

2024 TRAINING CALENDAR

for Water, Wastewater, and other Environmental Professionals

by: Montana Rural Water Systems



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2024 Montana Rural Water Systems Training Calendar

The 2024 Montana Rural Water Systems Training Calendar has been compiled and published by Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. It is provided as a tool for planning your environmental training activities. The calendar lists and describes seminars and workshops to be sponsored by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ), Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. (MRWS), Montana Section of American Water Works Association (MSAWWA), Montana Water Environment Association (MWEA), and the Montana Water/Wastewater Operator Initiative. **Information about each sponsor is located in the back of the calendar.**

The calendar includes only seminars and workshops planned as of printing time. Any additional seminars and workshops will be announced separately. Agendas from the sponsoring agency are posted on the agency's website or will be sent to interested people and organizations prior to the scheduled seminar. If you have not received an agenda at least one week prior to the scheduled date, please call the sponsor directly for information. As hard as we try to avoid it, unforeseen circumstances may cause a change of date on the calendar. **Please note that Continuing Education Credits (CECs) and seminar costs are approximate.**

The 2024 Training Calendar also includes information on **online training courses, webcasts, webinars and CD-ROM training courses.** Should you have questions or would like further information on specific courses please contact the corresponding training provider or the Montana DEQ Operator Certification Office at 406-444-4584.

Phone numbers, which have been color coded to match the outline color of each sponsoring agency's seminar on the calendar, are located with each month's seminar offerings.

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| <p>MRWS Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. 406-454-1151 mrws.org</p> | <p>MTDEQ Montana Department of Environmental Quality 406-444-4584</p> | <p>MAP Midwest Assistance Program 406-290-3325 map-inc.org</p> | <p>MWEA Montana Water Environment Association 406-546-5496</p> | <p>MSAWWA Montana Section American Water Works Association 406-546-5496</p> | <p>MW2OI Montana Water and Wastewater Operators Initiative 406-994-7402</p> |
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MRWS would like to thank the following organizations for helping provide the training calendar to Montana's water and wastewater operators and other environmental professionals:

Big Sky Chapter American Backflow Prevention Association
CEU Plan
Midwest Assistance Program
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc
Montana Section of the American Water Works Association
Montana Water and Wastewater Operators Initiative
Montana Water Environment Association
Technical Learning College



Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) Basic Rules

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FEES

Every year operator certification renewal fees are due by June 30. The renewal fee pays for the following fiscal year (July 1- June 30).

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (CECs)

Every even-numbered year appropriate CEC requirements must be met by May 31. *The current two-year biennium began on June 1, 2022 and will end on May 31, 2024.*

OPERATORS CERTIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 2023 ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE FOLLOWING CECs:

- Class 1 **WATER** operators (either or both **water distribution or treatment**) must earn 2.0 CECs (20 hours).
- Class 2, 3, or 4 **WATER** operators (either or both **water distribution or treatment**) must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 5 **WATER** operators must earn 0.4 CECs (4 hours).
- Class 1 **WASTEWATER** operators (either or both **municipal or industrial wastewater**) must earn 2.0 CECs (20 hours).
- Class 2, 3, or 4 **WASTEWATER** operators must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 2, 3 or 4 **ON-SITE WASTEWATER** must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 2, 3 or 4 **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER** must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).

OPERATORS-IN-TRAINING (OITs) ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE FOLLOWING CECs:

- Class 1 **WATER OITs** (either or both **water distribution or treatment**) must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 2, 3, or 4 **WATER OITs** (either or both **water distribution or treatment**) must earn 0.5 CECs (5 hours).
- Class 5AB is no longer offered as a *new* certification.
- Class 1 **WASTEWATER OITs** (combined class 1 & 2 **municipal**) must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 3 **WASTEWATER OITs** (combined class 3 & 4 **municipal**) must earn 0.5 CECs (5 hours).
- Class 1 **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER OITs** must earn 1.0 CECs (10 hours).
- Class 2, 3 or 4 **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER OITs** must earn 0.5 CECs (5 hours).
- Class 2, 3 or 4 **ON-SITE WASTEWATER OITs** must earn 0.5 CECs (5 hours).

COURSE APPROVAL and REPORTING

Before CECs can be earned for a course, the course must be approved for credit. Courses not listed in this calendar may be approved for CECs if deemed applicable by the Certification Office. Courses **MUST BE** reported on an **INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM** which contains the signature of the course provider or a Certificate of Completion submitted with the form.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES & ALTERNATIVE TRAINING COURSES

Correspondence courses and alternative training courses (CD-ROM, internet, videos) must be fully completed and proof of completion from the course provider must be sent to the Certification Office for CECs. (See Lists of Approved Correspondence Courses and Alternative Training Courses in the back of this calendar.)

COURSES APPROVED for DUAL CECs

Operators who hold certification in both water and wastewater can earn CECs for both certifications when attending a course MTDEQ has approved as a dual CEC course.

COURSES ONLY APPROVED for ONE-HALF CECs

Training not directly applicable to water or wastewater plant operation can be approved for training but may only earn one-half the amount of CECs.


