



# REPORT TO CONGRESS

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## Year To-Date 2009 Summary

<b>Technical Assistance Provided</b>	<b>Training Provided Statewide</b>	
<b>814 Community Systems Visited</b>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Individuals Trained</u>
	51	749

### Highlighting Training & Technical Assistance Provided

Congressional District	Training Sessions	Attendance	On-Site Visits	Source Water
1	5	69	48	0
2	2	20	60	8
3	17	288	253	5
4	0	0	0	0
5	3	49	59	0
6	2	64	104	7
7	16	171	199	4
8	6	88	62	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>29</b>

COMMUNITY PWS RURAL WATER MEMBERS	
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	NUMBER OF SYSTEM MEMBERS
1	48
2	74
3	177
4	8
5	39
6	87
7	137
8	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>656</b>

**SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS**

**March 3, 2009** – Circuit Rider Jeff La Belle was contacted by operator Steve Kirschner with the **Hixton** Water Utility to assist with a water loss problem. This was La Belle’s third time in Hixton to find a leak which they narrowed down to be under the interstate. Kirschner and La Belle used pressure gauges to isolate and check the plastic lines under the highway. This method of leak detection proved successful, the leak was under the highway. Operator Kirschner was able to finally isolate the leak for repair. **This will save the system \$1500.**

**March 18, 2009** – Chris Groh, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Wastewater Trainer, was requested to visit the **Warrens** Sanitary District to go through the operations and maintenance of the plant with the new operator, Mr. Brian Knoepker. Mr. Knoepker had just taken the position of wastewater operator, and was not familiar with operating an oxidation ditch treatment system. Chris went through the plant and explained how each part of the system worked and answered questions. Chris also passed along past problems that he worked on at the plant. Mr. Knoepker also had questions on how to report his monthly plant operations to the WI DNR, which Chris demonstrated to him. **This will save the city approximately \$2000 in consulting engineering fees and possible violations from the WI DNR.**

**March 30, 2009** – Jesse Clafin the Wastewater Technician for Wisconsin Rural Water Association was called to the Village of **Baldwin** to televise a lateral of a house that has been having trouble with sewer backups. Jesse and Operator Gary Newton televised the line and found the problem to be where the lateral drops into the main. There were roots and other obstructions that would not let the flow from the lateral out. Jesse and Gary also looked at the main to be sure it was not a Village issue. **This saved the Village \$2000.**