



Drinking Water) Academy Bulletin)



Training for Lead and Copper) Rule Minor Revisions)

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EPA will hold five 2-day training sessions for States and EPA Regions on the Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions (LCRMR). The training will discuss minor revisions to the rule published on January 12, 2000. (For more information, see www.epa.gov/ogwdw000/standard/leadfs.html.)

The LCRMR do not change the action levels or Maximum Contaminant Levels Goals for lead or copper, and they do not affect the rule's basic requirements to optimize corrosion control and, if appropriate, treat source water, deliver public education, and replace lead service lines. The changes fall into seven broad categories:

- Demonstration of optimal corrosion control
- Lead service line replacement requirements

- Public education requirements
- Monitoring requirements
- Analytical methods
- Reporting and recordkeeping requirements
- Special primacy requirements

Training will be offered in five Regional Office locations during May. See the Training Calendar on the last page of this Bulletin (or the DWA Web site at www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/calendar.html) for specific dates and locations. Please reserve your space at least 5 days prior to the scheduled training in order to ensure that enough training materials will be available.

or additional information about the rule or the training, please contact Leslie Cronkhite at 202-260-0713.

Region 4 Small Systems Peer Review Program)

The Peer Review Program is a volunteer program to improve the quality of drinking water for small communities and Indian Tribes and to enable them to increase their compliance with Federal and State regulations. EPA and the States train peer review volunteers to use an inspection and evaluation process developed from components of various State inspection programs.

The program starts with a self-assessment of a community water system. The community then requests a volunteer peer review of its system. The volunteer program provides a network of capable and experienced volunteers who use the self-assessment and their personal review of the system to assist the community in improving its compliance. Volunteers generally are managers of community drinking water systems who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Peer Review Program.

As an example of the program's success, the southeastern portion of Georgia, a targeted peer review program, is highlighted on page 2.

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New Developments on) the DWA Web Site)

The DWA Web site has a new look and a major new addition. The format and graphics of the Web site were updated early this year. In addition, the Electronic Workshop is now functioning. The Electronic Workshop contains training courses that can be viewed or downloaded in pdf format, or viewed as PowerPoint presentations. Two of the introductory modules (*Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act* and *Introduction to EPA's Drinking Water Source Protection Programs*) are now available.


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The Drinking Water Academy Goes Bilingual

The DWA's first Spanish-language training, "Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act," will be presented in Puerto Rico in December.

The Drinking Water Academy's goal is to expand the capacities of EPA, State, and Tribal staff to implement the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. Consistent with this goal—and with efforts of EPA's Office of International Activities to provide environmental outreach to other countries and speakers of other languages—the DWA is making its materials more accessible to Spanish-speaking environmental professionals in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, EPA Regional Offices, and, potentially, Mexico and Central and South America.

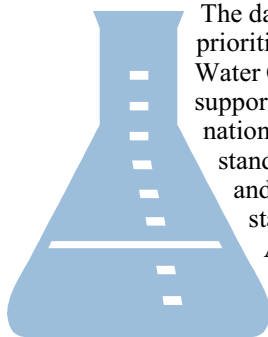
The DWA's first Spanish-language training is scheduled for December 2000 in Puerto Rico. *Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act* and *Introduction to EPA's Drinking Water Source Protection Programs* will be presented in conjunction with *UIC Inspector Training*.

In addition, the DWA Web site will provide a Spanish-language option. Anyone interested in Spanish-language training, or in using DWA materials in Spanish, should contact Denny Cruz, EPA Headquarters, (202) 260-7776. 




Training for the New Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulations)

A final rule published by EPA on September 17, 1999, substantially revises the existing regulations for unregulated contaminant monitoring. The purpose of the rule is to obtain reliable data for unregulated contaminants to support the regulatory process. The data will be used to evaluate and prioritize contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List, support the EPA Administrator's determination whether to develop drinking water standards for particular contaminants, and support the development of standards for contaminants that the Administrator selects.



The final rule includes a list of contaminants to be monitored;

procedures for selecting a representative nationwide sample of small public water systems that will be required to monitor; the frequency and schedule of monitoring; sampling points and approved analytical methods; and procedures for entering the monitoring data in the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Database.

EPA conducted training in April to explain the provisions of the new rule to States and EPA Regions. The regulation is posted on EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-water/1999/September/Day-17/w23030.htm, and the training materials will soon be available on the DWA Web site. For more information about the rule or the training, contact Charles Job by phone at (202) 260-7084 or by e-mail at job.charles@epa.gov. 

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review area, had a 73 percent compliance rate that improved to 96 percent after program implementation. The program has been replicated in Kentucky and Iowa. Virginia, Mississippi, Colorado, Vermont, Maine, Florida, and the United South and Eastern Tribes (representing 23 Tribes from Maine to Texas) are developing Peer Review Programs.

