

2025 TRAINING CALENDAR

for Water, Wastewater, and other Environmental Professionals

by: Montana Rural Water Systems



Photo by: Tyson Harvey, Manhattan Plumbing and Heating- Lone Peak, Big Sky Resort's new gondola top-station

2025 Montana Rural Water Systems Training Calendar

The 2025 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 2025 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.

<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
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, 2024 and will end on May 31, 2026*

OPERATORS CERTIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 2024 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 2025 Seminars



January 6-11, 2025 Location: Missoula
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 29, 2025
Small System and Colony Training
Location: Holiday 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 7 & 9, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

Location: Malta and Wolf Point
 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: None



January 30, 2025
Operator Certification Exam Review
Location: Holiday 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 14, 2025 Location: Virtual
Emerging Contaminants: PFAs & UCMR5

This Training is for Water operators, clerks, and public officials. The training will focus on emerging contaminants and sampling required by DEQ. Trainer: Pace Laboratory
 For up-to-date information go to: www.map-inc.org
**CECs: 0.2 TBA FEE: \$20 Members
 \$30 Non-Members**



January 22 & 23, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Exam Review
Location: Phillipsburg



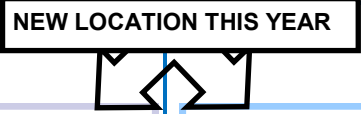
This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams. **Operators need to study before attending** this full day review. MRWS will cover as many areas as time allows, including terms, safety, math, treatment, distribution, wastewater, etc. [Check the MRWS website for updates and to register www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org)
CECs: None FEE: None



Photo by Lynora Rogstad, MRWS Lagoon Course @ Yellow Bay

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 	2	3	4
5	6	7 WWW Operator Training MRWS - Malta	8	9 WWW Operator Training MRWS - Wolf Point	10	11
Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's Training MRWS - Missoula					ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Missoula	
12	13	14 Emerging Contaminants: PFAS MRWS - Virtual	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i> 	21	22 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Phillipsburg	23 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Phillipsburg	24	25
26	27	28	29 NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR  Small System & Colony Operator Training MRWS - Great Falls	30 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Great Falls	31	



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February 2025 Seminars



February 3-8 2025 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.
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February 5 & 6, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Exam Review
Location: Colstrip

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams. **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



February 11, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Training
Location: Shelby

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: None



February 12, 2025
Environmental Finance Training: For Boards, Councils & Clerks/Secretaries
Location: Havre

Speaker: Nikki Rogers EFC Technical Assistance Specialist, MRWS. Agenda to be announced.
[Check website for updates at www.mrws.org.](http://www.mrws.org)



February 18 & 20, 2025
Location: Columbus & Miles City
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 25 & 26, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Exam Review
Location: Havre

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams. **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



February 14, 2025
New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on March 14th, 2025 in Great Falls you must submit an application to the DEQ Operator Certification Program and application fee by February 14, 2025. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by February 28, 2025






February 28, 2025
Exam Registration Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on March 14th, 2025 in Great Falls you must send the DEQ Operator Certification Program a state application and application fee by February 14, 2025. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by February 28, 2025

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2	3 Groundhog Day  February 3-6 National Rural Water Rally Washington, DC	4	5 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Colstrip	6 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Colstrip	7	8
Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers Training MRWS - Great Falls			ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Great Falls			
9	10	11 WWW Operator Training MRWS - Shelby	12 Training for Boards, Councils, and Clerks MRWS - Havre	13	14 Valentine's Day  New Applications due for operator exam on March 14, 2025 MDEQ	15
16	17 Presidents Day 	18 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Columbus	19	20 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Miles City	21	22
23	24	25 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Havre	26 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - Havre	27	28 Registration Deadline for Certification Exams Given on March 14, 2025 MTDEQ	



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March 2025 Seminars



March 4 & 6, 2025
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

Location: Hamilton & Pablo

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: None**



March 11, 2025 **Location: Great Falls**
Water/Wastewater Operator Math Training

This Training is for Water and Wastewater Operators studying for their certification exams as well as those needing a review of math principles.

Trainer: Steve Shope , sshope@map-inc.org (406) 570-5293.

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

CEC: 0.4 (Pending) **Fee: None**



March 12-14, 2025 **Location: Great Falls**
45th 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**

March 26 & 27, 2025 Locations: Manhattan & Fairmont Hot Springs (Anaconda)

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**



Photo by Clay McCafree, Billings Heights Water, Backflow class 2024



WEBINARS & WEBCASTS

For information on WEF webcasts contact Robin Barnes at MWEA or go to www.WEF.org.



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

Your CECs are due by May 31, 2026!!



