



REPORT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Year To-Date 2009 Summary

Technical Assistance Provided		Training Provided Statewide	
3667 Community Systems Visited		<u>Classes</u>	<u>Individuals Trained</u>
		214	3515

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)	103
4 (NW)	103
5 (SW)	125
TOTAL	658

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE WATCHING

Legislative Groundwater Workgroup's look at water supply service area plans, new county groundwater management councils, watershed water budgets and mandatory water conservation programs

- Groundwater Management Areas (GMA) and Groundwater Attention Areas (GAA).

The workgroup's "discussion paper" at http://www.legis.wi.gov/senate/sen16/news/Issues/groundwater/010710_miller_black_rel_jes.pdf.

SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS

WRWA Wastewater Technician Jesse Claflin was called to the **Village of New Auburn** to re-televise a sewer lateral for a home that had previously been found to be bad and partially repaired by the village. The repair was done to get rid of roots and a cracked pipe. The lateral had frozen last winter and the operator didn't want the same thing to happen again because the homeowner was threatening a lawsuit. The lateral had also backed up about a month previously so they wanted to make sure their part of the problem was fixed. Claflin televised the line and recorded the lateral to prove the village's part of the lateral was in good shape so that if anything happened again it would not be their responsibility. It was found there was a couple of low spots in the lateral which could be the cause of the freezing.

Chris Groh, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association's Wastewater Trainer, was requested to visit the **Village of Cuba City WWTP** by Mr. Bob Becker (certified, full time Wastewater Operator) to demonstrate the phosphate test used for daily process control for phosphorus removal. Mr. Becker had been using a simple chemical test to test for total phosphorus by testing for phosphate. There is a relationship between phosphorus and phosphate which can be used to set chemical pumps for treatment. Chris demonstrated the test and confirmed that Mr. Becker was using the test properly. By using this test Mr. Becker can safely treat the phosphorus in the effluent without a very complicated lab test. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been monitoring the WWTP for the purpose of setting a phosphorus limit. By successfully treating phosphorus now the city may not get a limit later. This visit saved the village \$5000 in lab testing fees and future savings in chemical treatment.

On December 6, 2009 WRWA Training Supervisor Scott Giese met with John Carroll the operator in **Cazenovia** to assist with updating the Emergency Response Plan. John also requested some help putting together an approved Sample Site Plan spreadsheet that the DNR requires. Giese assisted the operator in completing an ERP and showed him how to enter the sites in the spreadsheet and what all the codes mean.

WRWA Field Staff Supervisor Jeff LaBelle was contacted by Certified Operator Matt Koski of the **Village of Loyal** on Dec. 21 about needing help with a leak. Arrangements were made to meet the next day to help locate the leak. Upon Arriving in Loyal LaBelle learned that the crew for the village had dug 2 holes with no water in either one. After listening on valves, laterals and fire hydrants as well as the street, they located the leak between the two holes that had been dug. LaBelle will be doing a follow up visit with this system.