



Drinking Water Academy Bulletin



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Welcome From Bill Diamond

Dear Readers:

I am pleased to be writing to you as the newly appointed Director of the Implementation and Assistance Division (IAD). As the former Director of the Standards and Risk Management Division, I oversaw the development of drinking water regulations. Now, I am looking forward to working with Regions and States on SDWA implementation. I hope that my experience with the Standards and Risk Management Division will allow us to work more closely as new regulations are developed.

IAD is in high gear as the program continues to implement the 1996 SDWA Amendments. I believe that the Drinking Water Academy (DWA) is a critical component for the successful implementation of the 1996 SDWA Amendments. The DWA will assist EPA Headquarters and Regions and States to increase the productivity of newly hired or reassigned personnel, strengthen implementation efforts, and increase productivity of limited personnel resources at both the state and federal level.

I was recently briefed on the progress of the DWA since its inception last November and I am pleased with the accomplishments to date. As we move forward with this comprehensive training support program, I look forward to working closely with the Regions and States and finding out more specifically how we can help meet your needs. I hope that you find this issue informative and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bill Diamond, Director
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Office of Ground Water and Drinking
Water

Pilot Test Training Sessions

The DWA held two successful pilot test training sessions in June and July. Pilot tests in June were conducted for the modules titled "Introduction to the Safe Drinking Water Act" which serves as an overview of all of the OGWDW programs and the SDWA, and "Introduction to the Source Water Protection and Ground Water Programs" which builds on the overview module to provide more specific technical information on the Source Water and Ground Water programs. In July, pilot test were conducted for modules titled "Introduction to the UIC Program" and "Introduction to the PWSS program." These modules also build on the overview module providing more specific program and technical information. Approximately 20 participants from EPA Headquarters and Regions participated in each of the pilot training sessions. Participants completed evaluation forms which are currently being used to revise and improve the modules. In general, the pilot test evaluations were extremely positive. More than 93 percent of participants said that they would recommend that new EPA employees take the course!

The DWA will hold one final pilot test September 15-16, 1999 in Denver, CO. Two modules, "Introduction to SDWA" and the "Introduction the UIC Program" were modified after the being piloted and will be pilot tested again. Participants at this pilot test will include State representatives for the first time. In addition, DWA workgroup members and Region 8 employees are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending the pilot test, contact Denny Cruz at (202) 260-7776 or cruz.denny@epa.gov.

All four modules will be posted on the DWA web site once revisions are complete.
(<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa.html>)

TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULE

Course Title	Audience	Location	Date	Contact
M/DBP Rule Implementation	EPA/State/Tribal	Washington, DC	8/16/99-8/17/99	Kathy Williams (202) 260-2589
SWPA Delineation and Susceptibility Assessment: Technical Training	Regional/State technical staff	Denver, CO	Week of 8/16/99	Marilyn Ginsberg (202) 260-8804
SDWIS/FED Data Entry/Trouble Shooters	EPA	Atlanta, GA	8/17/99-8/19/99	Michelle Stoner (202) 260-2798
CCR Rule Implementation	EPA/State/Tribal	Washington, DC	8/18/99-8/19/99	Kathy Williams (202) 260-2589
SWPA Delineation and Susceptibility Assessment: Technical Training	Regional/State technical staff	Philadelphia, PA	Week of 8/23/99	Marilyn Ginsberg (202) 260-8804
Sanitary Survey Training	EPA/State	Washington, DC	8/24/99-8/27/99	Murlene Lash (202) 260-7197
Sanitary Survey Training	PWSS staff in in Region IV States	Atlanta, GA	9/14/99-9/17/99	David Parker (404) 562-9460
SWPA Delineation and Susceptibility Assessment: Technical Training	Regional/State technical staff	Dallas, TX	9/99	Marilyn Ginsberg (202) 260-8804
SWPA Delineation and Susceptibility Assessment: Technical Training	Regional/State technical staff	Kansas City, KS	10/99	Marilyn Ginsberg (202) 260-8804
Sanitary Survey Training	Region V Tribal DI staff and Region V States have priority. Tentatively full.	Keshena, WI	10/19/99-10/22/99	Charles Pycha (312) 886-0259
DWSRF Basic 101 & Financial	EPA/State/Tribal (Region VII EPA, States, and Tribes have priority)	Kansas City, KS	10/20/99-10/21/99	Harold Owens (913) 551-7371
Sanitary Survey Training	Region V Tribal DI staff and Region V States have priority. Tentatively full.	Toledo, OH	11/2/99-11/5/99	Charles Pycha (312) 886-0259
UIC Inspector Certification	EPA	Columbus, OH	11/99	Steve Platt (215) 814-5464
Sanitary Survey Training	States	Region IV	Upon request	David Parker (404) 562-9460
Sanitary Survey Training	States	Region VI	Upon request	Bill Davis (214) 665-7536
Introduction to Comprehensive Performance Evaluations (CPEs)	States	Region VI	Upon request	Bill Davis (214) 665-7536
Progressive CPE Training	States	Region VI	Upon request	Bill Davis (214) 665-7536

