Waterworks Operator Training Newsletter

June 2017

Good afternoon! Attached is the June 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.

From an article from the WaterWorld, May 19, 2017:

Martin Kropelnicki testified today on behalf of The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) and California Water Service Group before the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Environment.

In his written testimony submitted for the hearing entitled "Drinking Water System Improvement Act and Related Issues of Funding, Management, and Compliance Assistance Under the Safe Drinking Water Act," Kropelnicki, President and CEO of California Water Service Group and President of the NAWC, discussed efforts to improve the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

In his opening remarks Kropelnicki applauded the work of the Subcommittee for highlighting America's drinking water infrastructure needs and for putting forward a discussion draft of amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act for utilities and regulators to review.

"We are all working toward the same outcome - safe, reliable, and high-quality drinking water, which is critical to every person, community, and business in this country," said Kropelnicki.

Kropelnicki's testimony addressed two critical areas that can help improve the drinking water systems across the country while also ensuring that limited federal dollars are spent efficiently and wisely. First, there is a need to embrace and enact effective utility management practices and accountability for all water systems, whether these systems are public or private. Second, there is a need to address those drinking water systems that are consistently non-compliant with federal health and safety standards.

"Unfortunately, aging and deteriorating water systems threaten economic vitality and public health, and communities nationwide are faced with massive fiscal challenges to replace critical water and wastewater infrastructure and effectively manage their systems," Kropelnicki said. "After all, water systems are one of the most expensive assets for a community to maintain, and many municipally-owned utilities simply cannot afford to properly maintain, let alone improve and modernize, their infrastructure."

This hearing comes at a time when failing infrastructure has become a national topic of conversation. Earlier this year, President Trump's administration announced a \$1 trillion plan to

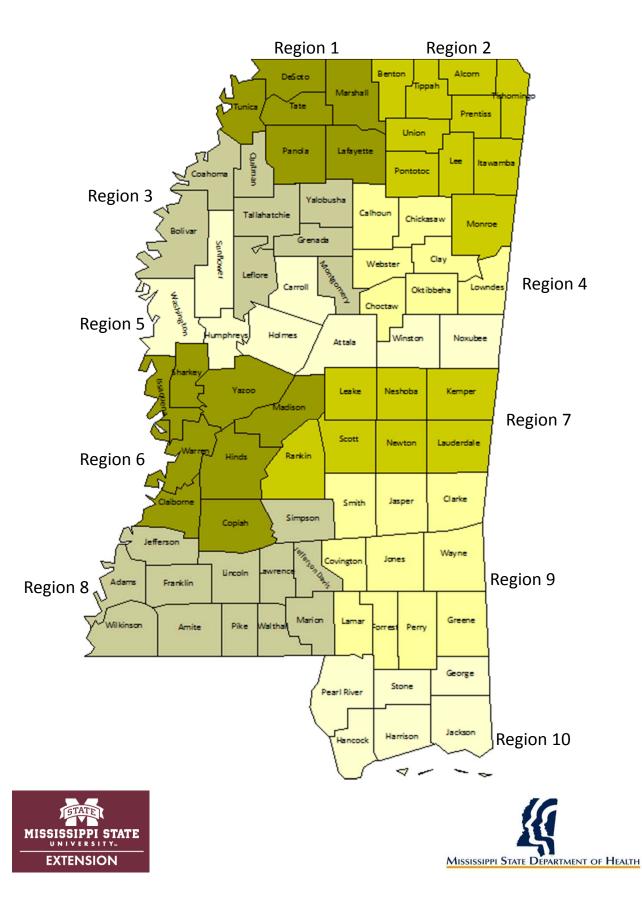
repair and maintain the country's systems for water, roads, bridges and railways. On May 15, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released its 2017 Infrastructure Report Card, giving infrastructure as a whole a grade of D+, and the country's water and wastewater systems grades of D and D+ respectively. And on May 3, the Natural Resources Defense Council released a report that 77 million people -- roughly a quarter of the U.S. population -- spread across all 50 states were served by water systems reporting violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2015. In contrast, the stellar drinking water quality compliance record of private water utilities is well documented.

For the full article, visit http://www.waterworld.com/articles/2017/05/high-quality-drinking-water-critical.html

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

Tuesday – Friday, June 6 – 9

MS Water Environment Association Annual Conference

Tuesday: 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Contact Person: Bryan Lane at 662-562-5314 Training Location: Vicksburg Convention Center (Warren County) Training Topics:

MWEA Annual Conference

Total Number of Hours: 23.5 Total with 3 Regulatory Hours

Tuesday – Thursday, June 6 – 8

MsRWA Summer Training

Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433 Training Location: Biloxi Civic Center & Public Library, 578 Howard Avenue, Biloxi (Harrison County) Training Topics:

- Chlorine Safety
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- MSDH UPDATE
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- Disinfection By-Products Rule
- Responding to Drinking Water Emergencies

Thursday, June 15

MWPCOA District 9 Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Contact Person: David Karr at 662-563-6623 Training Location: MI Pueblo Mexican Restaurant, 105 John R. Lovelace Drive, Batesville (Panola County) Training Topics:

• MSDH UPDATE

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 1 Regulatory

Thursday, June 29

AWWA Training

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Mr. Jim Miller at 256-310-3546 Training Location: Mississippi State University Extension, Panola County Office, 245-C Eureka Street, Batesville (Panola County) Training topics:

- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Coliform Sampling
- Cross Connections

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

Thursday, June 1

MWPCOA District 8 Business Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Contact Person: George Hinnant at 662-295-2792 Training Location: Longhorn Steakhouse, 50182 Weaver Creek Rd. Amory (Monroe County) Training Topics:

- Business Meeting
- Lagoons

Total Number of Hours: 2 with 0 Regulatory

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MWPCOA/MDEQ Training

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact Person: Rusty Lyons at 601-572-7783 Training Location: Uncle Buck's Grill inside Bass Pro Shop, 100 Bass Pro drive, Pearl, Ms (Rankin County) Training Topics:

• Sludge Treatment

Total Number of Hours: 3 with 0 Regulatory

Wednesday, June 14

MsRWA HOOT Training

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 610-857-2433

Training Location: Hinds Community College, 755 HWY 27 south, Room 50, Auditorium, Multi Purpose Building, Vicksburg (Warren County)

Training Topics:

- GPS Mapping
- Locating Underground Utilities

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

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Contact Person: Robby Mayfield at 601-857-2433

Training Location: Forest Community Center, 477 West 3rd Street, HWY 80 & HWY 35, Forest (Scott County)

Training Topics:

- GPS MAPPING
- Locating Underground Utilities

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

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Communities Unlimited Small System Training

10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Contact Person: Dinah Foreman at 601-506-6305 Training Location: Brookhaven, Mississippi (Lincoln County) Training Topics:

- Establishing a Flushing Program
- Main Breaks & Cross Connections

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

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MsRWA Board Management Training

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Monica Adcock at 601-857-2433 Training Location: Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Avenue, Biloxi (Harrison County) Training Topics:

- Laws & Regulations
- Emergency Preparedness

Total Number of hours: 8 with 2 Regulatory

Wednesday, June 7

MsRWA NIMS Refresher Training

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Person: Randy Turnage at 601-857-2433 Training Location: Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Avenue, Biloxi (Harrison County) Training Topics:

- NIMS Refresher
- Emergency Preparedness