Information about the program can be found on the EPA Region 4 Web site at www.epa.gov/region4/peerreview/index.htm. The site includes sample peer review forms, training materials, a start-up flow chart and checklist, and a list of

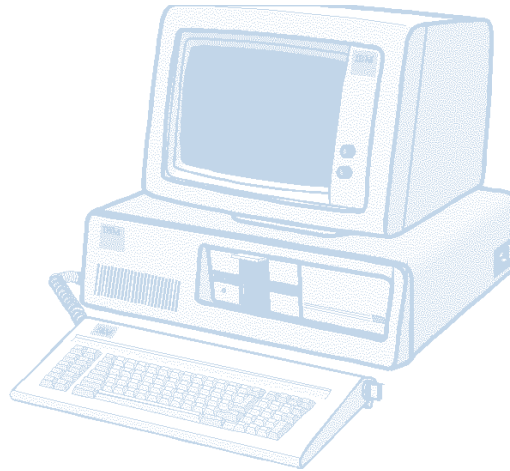
contacts. This information is also available from the Region on CD-ROM. 



available in the Electronic Workshop, and the other two will be available in mid-May.

Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act is also on the Web site in a simple interactive format. The other introductory modules will soon follow. The DWA is working on a more interactive version of *Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act* and plans to have it on line by late summer.

The Web site continues to contain a course catalog, schedule of courses, and links to partner sites. **Visit the Drinking Water Academy Web site at www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa.html.**



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Training Course Schedule)

Course Title)	Audience)	Date Scheduled)	Location)	Contact)
Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions)	States and EPA Regional drinking water staff)	May 1 & 2, 2000) May 4 & 5, 2000) May 17 & 18, 2000) May 22 & 23, 2000) May 24 & 25, 2000)	Seattle, WA) Atlanta, GA) Philadelphia, PA) Denver, CO) San Francisco, CA)	Michelle Stoner) EPA HQ) (202) 260-2798)
Introduction to SDWA, Introduction to EPA's Drinking Water Source Protection Programs,) Introduction to the PWSS Program)	New Mexico State drinking water staff)	May 9 - 11, 2000)	Santa Fe, NM)	Robert Gallegos) NM Environment Department) (505) 827-7536)
Sanitary Survey Training)	EPA Region 3 State drinking water staff)	May 16-19, 2000)	Middletown, PA)	Rick Rogers) EPA Region 3) (215) 814-5711)
Sanitary Survey Training)	EPA Region 1 Federal and State drinking water staff)	May 16-19, 2000)	Lexington, MA)	Jackie LeClair) EPA Region 1) (617) 918-1549)
SDWIS/FED Data Retrieval Intermediate Training)	Federal and State staff with SDWIS data retrieval responsibilities (must have completed beginner's course)	June 20-22, 2000)	Falls Church, VA)	Michelle Stoner) EPA HQ) (202) 260-2798)
Sanitary Survey Training)	Alaska State drinking water staff)	June - Sept. 2000*)	Anchorage, AK) Fairbanks, AK) Juno, AK) 2 sites TBD*)	Mike Cox) EPA Region 10) (206) 553-1893)
SDWIS/FED Data Entry and Troubleshooter's Training)	Federal and State staff with SDWIS data retrieval responsibilities (must have completed beginner's course)	Aug. 15 - 17, 2000)	Dallas, TX)	Michelle Stoner) EPA HQ) (202) 260-2798)
SETS Training)	Federal and State staff whose responsibilities include retrieving enforcement-sensitive data or accessing the SETS data from SDWIS/FED (must have completed beginner's and intermediate courses)	Sept. 2000*)	Washington, DC)	Michelle Stoner) EPA HQ) (202) 260-2798)
Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Short Courses for Waterworks Operators)	Waterworks operators, State and Federal regulatory staff, graduate students)	Aug. 13-18, 2000)	Virginia Tech) Blacksburg, VA)	Jack Lilly) Virginia Tech) (540) 231-9447)
Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Course for Chemistry)	Regional and State staff responsible for certifying drinking water labs)	Sept. 11-15, 2000)	Cincinnati, OH)	Patricia Hurr) EPA ORD) (513) 569-7678)
Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Course for Microbiology)	Regional and State staff responsible for certifying drinking water labs)	Sept. 18-22, 2000)	Cincinnati, OH)	Patricia Hurr) EPA ORD) (513) 569-7678)
Sanitary Survey Troubleshooter's Training)	EPA Region 3 Federal and State drinking water staff)	Week of Sept. 15*)	EPA Region 3*)	Rick Rogers) EPA Region 3) (215) 814-5711)

*Final dates and locations will be posted on the DWA Web site as soon as they are available (www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/calendar.html).

The following courses may be presented as requested: Comprehensive Performance Evaluations (Introduction); Comprehensive Performance Evaluations (Progressive); Sanitary Survey Training; Consumer Confidence Rule; Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. See the course catalog on the DWA Web site for more information (www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/course.html).