



# Minnesota Rural Water Association Class E Small Water Systems Operator Training



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Minnesota Department of Health

Bemidji District Office

705 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite A

Bemidji, MN

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

Class Time: 8am - Noon

## Topics covered during the workshop:

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Roles and Responsibilities in Minnesota:** Mark Kluhsman from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will discuss the SDWA in Minnesota including the responsibilities of owners and operators of public water systems, sampling requirements, how MDH works to help small water systems provide safe water to their consumers, and any MDH updates.

**Round Table Discussion** - This is your opportunity to discuss your water system and to ask any questions about wells, storage, distribution, water treatment, troubleshooting, routine maintenance, and any other questions you may have about drinking water.

**Wells 101** – We will discuss well construction, pumps, storage, and routine maintenance requirements.

**Distribution System Operation and Maintenance** – A discussion on maintaining and protecting the distribution system from contamination.

**Asset Management** – Have you thought about what it would cost to replace the components of your water system? We will discuss the useful life of equipment and how to budget for new equipment.

**Source Water Protection Plans and Grants** – Chris Parthun from MDH will describe the details of the scientifically-based approach that MDH takes when preparing Wellhead Protection Plans for Public Water Suppliers. The development of Action Plans for noncommunity and nonmunicipal systems, and opportunities for grant funding will also be discussed.

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

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

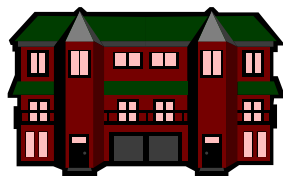
The Minnesota Rural Water Association will be providing training sessions for your water system operations specialist under a grant through the Minnesota Department of Health. Jennifer Koenig and Kyle Kedrowski, Technical Advisors, will be the trainers at these training sessions. Jennifer and Kyle also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

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

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**Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems:** Serve at least 25 of the same people over 6 months of the year. Examples of nontransient noncommunity public water systems include schools, offices, factories, and daycares.



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

