



# REPORT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Year To-Date 2009 Summary

### Technical Assistance Provided

2884 Community Systems Visited

### Training Provided Statewide

Classes

188

Individuals Trained

3116

### Highlighting Training & Technical Assistance Provided

COMMUNITY PWS RURAL WATER MEMBERS	
WI RURAL WATER DISTRICT	NUMBER OF SYSTEM MEMBERS
1 (NE)	96
2 (SE)	234
3 (Central)	105
4 (NW)	100
5 (SW)	123
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>658</b>

#### SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS

Chris Groh, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Wastewater Trainer, visited the **City of Oregon WWTP** to demonstrate the Hach Test-N-Tube method of phosphorus testing. Chris met with Mr. Cal Anderson and Mr. Sonny Samu (certified Wastewater Operators) to go through the test, required Quality Control, and to answer any questions on the test method. Groh had a set of QC documents and benchsheets on a flash drive and downloaded all the necessary information onto a computer for Mr. Anderson and Samu. He then went through the required QC for the state of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This test method will save the City of Oregon approximately \$4000 in test fees which will pay for the materials purchased in several months. It will also save valuable time in the lab for other operator duties.

On October 27, 2009, WRWA Training Coordinator Scott Giese met with Russ Rath the certified waterworks operator in **Raddison WI**. With a proposed Code change requiring all municipal systems disinfect full-time, Raddison will be adding chlorine to their drinking water. Russ, his board and most of the town (222) people are very much opposed to adding chlorine to the water. They went over some of the options and how to submit comments to the DNR about the code updates. They also went over the new requirement to submit a spread sheet with all the approved sample site plans to the state.

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Circuit Rider, Ed Hendzel, was contacted on Thursday, October 8, 2009, to help with leak detection. The request was from **Three Lakes** water superintendent, Wayne Rychlock. A meeting date was set for Monday, October 12, 2009; to begin the technical assistance. Ed arrived at 9:15 A.M. on October 12 to begin the leak detection. After checking the entire distribution system, Ed and Wayne located 2 water leaks. The utility will now be able to make the needed repairs. The utility has emergency chlorine disinfection if needed. The utility will save a huge amount of water loss besides the savings of the technical assistance provided. Ed will do a follow-up visit in the near future.

WRWA Circuit Rider Gabrielle Petersen traveled to the **City of Oakfield** to meet with their City Clerk to discuss funding opportunities. Upon arrival she was greeted by Eleanor who was very excited to see her. She had just been discussing the financial state of the City of Oakfield and project cost projections. It seems that Oakfield was given a price quote of \$1.1 million to fix the clearwater infiltration into the sewer lines and upgrading the wastewater treatment plant. According to Eleanor if Oakfield does not receive ARRA funds the city will become a ghost town. Oakfield is hoping to receive some grant money to alleviate some of their financial issues.

#### 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.”

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“To assist water/wastewater systems improve and preserve the quality and quantity of water resources in the State of Wisconsin”