TRAINING NOT LISTED in TRAINING CALENDAR

There may be courses that apply towards your CEC requirements which are **not listed in the Training Calendar**. If you are looking for courses in your area, email the Certification Program Office, operatorcertification@mt.gov, for information on approved courses.

CEC STATUS REPORTS

An informational status report can be viewed online at <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/operatorcectotal/>. Please contact the Certification Program Office, operatorcertification@mt.gov, if you find any errors on this report.


January 2024 Seminars



January 4, 2024 **Location: Butte**
Water Loss, Smart Systems, & More
 This workshop reviews valve types and functions, hydrants, and then we'll discuss different types of disinfection. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).
CECs: 0.60 Water **FEE: \$60 Members**
0.30 Wastewater **\$90 Non-Members**



January 17, 2024
Small System and Colony Training
Location: Heritage Inn, Great Falls
 This workshop consists of a variety of topics relevant to small system water & wastewater operators. Specific topics for this session were not determined at the printing of this calendar, but an agenda will be posted on the MRWS website at least 2 weeks prior to training. [Check it out at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).
CECs: 0.70 TBA **FEE: \$70 Members \$105 Non-Members**




January 8-13, 2024 **Location: Bozeman**
Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Course & Exam
 The 6-day course is comprised of lectures on backflow and cross-connection control and guided exercises in a wet lab to provide an understanding of the field testing methods for four types of backflow prevention assemblies. It is designed for **first-time testers and those needing a refresher course**. ABPA administers written exams on the afternoon of the fifth day and practical exams on day six. [Check www.mrws.org for more information](http://www.mrws.org).
CECs: up to 3.6 Dual **FEES: \$925 Entire Course; \$425 2.5 day refresher**



January 18, 2024
Operator Certification Exam Review
Location: Heritage Inn, Great Falls
 This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams, but primarily focuses on *groundwater and wastewater* systems. **Operators need to study before attending** this full day review. MRWS will cover as many areas as time allows, including terms, safety, math, treatment, distribution, wastewater, etc. [Check the MRWS website for updates and to register www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org)
CECs: None **FEE: None**



January 11, 2024 **Location: Havre**
Asset Management
 This Training is for Water and Wastewater Operators along with Clerks, and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on the creation and implementation of Asset Management, along with using asset management for the lead service line inventory.
 Trainer: Lance Goodman – lgoodman@map-inc.org, 307-247-0760.
For up-to-date information go to: www.map-inc.org
CECs: 0.4 Dual **FEE: None**




January 23 & 24, 2023
Water & Wastewater Operator Training
Location: Hamilton & Columbia Falls
 This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators. Agenda to be announced. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).
CECs: 0.60 TBA **FEE: \$60 Members \$90 Non-Members**



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January 24, 2024 **Location: Virtual**
Emerging Contaminants: PFAs, Manganese, & UCMR5
 This Training is for Water operators, clerks, and public officials. The training will focus on emerging contaminants and sampling required by DEQ.
 Trainer: Devon Beal – dbeal@map-inc.org, 406-290-3325.
For up-to-date information go to: www.map-inc.org
CECs: 0.4 Dual **FEE: None**

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January 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|---|---|---|----------|
| | 1 New Year's Day  | 2 | 3 | 4 Water Loss & More MRWS - Butte | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Asset Management MAP - Havre | 12 ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Helena | 13 |
| | | Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's Training MRWS - Bozeman | | | | |
| 14 | 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day  | 16 | 17 Small System & Colony Operator Training MRWS - Great Falls | 18 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Great Falls | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 WWW Operator Training MRWS - Hamilton | 24 Emerging Contami- nants: PFAS, Mangan- ese, and UCMR5 MAP Virtual WWW Operator Training MRWS - Columbia Falls | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



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February 2024 Seminars



February 2, 2024 Location: Virtual Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This will be a 2-hour class on variety of topics for all operators. Agenda to be announced. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.2 TBA **FEE:** \$20 Members; \$30 Non-Members



February 5-10, 2024 Location: Great Falls Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Course & Exam

The 6-day course is comprised of lectures on backflow and cross-connection control and guided exercises in a wet lab to provide an understanding of the field testing methods for four types of backflow prevention assemblies. It is designed for **first-time testers and those needing a refresher course**. ABPA administers written exams on the afternoon of the fifth day and practical exams on day six. [Check www.mrws.org for more information](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: up to 3.6 Dual **FEES:** \$925 Entire Course; \$425 2.5 day refresher



February 8, 2024 Location: Helena Asset Management

This Training is for Water and Wastewater Operators along with Clerks, and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on the creation and implementation of Asset Management, along with using asset management for the lead service line inventory.

Trainer: Lance Goodman – lgoodman@map-inc.org, 307-247-0760.