DWA Web Site

The DWA web site has been up and running since May 1999. The DWA web site is located at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa.html>. In late July, a new section—the Electronic Workshop— was added to the web site. Available for download from this page are the implementation training materials for the Consumer Confidence Reports Rule and the Microbial/Disinfection Byproducts Rule. These materials may be downloaded in power point or in pdf format. If materials are downloaded in power point, they may be modified to suit the particular needs of a Region, State, or Tribe. If materials are downloaded in pdf, they can be used exactly as they are. In the future, these materials will be available for viewing on-line.

The DWA plans to significantly increase the Electronic Workshop page on the DWA web site in the coming year. As additional training materials become available, they will be posted on the web site for on-line viewing and download.

The web site also currently includes a regularly updated calendar of course offerings, course descriptions, the DWA Fact Sheet, a list of the DWA workgroup members, and other pertinent information. The web site continues to be a work in progress, and we would appreciate hearing from you about ways to improve the usefulness of the web site.

Other News - Looking to The Future - A 5-Year Plan for the DWA

EPA is currently developing a 5-year plan for the Drinking Water Academy. The plan contemplates an increasing role for Regions in the DWA and regularly scheduled DWA courses and sanitary survey training. The plan is intended to meet the increasing training needs of EPA and states based on projections for employee turnover and new FTEs.

The DWA workgroup, consisting of EPA Headquarters and Regions and States, will review and refine the 5-year plan in the coming months. Information on the training needs in your State, Tribe, or Region is critical to make the projections for training needs as accurate as possible. Please contact the appropriate Regional representative listed on the last page of this Bulletin to provide input on your training needs.

Other News - More on Sanitary Survey Training Opportunities

Sanitary Survey Training (training to develop the capabilities of individuals to conduct an effective and comprehensive review/investigation of a public water system) is an increasingly critical component of the program due to the increased emphasis placed on sanitary surveys by the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the

upcoming Ground Water Rule. These new requirements intensify the preexisting need—sanitary survey training has consistently been one of the most frequently requested training needs by States and Regions.

Sanitary Survey Workgroup

The increased need for sanitary survey training prompted the formation of the Sanitary Survey Workgroup. This workgroup is being led by the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA). The workgroup's primary mission is to formulate a five year plan to increase the availability of sanitary survey training. The composition of the workgroup has strong emphasis on State participants and has representation from EPA and private sector members who have extensive experience with sanitary survey training.

Upcoming Training

EPA is holding a sanitary survey training for EPA and State employees on August 24-27, 1999. EPA Region 6 will lead this training session. The training will be held in Washington, D.C. and participants will visit a ground water and surface water system in Maryland.

The course applies basic scientific information and a working knowledge of the operation, maintenance, management and technology of a water system to train the field staff to identify sanitary risks which may interrupt the multiple barriers of protection at the water system and adversely affect its ability to produce a safe, reliable and adequate quality and quantity of potable water to the consumer. The participants will be exposed to the activities of a sanitary survey and will learn to identify the appropriate information to gather and conditions to assess during the activities. Course participants will receive a *Learner's Guide* containing all the presentation material from all the units in addition to other, more detailed, reference material; a *Drinking Water Inspector's Field Guide for Surface plants* containing reference material and questions to ask in the field at a surface water plant; and a *Drinking Water Inspector's Field Guide for Groundwater Systems* containing reference material and questions to ask in the field at a ground water System.

Space for the session is limited. If you are interested in receiving more information about this training, or to be placed in a waiting list for future training sessions, contact Murlene Lash at (202) 260-7197.

Additional Training Upon Request

As noted in the April 1999 Bulletin, Region IV and VI offer sanitary survey training upon request. If you are interested in making arrangements for the course in your State or Region, call David Parker at the EPA Region IV office in Atlanta at (404) 562-9460, or call Bill Davis at the EPA Region VI office in Dallas at (214) 665-7536.

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