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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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Registration Deadline for Certification Exams Given on March 14, 2025 MTDEQ	1
2	3	Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Hamilton	5	Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Pablo	7	8
9 Daylight Savings 	10	Operator Math Training MAP - Great Falls	45th Technical Conference and Exhibition Show MRWS - Great Falls		Certification Exams MTDEQ - Great Falls	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy B-day Josh! Thank you Billings Heights Water	28	29
30	31		Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Manhattan	Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda		



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April 2025 Seminars



April 8, 2025 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**



April 15 & 17, 2025 Location: Harlowton & Conrad **Water & Wastewater Operator Training**

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

CECs: 0.6 TBA

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

FEE: \$60 Member

\$90 Non-Member



April 9, 2025 Location: Polson **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.](http://www.map-inc.org)

CEC: 0.4 Dual

FEE: None



April 24, 2025 **New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams**

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on May 22nd, 2025 in Kalispell, you must submit an application to the DEQ Operator Certification Program and application fee by April 24, 2025. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by May, 8, 2025



April 9, 2025 Location: Lewistown **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.](http://www.map-inc.org)

EC: 0.4 Dual

FEE: None



April 21-24, 2025 Billings Hotel & Convention Center **MSAWWA - MWEA Joint Conference**



“Working Together to Protect Montana’s Water Resources” is the title for the 2025 MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference. The Preconference title is tbd and is being sponsored in 2025 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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8 Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual	9 Board Training MAP - Polson Asset Management MAP-Lewistown	10	11	12
13	14	15 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Harlowton	16	17 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Conrad	18	19
20	21 <i>Earth Day</i> MWEA Preconference Billings	22	23	24 Deadline - New Applications for Certification Exams Given on 5/22/25	25	26
27	28	29	30	MSAWWA - MWEA Joint Conference Billings		



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2025 May Seminars



May 7, 2025 Location: Helena **Emerging Contaminants: PFAS**

This Training is for Water Operators along with Clerks, and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on the regulations surrounding PFAS as well as sampling procedures. Trainer: Lance Goodman – lgoodman@map-inc.org (307) 247-0760. For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org
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CEC: 0.4 Water FEE: None



May 6 & 7 2025 **Water & Wastewater Operator Exam Review** Location: TBA

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams. **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
CECs: None FEE: None



May 8, 2025 Location: Stevensville **Pump Fundamentals and Control Valve Operation**

This Training is for Water Operators along with Clerks, and Utility/Public Works Directors, and will focus on pump operations and maintenance, as well as control valve applications. 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



May 7th, 2025 Location: West Glacier **Glacier Park & Small System 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.
CECs: 0.7 TBA FEE: \$70 Members; \$105 Non-Member



May 1, 2025 **Exam Registration Deadline**

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on May 22, 2025 in Kalispell, the DEQ Operator Certification program must receive your exam registration form and payment by May 8, 2025.



May 12, 2025 Location: Great Falls **Water/Wastewater Operator Math Training**

This Training is for Water and Wastewater Operators studying for their certification exams as well as those needing a review of math principles.
Trainer: Devin Beal – dbeal@map-inc.org (406) 290-3325. .
For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org
CEC: 0.4 (Pending) Fee: None



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May 13-15, 2025 Location: Kalispell **Spring Water School**

CECs: TBA

Watch the MDEQ website for more information.
FEE: TBA

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May 2025

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				1 Registration Deadline for Certification Exams Given on 5/15/25 MTDEQ	2	3	
4	5 American Backflow Prevention Association ABPA– Little Rock, AR May 5-7	6 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - TBA May 6	7 Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - TBA May 7 Emerging Contaminants: PFAS MAP-Helena Glacier Park & Small System Operator Training MRWS - West Glacier	8 Pump Fundamentals and Control Valve Operation MAP - Stevensville	9	10	
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	12 W/WW Calculations & Math Review MAP - Kalispell	13 Spring Water School - MDEQ - MW2OI - Kalispell		14	15 Certification Exams MTDEQ - Kalispell	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	27	28	29	30	31	



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June 2025 Seminars



June 2-7, 2025 **Location: Kalispell**
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**



June 24 & 26, 2025 **Locations: Polson & Stevensville**
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



June 4, 2025 **Location: Colstrip**
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**



June 30, 2025
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 17, 2025 **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





Photo by Nikki Rogers, MRWS Geraldine, MT



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June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	National Rural Water Association Water In-Service Training Reno, NV June 2-5					
	Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's & Refresher Course MRWS - Kalispell				ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams - Kalispell	
			Asset Management MAP - Colstrip 6/4/25			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
ACE24 - AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition Denver, CO						
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Webinar				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS - Polson		Sampling & Monitoring for Small Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS - Stevensville		
29	30					
	Operator Certification Renewal Fees Due June 30, 2025 MTDEQ					



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July 2025 Seminars



July 17, 2025 **Location: Virtual**
Water & Wastewater Operator Training

This workshop will be a webinar; topic to be determined.
 Check website for updates at www.mrws.org.

