

Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

December 2017



Good morning! Attached is the December 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. While long range planning for the public water and wastewater system has received a great deal of attention over the past several years, one particular component of a comprehensive long range plan is fast coming to the forefront.

The asset management plan identifies a well thought-out approach to dealing with the replacement, repair or refurbishment of the system's capital **and human** assets. The overriding principle behind the asset management plan is to ensure that the water or wastewater system provides quality service to its customers at the minimum cost necessary.

At its core, the asset management plan is concerned with addressing and mitigating the risk of capital asset failure or the risk of losing a valuable human asset. The idea is that replacing or repair a capital asset or replacing or retaining a human asset is much less expensive when the system has the luxury of confronting the issue when careful consideration can be given to the decision rather than having to make the decision in an emergency situation.

There are five major components to a quality asset management plan. These include:

1. Identifying the system's assets.
2. Ascertaining the physical condition of the assets.
3. Projecting the assets' remaining useful life.
4. Prioritizing the replacement or refurbishment of critical assets.
5. Formulating a feasible funding plan to cover the cost of the prioritized projects.

The plan's projects should feed into the system's financial management plan and ultimately into the system's rate structure.

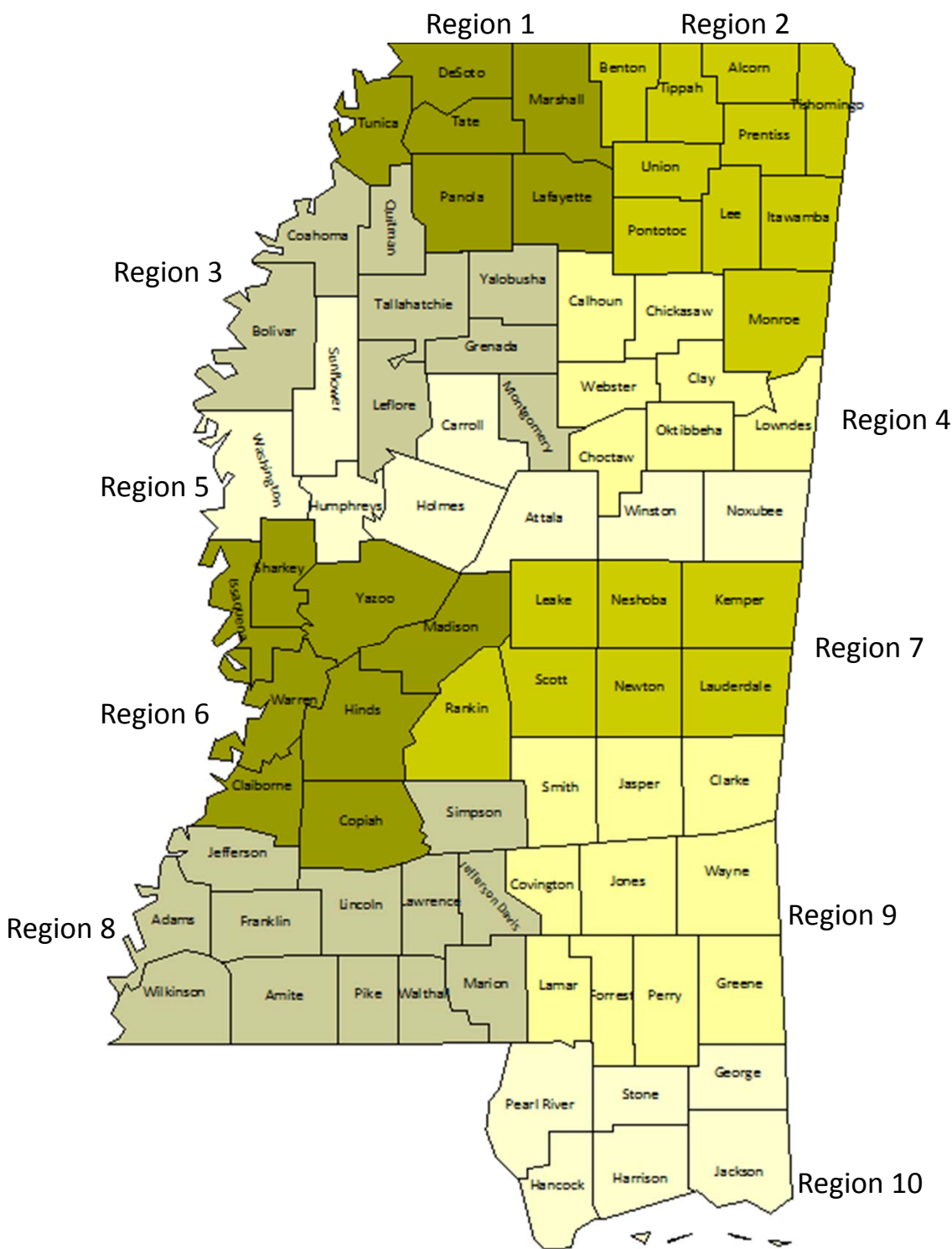
It is important for the system's management team to adopt a quality asset management and tracking process for the program to be successful. If there is anything that the Extension Service can do to assist your system in this or any other management effort, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thanks a lot and have a safe holiday season and a Merry Christmas. Above all, remember the reason for the season.

