity Development
- Technical Sustainability & Capacity Development
- Managerial Sustainability & Capacity Development

Total Training Hours: 10 with no Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 9

MS811 Training

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Contact Person: Henry Greer at 601-942-2106

Training Location: Central Water Association, 915 Valley View Drive, Philadelphia (Neshoba County)

Training Topics:

- MS Dig Law

Total Training Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, August 11

MsRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: 1901 Front Street, Meridian (Lauderdale County)

Training Topics:

- Pipe Corrosion
- Lightening & Surge Protection
- Industrial Lubricants
- SDWA

Total Training Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, August 16

MWPCOA District 7 Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Ronnie Lindsey at 601-551-6642

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

Training Topics:

- Work Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Hazard Communication
- Confined Space Safety
- Waterborne Pathogens
- Chlorine Safety

Total Training Hours: 6 with 0 Regulatory

Thursday, August 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:

- PSC
- SOS Requirements

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 2

MWPCOA Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: D.L. Geiger at (601)577-0739

Location: Bosun Joe's Catfish, Ellisville, MS (Jones County)

Training Topics:

- New Products for Water

Total Training Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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

Monday – Friday, August 15 – 19

Best Choice Backflow Certification and Recertification

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Bill Johnson at 601-270-3791

Training Location: D'Iberville Parks and Recreation Center, 10760 KAJJA Drive., D'Iberville (Harrison 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, August 18, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

The Backflow Certification and Recertification examinations will be given Friday, August 19, 2016, beginning at 8:00am.
