



REPORT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Year To-Date 2009 Summary

Technical Assistance Provided

2369 Community Systems Visited

Training Provided Statewide

Classes	Individuals Trained
141	2538

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
TOTAL	658

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE WATCHING

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER ISSUES

- Public health and safety vs. public rights.
- The unintended consequences of water conservation.
- The cost of unfunded mandates.
- Water budgets, watershed by watershed.
- Water rates and more reasonable rates of return.
- The interdependency of water conservation and energy conservation.
- Funding sources and stimulus dollars.

SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS

August 4, 2009, WRWA’s Circuit Rider, Ed Hendzel, received a call requesting assistance with leak detection. The request was from Kip Peters, **Fox Lake Waterworks** full-time certified water superintendent. Ed & Kip set a meeting date for August 5, 2009, to begin the leak detection. The utility has 2 metered groundwater wells & provides water to 411 metered connections. The utility also has full-time chlorine disinfection. Kip discovered a leaking lateral prior to Ed's arrival using WRWA's loaner leak detector. Ed & Kip continued doing pressure tests in a newer development to see if there were additional leaks. They didn't find any more leaks at that time. Kip was now able to make the needed repairs to the lateral. . Kip said his water pumpage was back to normal. The total contact time was 4 hours & **saved the utility about \$4,300.00**, the cost of a leak detector if they needed to purchase one & the cost if they were to hire a private firm to help with the leak detection. There was also a big savings in water loss because of the quick locate of the leaking lateral. Ed will do another follow-up visit in the near future.

August 6, 2009, WRWA’s Circuit Rider, Jeff La Belle, received a call from Rick Graser of the Mercer Sanitary District to assist with locating a water line that they could not find. La Belle assisted with locating the water line, & used the situation to teach Operator Graser & Operator Gordy Kohegyi how to use the line tracer. This will allow the Operators to borrow the equipment in the future and locate lines themselves. The **community saved \$4,000.00** with La Belle’s help.

August 20, 2009, Jesse Clafin the wastewater tech for WRWA arrived at the **Goodman Sanitary District** by the request of Nikki Millan the full time certified operator. Jesse was called to assist in televising a sewer lateral which has been having troubles. The homeowner was threatening lawsuits for the back up into the house. With the help of Jesse it was proven that the problem was in the lateral & not in the sanitary dist. lines. With the help of WRWA the sanitary district saved the lawsuit & paying for back up cleanup. **Total savings around \$2,500.00.**