For up-to-date information go to: www.map-inc.org

CECs: 0.4 Dual **FEE:** None



February 14 & 15, 2024 Location: Malta & Chester Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators. Agenda to be announced. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.6 TBA **FEE:** \$60 Members; \$90 Non-Members



February 20, 2024 Location: Colstrip Water Operator Training

This training is for water operators & operators in training. It will focus primarily on the LCR, RTCR, CCR, compliance sampling, lead service line inventory as well as onsite operation and maintenance.

Trainer: Josh Jabalera – jjabalera@map-inc.org (406) 694-9871.

For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org

CEC: 0.4 Water (Pending)

Fee: None



February 21, 2024 Location: Virtual Distribution Systems & Disinfection

This training is for water operators along with Clerks and Utility/Public Works Directors and will focus on distribution systems operation and disinfection.

Trainer: Devin Beal – dbeal@map-inc.org (406) 290-3325

For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org

CEC: 0.3 Water (Pending)

Fee: None



February 21, 2024 Location: Forsyth Emerging Contaminants & Operations and Maintenance

We will discuss the new water contaminants on EPA's watch list as well as those with pending rules and MCLs. We'll also spend some time on what your O & M should look like for your utility.

[Check website for updates and to Register at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.6 Water

FEE: FREE

0.4 Wastewater






Look for agendas and specific seminar details on the sponsor's website or for training announcements in the mail.

****More workshop descriptions for February on the March pages.**

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February 2024

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| | | | | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day  Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual | 3 | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| | | February 6-8 National Rural Water Rally Washington, DC | | | Asset Management MAP - Helena | ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Great Falls | |
| | | Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers Training MRWS - Great Falls | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day  Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Malta | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
| | | | | Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Chester | | | |
| 18 | 19 Presidents Day  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | |
| | | Water Operator Training MAP - Colstrip | Distribution Systems and Disinfection MAP - Virtual | New Applications due for operator exam on March 22, 2024 MDEQ | | | |
| | | Emerging Contaminants/ O & M MRWS - Forsyth | | Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Big Timber | | | |
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March 2024 Seminars



February 22, 2024 Water & Wastewater Operator Training Location: Big Timber

This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators. Agenda to be announced. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.60 TBA

FEE: \$60 Members
\$90 Non-Members



March 19, 2024 Location: Great Falls Water/Wastewater Calculations, Chemistry

This training is for water/wastewater operators & operators in training and will focus on general water/wastewater math and calculations specific to water/wastewater treatment.

Trainer: Josh Jabalera, jjabalera@map-inc.org. 406-694-9871

For up to date information go to www.map-inc.org.

CEC: 0.4 Dual

Fee: None



February 22, 2024 New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on March 22nd, 2024 in Great Falls you must submit an application to the DEQ Operator Certification Program and application fee by February 22, 2024. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by March 8th, 2024.



March 6, 2024 Sampling, Monitoring, Reporting Location: Harlowton

This workshop will cover all that paper and reports that they forget to tell you about! Where to find the forms, how to fill them out and submit them, and how long to retain those records. [Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.6 TBA

FEE: \$60 Members; \$90 Non-Members



March 20-22, 2024 Location: Great Falls 44th Tech Conference & Exhibition Show

This year's conference promises to be entertaining and educational. You will find a variety of session topics that apply to water, wastewater, clerks, and administrators. As always you can browse the exhibit booths and visit with vendors to see what new products & services are available. [For more information go to www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: To Be Determined

FEE: TBA



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For information on AWWA Webinars contact Robin Barnes at MSAWWA or go to www.AWWA.org.

Your CECs are due by May 31, 2024!!




There are plenty of opportunities to get them if you need them!



Look for agendas and specific seminar details on the sponsor's website or for training announcements in the mail.

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Sampling, Monitoring, & Reporting MRWS - Harlowton | 7 | 8 Registration Deadline for Certification Exams Given on 3/22/24 MTDEQ | 9 |
| 10 Daylight Savings  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 Topics in W/WW Calculations, Chemistry, & Treatment MAP - Great Falls | 20 44th Technical Conference and Exhibition Show MRWS - Great Falls | | 21 | 22 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Easter  | | | | | | |



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April 2024 Seminars



April 3, 2024 Location: Kalispell Board Training for Water & Sewer Systems

Guidance for board members and the responsibilities of the different positions on the board and how to get the most from your board meetings
Trainer: Will Meyer wmeyer@map-inc.org 406-830-6105
For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.
CEC: 0.4 Dual FEE: None



April 3 & 4, 2024 Location: Roberts & Miles City Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators. Agenda TBA.
CECs: 0.6 TBA FEE: \$60 Member
[Check website to register at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org) \$90 Non-Member



April 11, 2024 Location: Sidney Asset Management

This Training is for Water and Wastewater Operators along with Clerks, and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on the creation and implementation of Asset Management, along with using asset management for the lead service line inventory.
Trainer: Lance Goodman lgoodman@map-inc.org 307-247-0760
For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.
EC: 0.4 Dual FEE: None



April 18, 2024 New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on May 16, 2024, the DEQ Operator Certification Program must receive your state application and payment by April 18, 2024.



