



REPORT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Vol.1 No. 11

December 2009

Year To-Date 2009 Summary

Technical Assistance Provided	Training Provided Statewide	
3199 Community Systems Visited	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Individuals Trained</u>
	200	3259

Highlighting Training & Technical Assistance Provided

COMMUNITY PWS RURAL WATER MEMBERS	
WI RURAL WATER DISTRICT	NUMBER OF SYSTEM MEMBERS
1 (NE)	95
2 (SE)	232
3 (Central)	102
4 (NW)	103
5 (SW)	125
TOTAL	657

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE WATCHING

Senate Bill 398 -

“Under current law, a city, village, or town (municipality) that owns or operates a public utility is allowed to sell or lease the utility only if the municipality follows specified procedures, including obtaining the approval of the Public Service Commission. This bill prohibits a first class city that owns or operates a water utility from selling or leasing the utility to a private person, or otherwise arranging for a private person to operate the utility, unless the requirements under current law are satisfied and the senate approves the sale, lease, or other arrangement.”

SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS

On Thursday, November 19, 2009 WRWA Wastewater Technician Jesse Claflin arrived in the **Village of Gilman**. Jesse was called to Gilman by the full time certified operator Rick Johnson to assist with the startup of a new wastewater treatment plant which Rick had no experience in running. Jesse had previously provided Rick up with the name and phone number of another plant that was only one year old that was designed the same as Gilman's. With this information the operator was able to tour the other plant and find out what worked and what hadn't so Gilman would not run into the same problems the other village had experienced. Rick got all the daily information from the other operator and could now use it to make small corrections to his daily operations after starting up the first part of December. By preventing the problems the other plant had last winter, Gilman will be able to keep their plant from freezing and breaking valves which will save them from having to replace them in the spring.

Chris Groh, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Wastewater Trainer, was requested to visit the **Village of Radisson WWTP** by Mr. Russ Rath (certified Wastewater Operator) to go through and help with a system wide evaluation of the water system's disinfection needs. The village of Radisson currently only disinfects the water supply when there is a problem with the monthly monitoring samples. Mr. Rath asked Chris to help him calculate the amount and cost of chlorine needed to continually disinfect the water supply. After reviewing the costs of the different disinfection methods, Groh suggested a chlorine tablet delivery system which would be very economical for both the chlorine and the mechanical means of delivery. This system could be installed by Mr. Rath himself and would be very cost effective. This visit saved the village \$5000 in fees for hiring an engineering firm for consultation and it also allowed the village to comply with new proposed state rules for disinfection.

On Monday, November 9, 2009, WRWA Circuit Rider Ed Hendzel, received a request from **Algoma Waterworks** General Manager Richard Riederer for assistance in locating a water leak in their distribution system. Upon arrival at the system, they surveyed the entire system and found a water main that was leaking. The utility will now be able to make the needed repairs and also save a huge amount of water loss in addition to the savings of hiring a private firm to do the leak detection. Hendzel will schedule a follow-up visit in the near future.