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



July 22 & 24, 2025 **Locations: Deer Lodge & Hamilton**
Emerging Contaminants and other topics TBA

We will discuss the new water contaminants on EPA's watch list as well as those with pending rules and MCLs.
 Check website for updates and to Register at www.mrws.org.

CECs: 0.6 Water **FEE: \$60 for Members**
WW TBD **\$90 for Non-Member**



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Photo by Lynora Rogstad, MRWS Analyzing samples at lagoons, Yellow Bay

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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual	18	19
20	21	22 Emerging Contaminants MRWS - Deer Lodge	23	24 Emerging Contaminants MRWS - Hamilton	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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August 2025 Seminars



August 5 & 7, 2025 Locations: Belgrade & Roberts Cyber Security & other topics TBA

This workshop will address recent concerns for small utilities and cyber security. There will also 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



August 12 & 14, 2025 Locations: Sidney & Chinook 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



August 21, 2025 Location: Glasgow Control Valve Applications and Operations

This Training is for Water Operators and Utility/Public Works staff, and will focus on the applications, functions and uses of control valves. Trainer: Devin Beal – dbeal@map-inc.org (406) 290-3325. For up-to-date information go to www.map-inc.org
CEC: 0.8 Water (Pending) Fee: None



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August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Cyber Security MRWS - Belgrade	6	7 Cyber Security MRWS - Roberts	8	9
10	11	12 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Sidney	13	14 Water/Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Chinook	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Control Valve Applications and Operations MAP - Glasgow	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2025 Seminars



September 9-11, 2025
34th 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

CECs: 2.0 Wastewater FEE: TBA



Photo by Kurtis Hillier, MRWS. Polson, MT



September 18, 2025
New Application Deadline for DEQ Exams

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on October 16th, 2025 in Bozeman you must send the DEQ Operator Certification Program a state application and application fee by September 10, 2025. You must send in the exam date registration form and pay the appropriate exam fees by October 2, 2025.



September 24, 2025 Location: Havre
Wastewater Exam Prep

This Training is for operators studying for their wastewater certification exam.
 Trainer: Steve Shope – sshope@map-inc.org (406) 570-5293.

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

CEC: 0.4 Wastewater (Pending) Fee: None



October 2, 2025
Exam Registration Deadline

To take a water or wastewater operator exam on October 16, 2025 in Bozeman the DEQ Operator Certification program must receive your exam registration form and payment by October 2, 2025.



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September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparents Day 	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day 	12	13
	34th Annual Advanced Wastewater Training MRWS - Yellow Bay					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	National Rural Water Association Water Pro Conference New Orleans, LA			New Applications due for operator exam on 10/16/25 MDEQ - Bozeman		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Wastewater Exam Prep MAP - Havre			WEF/TEC - Sept 27- Oct 1, Chicago, IL
28	29	30				
WEF/TEC - Sept 27- Oct 1, Chicago, IL				Registration due for Certification Exams on 10/16/25 MTDEQ -Bozeman		



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October 2025 Seminars



October 6-11, 2025 Location: Billings Heights 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](http://www.mrws.org)

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



October 7 & 8, 2025 Locations: TBA Operator Certification Exam Review

This review will help prepare operators for all levels of certification exams, **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



October 14-16, 2025 Location: Bozeman 92nd 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

MW2OI

October 28-30, 2025 Location: Mammoth Hot Springs 20th National Park Service & Small System Utility Operator Training

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




Photo by Dennis Eaton , MRWS South of Zortman, MT



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October 2025

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			1	2	3	4
WEF/TEC - Sept 27- Oct 1, Chicago, IL				Registration due for Certification Exams on 10/16/25 MTDEQ -Bozeman		
5	6	7 Water/Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - TBA	8 Water/Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Review MRWS - TBA	9	10	11
Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester's & Refresher Course MRWS - Billings Heights					ABPA Tester New Cert & Recert Exams Billings Heights	
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14 92nd Annual School for Water and Wastewater Operators and Managers MTDEQ, MW2OI - MSU Bozeman	15	16 Certification Exams MTDEQ - Bozeman	17	18
			Montana League of Cities & Towns Annual Conference October 15-17 Billings			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 20th National Park Service & Small System Utility Operator Training MRWS - Mammoth	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 	



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November 2025 Seminars



November 6 & 12, 2025 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.](http://www.mrws.org)

CECs: 0.2 TBA

**FEE: \$20 Member
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November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	3	4 Election Day 	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual </div>	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans' Day 	12 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Water & Wastewater Operator Training MRWS - Virtual </div>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29
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Works Association
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i> 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	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.