April 16 & 18, 2024 Locations: Cut Bank & Libby Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems

This session will provide information on the importance of sampling & understanding laboratory results used for process control and compliance monitoring for both water and wastewater. We will explore how to retrieve specific records using Drinking Water Watch and DEQs website. [Check website to register at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)
CECs: 0.6 Dual FEE: \$60 Member
\$90 Non-Member



April 23, 2024 Location: Huntley Lift Station to Lagoon: Optimizing O & M

This training is for those operating wastewater lagoon systems. It will focus primarily on maximizing lagoon and lift station performance through optimization and maintenance. It will also cover sampling and monitoring under NPDES permits. Trainer: Josh Jabalera jjabalera@map-inc.org 406-694-9871
For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.
CEC: 0.4 Water FEE: None



April 23-25, 2024 Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MSAWWA - MWEA Joint Conference

“Working Together to Protect Montana’s Water Resources” is the title for the 2024 MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference. The Pre-conference title is tbd and is being sponsored in 2024 by MWEA. Emphasis is on topics of specific pertinence to Montana and the western U.S. . *Need not be a member to attend.*
CECs: Up to 2.00 DW/WW/Dual FEE: To Be Determined



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April 2024


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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Board Training MAP - Kalispell Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Roberts | 4 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Miles City | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Webinar | 10 | 11 Asset Management MAP - Sidney | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS - Cut Bank | 17 | 18 Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS - Libby | 19 Deadline - New Applications for Certification Exams Given on 5/16/24 MTDEQ - April 15 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 <i>Earth Day</i> | 23 Lagoon Performance Optimization MAP - Huntley MWEA Preconference Missoula | 24 MSAWWA - MWEA Joint Conference Missoula | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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2024 May Seminars



May 1, 2024 Locations: Plains
Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems

This session will provide information on the importance of sampling & understanding laboratory results used for process control and compliance monitoring for both water and wastewater. We will explore how to retrieve specific records using Drinking Water Watch and DEQs website. [Check website to register at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.6 Dual **FEE: \$60 Member**
\$90 Non-Member



May 8, 2024 **Location: West Glacier**
Glacier Park & Small System Operator Training


A variety of topics will be covered related to both small ground & surface water systems. Although MRWS gears this training towards the Park Service's needs, the Park Service follows the same regulations as non-park systems and has a variety of small systems, so this training is beneficial to all system operators.
[Check website for updates and to register at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.7 TBA **FEE: \$70 Members; \$105 Non-Member**




May 2, 2024 **Location: Virtual**
Managing Water Loss & Leaks in Aging Systems

This Training is for Water operators, clerks, and public officials. The training will focus on the importance of understanding water loss in your community, identifying leaks and prioritizing repairs.
 Trainer: Devin Beal dbeal@map-inc.org 406-290-3325
 For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.
CEC: 0.3 Dual **FEE: None**



May 14-16, 2024 **Location: Lewistown**
Spring Water School

Watch the MDEQ website for more information.
CECs: TBA **FEE: TBA**



May 2, 2024
Exam Registration Deadline

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on May 16, 2024 in Lewistown, the DEQ Operator Certification program must receive your exam registration form and payment by May 2, 2024.



May 21 & 22, 2024 **Location: Roundup & Belgrade**
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a variety of topics, including new technology in leak detection, for all operators.
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May 29, 2024 **Location: Deer Lodge**
Water and Wastewater System Safety

This training is for water and wastewater operators and will focus on safety training on Confined Space, Trench shoring, Safety data sheets/ Hazard Communication, Fall protection.
 Trainer: Will Meyer wmeyer@map-inc.org 406-830-6105
 For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.
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May 2024

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| | | | 1 Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS - Plains | 2 Managing Water Loss in Aging Systems MAP - Virtual Registration Deadline for Certification Exams Given on 5/16/24 MTDEQ | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Glacier Park & Small System Operator Training MRWS - West Glacier | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 12 <i>Mother's Day</i>  | 13 Topics in W/WW Calculations, Chemistry, & Treatment MAP - Lewistown | 14 | 15-16 Spring Water School - MDEQ - MW2OI - Lewistown | | | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Roundup | 22 Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Belgrade | 23 | 24 | 25 | |
| 26 | 27 <i>Memorial Day</i>  | 28 | 29 Water & Wastewater System Safety MAP - Deer Lodge | 30 | 31 Last day of the 2022-2024 CEC Biennium! All CECs, all classes, all operators due! | | |



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June 2024 Seminars



June 3 - 8, 2024 **Location: Kalispell**
Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Course & Exam

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CECs: up to 3.6 Dual **FEES:** \$925 Entire Course; \$425 2.5 day refresher



June 25, 2024 **Location: Virtual**
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a webinar; topic to be determined.
[Check website for updates at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: 0.2 TBA **FEE:** \$20 Member
 \$30 Non-Member



June 11, 2024 **Location: Great Falls**
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators.

[Check website for updates at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: 0.6 TBA **FEE:** \$60 Member
 \$90 Non-Member



June 30, 2024
Operator Certification Renewal Fees Due

This is the last day to pay your fees and renew your water and or wastewater operator certification with the MDEQ's Operator Certification Program. Please contact the OpCert Program at 444-4584 if you have not received your operator certification fee renewal notice.



June 12, 2024 **Location: Hamilton**
Inflow & Infiltration: Effects of Stormwater Management on Wastewater Systems

This training is for wastewater operators and will focus on improving wastewater operations by managing inflow and infiltration, identifying sources of inflow and eliminating ground infiltration, and addressing storm water issues as a community.

Trainer: Will Meyer wmeyer@map-inc.org 406-830-6105
 For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.

CEC: 0.4 Wastewater **FEE:** None

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New CEC Biennium begins June 1, 2024

Certification Renewals are due



June 30, 2024



Look for agendas and specific seminar details on the sponsor's website or for training announcements in the mail.

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June 2024

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| | | | | | | 1 <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> First day of the 2024-2026 CEC Biennium! All CECs , all classes, all operators! </div> |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | National Rural Water Association Water In-Service Training Grand Rapids, MI | | | | |
| Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's & Refresher Course MRWS - Kalispell | | | | ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams - Kalispell | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| ACE24 - AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition Anaheim, CA | | | Inflow & Infiltration, Effects of Stormwater Mgmt on WW Systems MAP - Hamilton | | | |
| 16 <i>Father's Day</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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| 30 Operator Certification Renewal Fees Due June 30, 2024 MTDEQ | Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Webinar | | | | | |



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July 2024 Seminars



June 16, 2024 **Location: Billings & Virtual**
Tips for Completing Your Lead Service Line Inventory

This Training is for Water operators, clerks, and public officials. The training will focus tips and methods for completing the lead service line inventories by the October 2024 deadline.

Trainer: Devin Beal dbeal@map-inc.org 406-290-3325

For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.

CEC: 0.4 Water

FEE: None



July 23, 2024 **Location: Polson**
Operator Certification Exam Review

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams, but primarily focuses on *groundwater and wastewater* systems. **Operators need to study before attending** this full day review. MRWS will cover as many areas as time allows, including terms, safety, math, treatment, distribution, wastewater, etc

[Check website for updates at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: None

FEE: None



July 24, 2024 **Location: Polson**
Operator Safety & Natural Disasters

This workshop will be a 5 hour experience with two 15 minute breaks. We will be covering confined space, PPE & more as well as storms, wildfires, & floods.

[Register at www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org).

CECs: 0.5 Dual

FEE: \$50 Member

\$75 Non-Member



Look for agendas and specific seminar details on the sponsor's website or for training announcements in the mail.



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July 2024

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Independence Day</i>  | 5 | 6 |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Tips for Completing Your LSI MAP - Billings & Virtual </div> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 <div style="border: 1px solid lightblue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Polson </div> | 24 <div style="border: 1px solid lightblue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Rate Structure, Record Keeping, and Emergency Response MRWS - Polson </div> | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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August 2024 Seminars



August 20 - 22, 2024
33rd Annual Advanced Wastewater Training

Location: Yellow Bay

This three day seminar will address current advanced wastewater troubleshooting techniques and laboratory procedures as related to biological nutrient removal (BNR) technology and other advanced types of wastewater treatment technology.
[Check the website for more information, www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: 2.0 Wastewater

FEE: TBA



August 22, 2024 **Location: Glasgow**
Distribution Systems & Directional Flushing

This Training is for Water Operators along with Clerks and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on Distribution system operations, disinfection, and will include a directional flushing demonstration. .

Trainer: Devon Beal dbeal@map-inc.org 406-290-3325

For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org.

CEC: 0.4 Water

FEE: None



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August 2024

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September 2024 Seminars



September 4, 2024 **Location: Conrad**
Operator Certification Exam Review

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams, but primarily focuses on *groundwater and wastewater* systems. **Operators need to study before attending** this full day review. MRWS will cover as many areas as time allows, including terms, safety, math, treatment, distribution, wastewater, etc. [Check website for updates and to register at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: None

FEE: None



September 5, 2024 **Location: Conrad**
Operator Safety & Natural Disasters

Review all the safety protocols you should know for water and wastewater. What kind of special safety efforts need to be made during floods, fires, or other natural disasters?

[Check website for updates and to register at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: 0.6 Dual

**FEE: \$60 Member
\$90 Non-Member**



September 11, 2024
New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on October 10th, 2024 in Bozeman you must send the DEQ Operator Certification Program a state application and application fee by September 11, 2024. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by September 26th, 2024.



September 24 - 26, 2024
19th National Park Service & Small System Utility Operator Training

Location: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

This training session is geared towards the needs of the park service and small systems, but is open to all water and wastewater operators. A variety of topics will be covered related to small ground & surface water systems. Although the primary focus is water, there are generally many dual credit sessions. There may be one or two sessions dedicated to wastewater as well. [Check the MRWS website for updates and to register www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: To Be Determined (Generally 2.0 CEC's Available)

FEE: Members: 1/2 day—\$40; Full day—\$60; All 3 days—\$150

Non-Members: 1/2 day—\$60; Full day—\$80; All 3 days—\$200



September 26, 2024
Exam Registration Deadline

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on October 12, 2023 in Bozeman the DEQ Operator Certification program must receive your exam registration form and payment by September 26th, 2024.



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September 2024

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| 1 | 2 Labor Day  | 3 | 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Water/Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Conrad</div> | 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Safety & Natural Disasters MRWS - Conrad</div> | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Grandparents Day  | 9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">National Rural Water Association Water Pro Conference Savannah, GA</div> | 10 | 11 Patriot Day  <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px;">New Applications due for operator exam on October 10, 2024 MDEQ - Bozeman</div> | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px;">Registration for Certification Exams Due MTDEQ - Bozeman</div> | 27 | 28 |
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October 2024 Seminars



October 7 - 12, 2024 Location: Billings Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Course & Exam

The 6-day course is comprised of lectures on backflow and cross-connection control and guided exercises in a wet lab to provide an understanding of the field testing methods for four types of backflow prevention assemblies. It is designed for first-time testers and those needing a refresher course. The ABPA administers written exams on the afternoon of the fifth day and practical exams on day six.
Check the MRWS website for updates. www.mrws.org

CECs: 3.6 Dual FEES: \$925 Entire Course; \$425 2.5 day refresher



October 23 & 24, 2024 Water & Wastewater Operator Training Location: Sidney & Malta

This workshop will be a variety of topics for all operators. Agenda to be announced.
Check website for updates at www.mrws.org

CECs: 0.6 TBA

**FEE: \$60 Members
\$90 Non-Members**



Look for agendas and specific seminar details on the sponsor's website or for training announcements in the mail.

October 8 - 10, 2024 Location: Bozeman 91st Annual School for Water and Wastewater Operators and Managers

This three day annual school is designed for entry level and experienced operators and managers. It features an array of topics from basic to advanced water topics for groundwater, surface water, and distribution systems and basic to advanced wastewater topics for lagoon, mechanical, and collection systems. Maintenance, safety, current regulations, and management issues are also covered. MTDEQ will provide Exam Review Sessions for those planning to take exams on October 12.

CECs: Up to 2.25 W/WW FEE: \$TBA

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October 2024


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| WEF/TEC - October 5 - 9 - New Orleans, LA | | | Montana League of Cities & Towns Annual Conference October 2 - 4 - West Yellowstone | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | 91st Annual School for Water and Wastewater Operators and Managers MTDEQ, MW2OI - MSU Bozeman | | Certification Exams MTDEQ - Bozeman | ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Billings | |
| | Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's & Refresher Course MRWS - Billings | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 <i>Columbus Day</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Sidney | Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Malta | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Halloween</i> | | |
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November 2024 Seminars



November 7 & 12, 2024 Location: Virtual
Water & Wastewater Operator Training
 This webinar will be a topic of interest for all operators. Agenda to be announced. *Check website for updates and to register at www.mrws.org.*


CECs: 0.2 TBA **FEE: \$20 Member**
\$30 Non-Member




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November 2024

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends  | 4 | 5 Election Day  | 6 | 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual </div> | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Veterans' Day  | 12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual </div> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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December 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>  |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Winter Begins</i>  |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Christmas</i>  | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 <i>New Years Eve</i>  | | | | |



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CORRESPONDENCE & ONLINE COURSES

The following correspondence and online courses have been approved by the Operator Certification Program for CEC's.

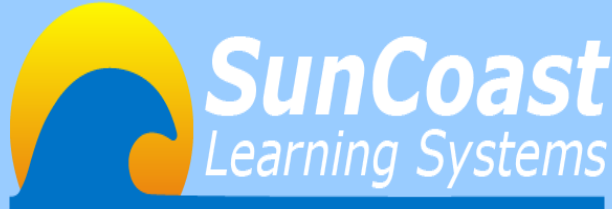


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WASTEWATER COURSES

#G1 POTW Self Assessment for Mechanical Treatment Plants, workbook for WWTP operators
 (Only one workbook/system/year) - 1.0 CECs WW
 #G1 POTW Self Assessment for Wastewater Lagoons, workbook for lagoon operators
 (Only one workbook/system/year) - 0.5 CECs WW



Online Courses Available Through Montana Rural Water Systems



E-learning courses are approved for Continuing Education Credits (CECs) through Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality, Operator Certification Program.

NOTE: Credit is given for each course only once per CEC period.
 Go to www.mrws.org and the training dropdown.



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 Chino Valley, AZ 86323
 Phone: (928) 468-0665
 Email: info@tlch2o.com
 Website: abctlc.com

WASTEWATER COURSES

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| Activated Sludge | 1.0 CECs |
| Stormwater Monitoring | 1.0 CECs |

DRINKING WATER COURSES

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| Groundwater Production | 1.5 CECs |
| Laboratory Safety | 1.0 CECs |

DUAL COURSES

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| Backflow Awareness | 1.0 CECs |
| Chlorine and Disinfection | 3.0 CECs |
| Distribution Basics | 1.0 CECs |
| Point-of-Use Water Treatment | 1.0 CECs |
| Water/Wastewater Sampling | 0.5 CECs |
| *More Available Online | |

For more information including cost and available CECs please contact Technical Learning College at 928-468-0665.



State Approved Training

Available for:

- DW
- DS
- WW
- and many more

Course Packages include:

- Wastewater Treatment Process Control
- Laboratory Practices for DW & WW
- Piping System for Water Operations
- Distribution & Collection Issues of 2021
- Vulnerabilities Review and Update
- Lead & Copper: Rule, Application, Studies
- Basic – Medium – Advanced level series

Topics from:

- Process Control
- Emerging Pathogens
- Troubleshooting
- Basic – Fundamental
- Cybersecurity - Leadership
- Operator Math made easy
- Plant Operations

TRAINING PROVIDERS

APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDERS

An Approved Training Provider is an organization whose primary focus is to train and provide continuing education opportunities to water and wastewater operators. The organization cannot have a vested interest in selling or marketing any product or service related to water or wastewater other than training. This organization has met the approval of the Department of Environmental Quality Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program, with guidance from the Continuing Education Credit Review Committee, and the Montana Water and Wastewater Operator Advisory Council. For anyone who wants to be an Approved Training Provider (ATP) they must turn an application in to the MTDEQ Operator Certification Office. ATP status is good for two years. At the end of the two years the ATP must re-apply. The current two-year period began on June 1, 2022 and will end on May 31, 2024.

2022 - 2024 Approved Training Providers

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| • City of Billings | • Missoula Water | • 360 Water |
| • MRWS | • CEU Plan | • Water Otter |
| • MSAWWA | • Technical Learning College | • Zarathom |
| • MAP | • City of Helena | • Veolia |
| • MT DEQ | • Office of Water Programs (CSUS) | • University of Florida TREEO Center |
| • RATES | • Jade Learning | |

CONTACT

Please contact Kevin Garman at (406) 444-3434 or operatorcertification@mt.gov for information regarding training providers or becoming an approved training provider.

WEBSITE

<https://deq.mt.gov/water/assistance>



- MW²OI -



The Montana Water and Wastewater Operators Initiative (MW²OI) is a collaborative effort between the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Civil Engineering at Montana State University to provide training to the operators so critical to Montana's communities. The goal of MW²OI is to:

- Develop an operator training program - including Fall and Spring Water Schools- that is responsive to the training needs of operators in Montana
- Utilize operational expertise from across Montana and nationwide to provide targeted operator training.
- Coordinate with DEQ and other water and wastewater professional organizations to expand operator training opportunities.
- Develop flexible, resilient operator training program capable of both in-person and on-line program delivery that changes with the needs of Montana's operators.

Please contact Craig Woolard (craig.woolard@montana.edu; 406-994-7402) in the Department of Civil Engineering at Montana State University with suggestions for future training or for more information on MW²OI.



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- Working for a clean and healthful environment.
- Improving cooperation and coordination among various bureaus and divisions and with Federal, State, and Local organizations.
- Reaching potential with our employees, enhancing professional judgment in carrying out their duties.

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SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Carolyn DeMartino - 444-0820

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MONTANA PUBLIC UTILITIES FUNDING AGENCIES

Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

Resource Development Bureau-Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRGL) Grants & Loans (State)
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b. Project Planning Grants
c. Emergency Grant Program
Contact: Lindsay Volpe (406) 444-9766
lmvolpe@mt.gov
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Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Public Facility Grants & Planning Grants (State/Federal)
Contact: Division Staff (406) 841-2770
doccdd@mt.gov
P.O. Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523
Website: www.commerce.mt.gov

Montana Coal Board Grant Program (DOC)

Community Development Division
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Website: www.commerce.mt.gov

Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) (DOC)

a. Construction Grants
b. Preliminary Engineering Grants
c. Emergency Grants
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INTERCAP Loan Program (DOC)

Loans (State)
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American Water Works Association

MONTANA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.montanawater.org>

The Montana Section of AWWA

(MSAWWA) is one of 43 sections of the American Water Works Association. MSAWWA is part of the largest organization of its kind in the world. As the foremost water organization in the world, AWWA (www.awwa.org) leads the industry in meeting the needs and requirements of a water consuming public.

The Montana Section is composed of over 250 members from utilities, engineering/consulting firms, state and local health agencies, and educational institutions in Montana. The Section has been active since it was first formed in the 1926. Paramount to its function, the Montana Section of AWWA provides educational opportunities to the water industry at the local level. The Section also supports an active small systems initiative, watchdog on legislation, and a strong public education program.

The Montana Section of AWWA is a nonprofit organization that relies on member activity for success. You too can be part of this organization and enhance Montana's awareness of potable water issues. The current Board of Directors for the Montana Section of AWWA are listed below and may be contacted for more information.

