



Minnesota Rural Water Association Class E Small Water System Operator Training



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Minnesota Department of Health

Bemidji District Office

705 – 5th Street NW, Suite A

Bemidji, MN

Driving Directions: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/bemidji.html>

Class Time: 8am - Noon

Topics covered during the workshop:

- ❖ **Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** – Attendees will learn about the SDWA and Minnesota Rules that apply to small public water systems.
- ❖ **Water Operations Specialists** – A review of the certification process, training requirements and how to renew your certificate.
- ❖ **Wells** – We will discuss well components and the importance of routine maintenance. We will also discuss well logs and how you can obtain the well log for your water supply well.
- ❖ **Wellhead Protection and Source Water Protection Grants** – Chris Parthun from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will discuss what you can do to protect your water supply from contamination. We will also discuss how you may be eligible for grant money to help protect your public water supply from contamination.
- ❖ **Sampling Requirements** – Rochelle Spielman from MDH will discuss sampling requirements and how MDH works to help you provide safe drinking water to your consumers.
- ❖ **Storage** – We will discuss the different types of storage available and how to operate and maintain these storage units.
- ❖ **Distribution System Operation and Maintenance** – We will discuss how to maintain and protect your distribution system from contamination.
- ❖ **Leak Detection and Line Locators** – Leak detection and tracing water lines 101: Learn about MRWA's leak detection and line tracing equipment.
- ❖ **Asset Management** – Have you thought about what it would cost to replace the components of your water system? We will discuss the useful life of equipment and how to budget for new equipment.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning** – Do you have an emergency plan? Are you prepared to handle an emergency? We will discuss what items should be included in your emergency plan.

Course objective: This course has been specifically designed for nontransient and nonmunicipal water operations specialists. Our goal is to provide the training you need to renew your water operator certificate and also be better prepared to operate your own water system. Come prepared to discuss your water system. Four (4) certification hours will be awarded for four hours of attendance.

There is no charge for this session but you must pre-register. **ALL TRAINING SESSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION BECAUSE OF LOW ATTENDANCE.** We have had to cancel training in the past. To register for this workshop, call 1-800-367-6792 or visit our web site www.mrwa.com and click on the training calendar link.

The Minnesota Rural Water Association will be providing training sessions for your water system operations specialist under a grant through the Minnesota Department of Health. Jennifer Koenig and Kyle Kedrowski, Technical Advisors, will be the trainers at these training sessions. Jennifer and Kyle also provide on-site technical assistance to help with the operator certification rule or any other water system assistance that is needed. Both can be reached at 800-367-6792.

The training session will be held at the location listed on the other side of this notice. As a Class E water operator, your certification training requirement is 4 hours. This training session will provide you with 4 credit hours. Class D operators are encouraged to attend. As a Class D operator, your certification training requirement is 8 hours. This training will provide you with 4 of your 8 hour requirement. If you need to get certified as a water operations specialist for your system, please contact Jennifer or Kyle at 800-367-6792.

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Nonmunicipal Community Public Water Systems: Serve at least 25 year-round residents, or serve 15 service connections used by year-round residents. Owned by a private party and include nursing homes, prisons, mobile home parks, housing developments and apartments.