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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 Helena, MT 59620-0901
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WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION COURSES

Spring and Fall Water schools 2025; Kalispell and Bozeman.
 Individual Trainings possible upon request.
 Contact Josh Viall for more information or with any questions.



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.



TECHNICAL LEARNING COLLEGE

P.O. Box 3060
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323
 Phone: (928) 468-0665
 Email: info@tlch2o.com
 Website: abctlc.com

WASTEWATER COURSES

Activated Sludge	1.0 CECs
Stormwater Monitoring	1.0 CECs

DRINKING WATER COURSES

Groundwater Production	1.5 CECs
Laboratory Safety	1.0 CECs

DUAL COURSES

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.



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2024 - 2026 Approved Training Providers

- 360 Water
- Back Municipal Consulting (BMC)
- MRWS
- California State University (CSU)
- J Reif Consulting, LLC
- MAP (Midwest Assistance Program)
- Jacobs Engineering Group
- NTT (National Technology Transfer, Inc.)
- TLC (Technical Learning College)
- WaterLMS

CONTACT

Please contact Marleigh Steinke 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.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Department of Environmental Quality's mission is to protect, sustain, and improve a clean a healthful environment to benefit present and future generations.

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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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Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

Resource Development Bureau-Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRGL) Grants & Loans (State)
a. Renewable Resource Grants and Loans
b. Project Planning Grants
c. Emergency Grant Program
Contact: Autumn Coleman (406)444-6687
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Helena, MT 59620-1601
Website: www.dnrc.mt.gov

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

INTERCAP Loan Program (DOC)

Loans (State)
Contact: (406) 444-0001
MT Board of Investments
P.O. Box 200126
Helena, MT 59620-0126
Website: www.commerce.mt.gov

Montana Coal Board Grant Program (DOC)

Community Development Division (406) 841-2770
301 S Park Ave
P.O. Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523
Website: www.commerce.mt.gov

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA/RD)

Water & Environmental Loan & Grant Program Grants & Loans (Federal)
Contact Office: (406) 585-2520
2229 Boot Hill Court
Bozeman, MT 59715
Website: www.rdev.usda.gov/mt

Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) (DOC)

a. Construction Grants
b. Preliminary Engineering Grants
c. Emergency Grants
Contact: 406-841-2700
301 S Park Ave,
Helena, MT 59620
Website: www.commerce.mt.gov

Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Loans (Federal)
Contact: (406) 841-2840
301 S. Park Ave.
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Website: www.hud.gov



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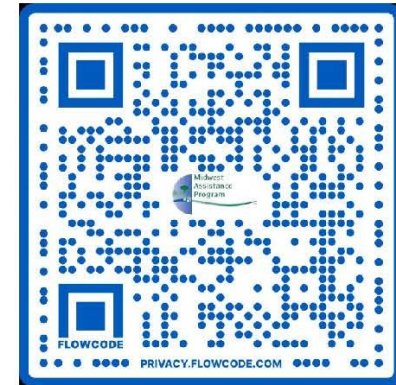
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The Montana Section of AWWA

(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 would like to become a member of MSAWWA and AWWA please contact anyone of the Board of Directors or the Executive Secretary at the numbers listed above.

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.

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- Water for People

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- 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 MEMBERSHIP & COMMITTEES

If you would like to become a member of MWEA and WEF please contact anyone of the Board of Directors at the numbers listed above.

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

MWEA Committees:

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

Joint MSAWWA/MWEA Committees:

Cross Connection Control	Lifetime Achievement/Todd
Exhibitors	Teagarden Awards
Host City	Public Outreach
Program Committee	Scholarship
Information Management	Student & Young Professional

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.

**NOW, more than ever, ALL systems NEED to be a winning member of the Rural Water Team!
Join MRWS and add your system's voice to our 31,000 plus member systems!**

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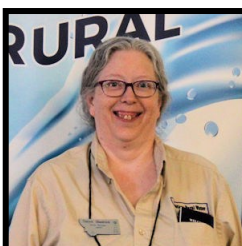
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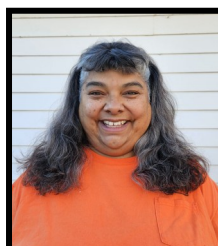
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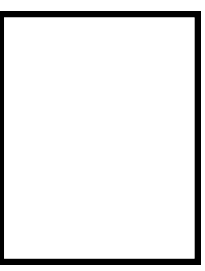
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Please do not hesitate to call one of our staff for any of your technical assistance or training needs!!!

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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