OPERATOR SCHOLARSHIPS: The creation of the One AWWA Operator Scholarship addresses the present and future workforce need for operators by providing training and educational funding. It also creates an opportunity for collaboration between the Association and Sections within The Water Equation Campaign. AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign and the Montana Section AWWA will award (2) **One AWWA Operator Scholarships** in the amount of \$500 each for water operator training and education. The scholarship award can be used for certification/licensure, two-year water related associate degree, technical school program, professional training program, books and manuals and operator related conferences. More information available at <http://www.montanawater.org/awards-scholarships/scholarships-available/>. Each scholarship recipient will also receive a one-year AWWA Operator membership.

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If you are a member please consider becoming active in the Montana section by joining one or more of the committees listed below. To get a description of each committee contact the Executive Secretary. To join a committee contact the Executive Secretary at the number listed above.

MSAWWA Committees:

- Awards
- Education
- Legislative
- Membership
- Water for People

Joint MSAWWA/MWEA Committees:

- Cross Connection Control
- Exhibitors
- Host City
- Information Management
- Lifetime Achievement
- Program
- Public Outreach
- Scholarship
- Student & Young Professional

AWWA WEBINARS, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Each year AWWA hosts a series of webinars, conferences and seminars on various water related topics ranging from water plant operations to water conservation. All AWWA webcasts, conferences and seminars listed by AWWA at the time of calendar printing and their dates and times are listed on the calendar pages.

For information on each webcast, conference or seminar and fees contact MSAWWA at (406) 546-5496 or go to the AWWA website www.awwa.org. For information on CEC availability contact MTDEQ at (406) 444-4584.



MONTANA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.montanawater.org>

The Montana Water Environment Association (MWEA) aims to build partnerships and provide education for the water environment community to support Montana's commitment to protect public health and water resources. A non-profit organization, the Association was organized in 1944 and soon thereafter affiliated with the Federation of Sewage Works Association, now known as the Water Environment Federation (WEF) www.wef.org. MWEA's vision is to achieve the nation's highest water quality with help from all of Montana's water environment community. Present membership in MWEA is approximately 130.

Environment Association

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a nonprofit professional, education, and technical organization devoted to providing leadership, knowledge and guidance in the management of our nation's water resources. Founded in 1928, the Federation has more than 30,000 members in 75 member associations. Water Environment Federation members include engineers, scientists, wastewater operators and managers, and others working in state and local government, federal agencies, industry, academia, and private practice.

WEF and its global network of members and member associations provide water quality professionals around the world with the latest in water quality education, training, and business opportunities. WEF is operating under a Strategic Plan built on the vision of a life free of water challenges. WEF's ultimate goal is a world where each person has access to clean water and sanitation, where communities prosper, and where nature thrives.

OPERATOR SCHOLARSHIPS: MWEA has allocated funds for certified operators looking for assistance in paying for continuing education and/or training event costs. Applicants must complete a scholarship application one month ahead of the training session they plan to attend. Awards up to \$500 can be realized by each applicant. When approved in advance, the award money can be used to pay for travel, lodging, registration fees, and other eligible costs associated with attending. Applicants must be a Montana certified operator or operator-in-training. Applications are available online at <http://www.montanawater.org/awards-scholarships/scholarships-available/>.

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MWEA Committees:

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| Grants for Teachers | Beneficial Reuse |
| Membership | Education |
| Pretreatment | Government Affairs |
| Stockholm Junior Water Prize | Honors & Awards |
| Stormwater | Long Range Planning |

Joint MSAWWA/MWEA Committees:

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| Cross Connection Control | Lifetime Achievement/Todd |
| Exhibitors | Teagarden Awards |
| Host City | Public Outreach |
| Program Committee | Scholarship |
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WEF WEBCASTS, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

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Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc.

The Mission of Montana Rural Water Systems shall be:

"To provide quality services for member systems to enable them to produce the best product with their available resources."

Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. (MRWS) is a nonprofit association of towns, cities, rural water & sewer districts, water users associations, home owners associations, trailer parks, and private systems. In addition, MRWS welcomes Associate Memberships from engineers, suppliers, financial institutions, contractors, attorneys, accountants, and other organizations interested in water & wastewater.

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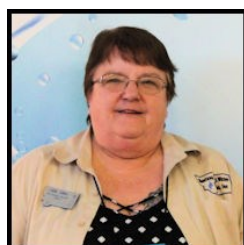
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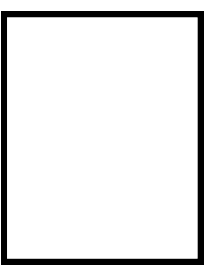
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Please do not hesitate to call one of our staff for any of your technical assistance or training needs!!!

We are not always able to finalize training sessions in time for this calendar. So, please call our office or check our website for the most current information on upcoming training. Check out our webpage: www.mrws.org



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Do you know someone who would be a good water or wastewater operator? If so, get them in contact with MRWS Apprenticeship Program Coordinator, Lynora Rogstad (See MRWS info for contact details)! In the US, about 10,000 baby boomers reach retirement age a day! Help your system be prepared! Get involved!!



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