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MSDH-BPWS Region Map



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

Wednesday, December 13

MSRWA HOOT TRAINING

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Batesville Civic Center
290 Civic Center Drive
Batesville, MS

Training Topics: *Emergency Response
*Break Point Chlorination
*MSDH UPDATES
*Energy Efficiency

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

Thursday, December 14

MWPCOA District 9 Meeting

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: David Karr at 662-563-6623

Training Location: Panola County EMA Building
100 Armory Road
Sardis, MS

Training Topics: *MSDH UPDATE

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**

Tuesday, December 12

MWPCOA District 2 Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Bill Rutledge at 662-489-9722

Training Location: Seafood Junction
Algoma Rd.
Algoma, MS

Training Topics: *MSDH Update

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Thursday, December 14

MWPCOA DISTRICT 1 Training

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Contact Person: Bobby Brown at 662-721-0571

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

Training Topics: *Operator Duties and Responsibilities
*Testing Procedures

Total Number Of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

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

Thursday, December 7

MWPCOA District 8 Christmas Party

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at 662-295-2792

Training Location: Ryan's Steak House
1201 HWY 45 North
Columbus, MS

Training Topics: *Business Meeting
*Christmas Party

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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

There are no trainings scheduled for this region for the month of January.

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

There are no trainings scheduled for this region for the month of January.

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

Thursday, December 28

MWPCOA DISTRICT 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: John Knochenmus at 601-938-3060

Training Location: Queen City Truck Stop & Magnolia Café
5202 N. Frontage Rd.
Meridian, MS

Training Topics: *Business Meeting
*Christmas Party

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory Hours

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

Wednesday, December 13

MSRWA Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Magee Civic Center / Magee-Simpson County Library
117 Northwest First Avenue
Magee, MS

Training Topics: *Emergency Planning
*MSDH UPDATE
*Operator's Log Book
*Protecting Your Drinking Water Source

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

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

Tuesday, December 12

MSRWA BOARD MANAGEMENT TRAINING

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Jackie Dole Sherrill
220 Front Street
Hattiesburg, MS

Training Topics: *Laws & Regulations
*Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of Hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

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

Thursday, December 14

MSRWA HOOT TRAINING

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Pearl River Community College
Technology Center, Multi-Purpose Room
101 HWY 11 North Technology Loop
Poplarville, MS

Training Topics: *Chlorine Maintenance
*Back Flow Preventers
*Safe Operation Practices

Total Number of Hours: 6 with 3 Regulatory

MWPCOA DISTRICT 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact Person: Billy Scara at 228-327-7855

Training Location: Golden Corral
12255 US 49
Gulfport, MS

Training Topics: *Business Meeting
*Christmas Party

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory