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WVRWA is affiliated with the National Rural Water Association.



President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family and have entered the new year refreshed and ready to tackle anything that arises. With the new year comes the State's annual legislative session in Charleston. The staff will provide you with updates on bills that can have an impact on our water and sewer utility's daily operations. Please stay abreast of these bills and provide feedback to your legislators.

I would recommend that if you do not already have a relationship with the delegates and senators in your area that you make a point to introduce yourself, either personally or by phone and email.

Let your representatives know that you are available to discuss any issue that could impact the water and sewer utilities of the State. We, as water and sewer service providers, can be an asset to our State representatives by providing them with guidance and information on what we do on a daily basis and how proposed laws can impact these operations.

The WVRWA staff has coordinated and scheduled a full calendar of training courses for the new year and, by this time, you should have received a printed training calendar in the mail. It is great to get back to something close to normal in providing an abundance

of training opportunities for our membership and their employees.

However, as we all know, COVID has not yet released us from its grips. So, it is imperative that we all take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves, loved ones, and fellow employees so we can continue to provide the residents of our great state with the essential services that we provide to our local communities without interruption.

I look forward to a great year and welcome any thoughts from our members on any legislative issues you feel WVRWA should pursue to improve our abilities as water and sewer service providers. ■

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Water and wastewater operators registering for e-Learning courses will have a menu of courses from which to choose. We are constantly adding and updating courseware to reflect changing industry needs and regulations. For more information, you can visit www.wvrwa.org or contact the office at 800-339-4513. Some of the available courses are shown below.

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|---|-----------|--------------|-------|
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By Todd Grinstead, Executive Director

From Your Executive Director What's Happening on the Federal Front with Water and Wastewater!

On behalf of West Virginia Rural Water Association's members and all rural communities across the Mountain State, I recently had the honor of testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, entitled, "Identifying Unique Challenges for Small, Rural and Disadvantaged Communities in Accessing and Maintaining Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure Services," Chaired by Senator Thomas Carver and Ranking Member, Shelly Moore Capito. This hearing gave me an opportunity to express the needs and challenges that rural West Virginia faces to meet regulations, maintain, and expand our water and wastewater services.

We are very excited by the completion of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R.3684), which is a great benefit to rural West Virginia. This historic legislation includes approximately \$55 billion for EPA water programs. There are numerous helpful provi-

sions throughout the bill, such as increased funding for West Virginia's Clean Water State Revolving Fund of \$223 million, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund of \$143 Million, principal forgiveness, or grants for a new dedicated lead service line replacement fund and PFAS remediation, to small and disadvantaged communities to target emerging contaminants, just to name a few.

WVRWA applauds the bill to secure more that \$350 million to modernize and fix aging water and sewer systems while also fighting for no new or increased taxes. This legislation does not include any new federal mandates on local governments. West Virginia's small and rural communities have more difficulty affording public drinking water and wastewater service due to lack of population density and lack of economies of scale. Likewise, they have a much more challenging time complying with federal Clean Water Act permits and Safe Drinking Water Act regulations.

WVRWA is excited to leverage the enhanced technical assistance funding included in H.R. 3684. West Virginia's small and rural communities have relied on WVRWA for on-site technical assistance and training for compliance with the myriad of federal EPA regulations, avoiding EPA fines, and operating drinking water and wastewater systems. Local initiatives are the most effective environmental protection efforts for drinking water and wastewater, ground water, source water, and compliance with the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. All West Virginia communities want to ensure quality water and stay in compliance—West Virginia Rural Water Association provides them the shared technical resources to do it.

This bill is, indeed, a win for West Virginia. Thank you very much Senator Manchin and Senator Capito, as well as Congressman McKinley, for supporting this historic bill. ■



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Is Your Water or Wastewater System Prepared? What You Need to Know About Generators.

Loss of electricity quickly becomes a major challenge during natural disasters and could raise public health concerns. Without backup power for an extended period, many water and wastewater services cannot be provided. However, as demonstrated during incidents such as hurricanes and ice storms, not all utilities are prepared to get their systems operational again. This brochure provides tools and prompts utilities to better prepare for emergency generator needs, provides tips on running and maintaining generators, and includes an easy-to-copy form to determine and document backup power needs.



How do I know what my backup power needs are?

1. **Classify** the electrical needs at your utility:

- *Critical need.* Equipment essential to maintain public health protection (e.g., pumps).
- *Secondary need.* Equipment that would enhance operation, but is not critical (e.g., SCADA components).
- *Noncritical need.* Equipment provided for convenience/comfort, but not essential (e.g., pumphouse lights).



Only consider needs critical to maintaining an acceptable level of service during power outages at your utility.

2. **Identify** the electrical equipment within the critical needs at your utility and determine their voltage, phase configuration, and horsepower/amperage requirements. Remember, electrical equipment starting power demands are usually two to three times higher than their running demands, which may dictate a larger generator. A licensed electrician can provide assistance in determining your backup power needs.

3. **List** all your critical electrical equipment and their starting order to determine your required starting power. At a minimum, your generator(s) must have the capacity to supply the maximum starting power demands and the running demands of the connected equipment.

4. **Determine** your generator needs. Make it easy by using the attached form.

“Having a backup generator is essential, but ours failed when we needed it most. It is critical to keep your generator maintained and to test it regularly under its operating load. Our lesson learned? Make sure you get to know your local emergency planners and have a plan for backup power.”

-Massachusetts Operator

What other considerations are there?

1. Fuel Type - Fuel type greatly influences emergency generator(s) selection. Diesel generators are the most common, and offer the largest selection, availability, and power range (from 5 kilowatts [kW] to over 2,000 kW). To select an appropriate fuel supply, consider:

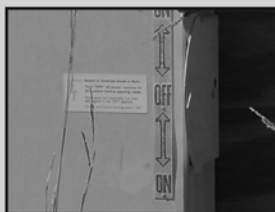
| | Diesel ¹ | Natural Gas ² | Propane ³ | Gasoline |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Fuel Storage | + | + | + | - |
| Fuel Delivery Method | - | + | - | - |
| Generator Availability | + | - | - | + |
| Generator Portability | - | - | - | + |

¹ Assume a consumption rate of 0.07 gallons per hour for every 1kW of power generated.
² Assumes access to a pipeline. Can use propane as a backup fuel, but requires an adapter.
³ Use the generator specification sheet to calculate expected runtime for a given load and propane tank capacity.

Also check any local or state regulations regarding air quality, as these may affect the generator(s) you select.

2. Hook-Up Method - Generators do not simply plug into a piece of equipment that you would like to power. You have to install a connection that will enable you to rapidly hook up the generator to your well or sewer lift station pumps, and not accidentally “backfeed” electricity into utility company lines, which could electrocute a line worker. Connection methods include transfer switches and camlocks.

Transfer switches can be either automatic or manual, and will let you easily switch back and forth between commercial and generator power sources. These switches are typically installed close to your main breaker box.



Transfer Switch

Camlocks are connectors that can be used to connect a generator directly to a critical piece of equipment, such as a pump at a wellhead or lift station.



Camlock

You will need a licensed electrician to help you determine which method is best for you and to assist with installation. A licensed electrician can also help you size the connector and ground cables.

3. Location - Emergency generators must be able to withstand climate extremes and be able to operate under all conditions. Things to consider when locating a generator at your utility include:

- *Environmental considerations.*
It is important to prevent contamination of source water by fuel, and state requirements, such as containment measures, should be checked. Generators and their fuel storage tanks must be located above potential floodwater levels. Generators should also be protected by using a weatherproof enclosure. Check with your state for other requirements.
- *Siting considerations.*
A flat surface (e.g., concrete slab) without obstacles is needed for a portable generator. In addition, be sure that the generator is in a well-lit or patrolled area to avoid theft and vandalism.

4. Other Options - For added flexibility, consider a variable frequency drive (VFD). The VFD is easy to operate, can convert single-phase power from small generators to three-phase power, and can supply power under a variety of horsepower demands. Small, portable generators that can be used with a VFD are readily available from the nearest hardware supplier. Consult your licensed electrician to see if a VFD is right for your utility.



VFD mounted in box

Should I purchase, rent, borrow, or share?

Many factors affect the decision to buy, rent, borrow, or share a generator(s). Funding, maintenance requirements, rental availability, and mutual aid and assistance agreements should all be considered. If you are sharing, who gets the generator first? It is probably easiest to make the decision by considering the advantages and disadvantages of having a generator onsite (purchase) versus obtaining a generator offsite (rent, borrow, or share).

The tables shown here highlight some of the advantages and disadvantages of each option.

| Onsite Generator (Purchase) | |
|--|---|
| <i>Advantages</i> | <i>Disadvantages</i> |
| Immediate start-up during a power failure, as it's already at your utility and ready to go | Up-front capital investment could be costly |
| You are familiar with the generator and its operation | Long-term maintenance is required |
| Can be any size | A disaster that damages your plant may also damage your generator |

| Offsite Generator (Rent/Borrow/Share) | |
|--|--|
| <i>Advantages</i> | <i>Disadvantages</i> |
| No large up-front capital cost if rented, or, if purchase cost shared with other utilities | Travel time delays to get generator to your site, especially if roads are impassable |
| Flexibility in where you get it from, could have multiple sources | May require special equipment (e.g., crane) and extra personnel (e.g., electrician) to install |
| Shared (or no) long-term maintenance costs | In a large incident, may be hard to locate a generator due to competing demands |

Unique circumstances at your utility will ultimately determine whether purchasing, renting, borrowing, or sharing a generator will work best. Regardless, once you have determined your backup power needs, you should communicate those needs to your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) or emergency management director. This allows them to be aware of the generator resources that you already have (if any) and what generator resources you will need during a power emergency, and any priority public health aspects related to power loss.

Operation and Maintenance Tips

- Exercise your generator periodically under the actual electrical load required of the unit to keep it ready for use;
- Develop a "start and connect" checklist specific to each individual generator and keep it where staff can easily find it;
- Do not operate the generator in excess of its rated capacity;
- Be sure the generator is properly grounded;
- Keep portable generators outside and at least 10 feet away and downwind from inhabited, enclosed areas to prevent the buildup of carbon monoxide fumes;
- Maintain 3 to 4 feet of clear space on all sides and above a generator for adequate ventilation;
- Perform scheduled maintenance as recommended by the generator manufacturer;
- Incorporate fuel management into the maintenance schedule to ensure availability of clean, reliable fuel;
- Do not refuel the generator while it is running, turn it off first and let it cool, especially if the generator uses gasoline;
- Keep the generator dry by keeping it elevated and away from possible flooding;
- Support electrical cords off the ground and do not let cords run through low-lying areas or puddles;
- Replace any cords with damaged insulation;
- Train all staff on how to operate the generator safely; and
- Wear hearing protection if you have to work close to a generator.

Where can I go to find out more about generators?

| | |
|---|--|
| Emergency Response Portal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) https://eportal.usace.army.mil/sites/ENGLink/EmergencyPower/default.aspx | Information sharing tool to build federal, state and local capabilities to respond to disasters. Contains links to documents on Standard Operating Procedures of the Temporary Emergency Power Mission |
| Electrical Generating Systems Association (EGSA) http://www.egsa.org/index.cfm | Association dedicated to on-site power generation that includes over 500 companies that make, sell, distribute, and use onsite power generation technology and equipment. |
| Water & Wastewater Mutual Aid & Assistance Resource Typing Manual www.nationalwarn.org | This manual provides guidance to water and wastewater utilities when they request and provide mutual aid and assistance resources (such as generators) during and after an emergency. |
| OSHA Hurricane Safety Tips http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.athruz?pType=Industry&pID=107 | Although dedicated to hurricanes, this site contains many safety tips regarding generator usage and other topics that are common to all disasters. |
| FlaWARN Best Management Practices For Water and Wastewater Systems http://www.flawarn.org/Documents/BMPs.pdf | Guidance document produced by the Florida WARN including Best Management Practices for water facility emergency preparedness and response. |

“When the power went out, we couldn’t pump and pressurize our system. But we are a small utility, and can’t afford a generator. We joined the WARN as one way to locate a generator the next time we need one.”

- Maine Operator

Who can I contact in my state?

Call your consulting engineer or licensed electrician if you have specific questions regarding a generator(s) at your utility. Each utility is unique in its critical treatment processes and its design, and you will want your own experts to help you answer any questions you may have regarding backup power generation. Also, check with your state drinking water primacy agency to see what (if any) generator or fuel storage requirements there are for utilities in your state.

TIP: Joining a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) is one way to borrow or share generators.

www.vvwarn.org

www.vawarn.org

www.pawarn.org

www.ohwarn.org

www.kywarn.org

www.tnwarn.org

EMERGENCY GENERATOR INFORMATION FORM – Side 1 (complete prior to an emergency)

Instructions – Side 1

- Get a licensed electrician to help complete this form.
- Fill out a copy of the form for each generator location.
- Store copy in multiple safe places (ERP, truck, offsite file).
- Share the form with LEPC, WARN or state primacy agency.
- Update form periodically.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Day Phone: _____

Emerg. Phone: _____

System Name: _____ PWSS ID: _____

Street Address, City, and State: _____

Max Day Demand (MGD*): _____ Avg. Daily Demand (MGD*) _____

* Million Gallons per Day

Critical Utility Electrical Needs: (copy form as necessary)

Location (Name/#): _____

Location (Name/#): _____

Location (Name/#): _____

Generator Needs: (copy form as necessary)

Location (Name/#): _____

Existing transfer switch: Yes ___ No ___; Existing 'add-a-phase' or 'roto-phase' unit: Yes ___ No ___

(These units convert a single phase line to a three-phase line)

Size of electrical main breaker: _____ Amps

System Voltage: 240 volt single phase _____ 240 volt three phase _____

208 volt three phase _____ 480 volt three phase _____

Major motors, in starting order, used for facility operations:

(example: 75 HP 2 Quantity 460 Volts 3 Phase)

____ HP ____ Quantity ____ Volts ____ Phase

____ HP ____ Quantity ____ Volts ____ Phase

____ HP ____ Quantity ____ Volts ____ Phase

____ HP ____ Quantity ____ Volts ____ Phase

Note: at a minimum, a generator must have capacity to supply maximum starting power demands and running demands of connected electrical equipment.

Existing concrete pad to locate generator? Yes ___ No ___ Distance of pad to connection point: _____

System meter kilowatt reading: _____

Generator Type (from AWWA Water & Wastewater Mutual Aid & Assistance Resource Typing Manual):

Additional comments: _____

EMERGENCY GENERATOR INFORMATION FORM – Side 2 (complete prior to an emergency)

Instructions – Side 2

- Get a licensed electrician to help complete this form.
- Fill out a copy of the form for each generator location.
- Store copy in multiple safe places (ERP, truck, offsite file).
- Share the form with LEPC, WARN or state primacy agency.
- Update form periodically.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Day Phone: _____

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System Name: _____ PWSS ID: _____

Street Address, City, and State: _____

Max Day Demand (MGD*): _____ Avg. Daily Demand (MGD*) _____

* Million Gallons per Day

Existing Generators: (copy form as necessary)

On-site generator location (name/#): _____

Is on-site generator portable? Yes ___ No ___

If facility has an off-site generator ready for use in an emergency, what is the source/location of the generator? _____

Existing transfer switch: Yes ___ No ___ AND, if yes, is switch manual? ___ or automatic? _____

If automatic, what brand is the switch and how many wires are required to start? _____

Size of generator: _____ kilo Volt Amperes (kVA) _____ kilowatts (kW)

Configuration: (Wye or Delta): _____ (A Wye configuration is in the shape of a “Y”, and a Delta configuration is in the shape of the Greek letter delta “Δ”, a triangle)

Load cable length: _____ Feet Load cable size: _____ Thousand Circular Mils (MCM)
or _____ American Wire Gauge (AWG)

Ground cable length: _____ Feet Ground cable size: _____ (MCM or AWG)

Generator connection point: _____ Fuel tank size: _____

Fuel type: diesel ___ natural gas ___ propane gas ___ gasoline ___ other _____

Fuel available on-site? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how much? _____ How stored? _____

Who provides generator maintenance and testing service? _____

What is the testing cycle and last test date? _____

Does utility have access to an electrician? Yes ___ No ___ # of power company transformers: _____

Transformer size(s) painted on front of the unit(s): kVA _____ kVA _____ kVA _____ kVA _____

Generator Type (from AWWA Water & Wastewater Mutual Aid & Assistance Resource Typing Manual): _____

System is WARN member and willing to list as an available WARN resource? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional comments: _____

THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT.

The other problem with these “2 attempts” is the people who don’t pay their bills usually will not give you a good or current phone number. You can try your best to update the numbers for your customers, but they will get a new number after they leave the office so you can’t call them anyway.

A few things that might help are:

When they give you a number in person, call it and make sure it rings. You can tell them you just wanted to make sure you wrote it down correctly.

Make sure you have caller ID and update the numbers as they communicate with you.

Post a note on your bill that the system is updating their records and would appreciate it if they would give you their current phone number.

Leave a bright-colored notice on the door of all customers that do not have a phone number on record.

6.8.1.c.1. When the water service is being terminated for non-payment of a water bill, the two (2) attempts to notify by personal contact shall be made on two (2) separate business days at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled termination unless it is reasonably established that the premises are not permanently inhabited. The inability to make personal contact shall not prevent the water utility from terminating service.

6.8.1.d. Service shall not be discontinued on

a Saturday, Sunday, any day that is a federal or state holiday, a day on which the utility’s business office is not open to accept payment, or on the day before such days, unless an emergency exists.

6.8.1.e. All disconnections shall be performed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The three rules above should be used together. In the first one, we learn that it takes 3 days to get through the termination process. Since you cannot turn off a customer’s water on the day before the office will be closed (see second rule above), a person would have to start the process on a Monday or Tuesday. After all steps have been done, the water could be shut off on Wednesday or Thursday. Of course, this example wouldn’t work on Thanksgiving week.

6.8.1.f. The utility may, but is not required to, accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for either a delinquent water or sewer bill.

My personal experience tells me nobody should collect any type of payment at the customer’s premises unless they are bonded. A written policy for this is also advised.

To keep this article from becoming a book, I must refer you to the rest of the sections of 6.8 in the WV “Rules for the Government of Water Utilities” (150-07), which will cover more details about the discontinuation of service up to the re-connection process. ■



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paving requirements, valves closed to execute shutdown, fire hydrants opened, chlorine residual, and other useful information.

Leak data can easily be collected in the field using either paper or electronic format. In either case, it is highly desirable to insert the leak repair data into a database. This allows for subsequent analysis of the types of pipe that fail, the possible cause, and their location. Location data is extremely useful in making future decisions about pipe renewal priorities.

So, what information should a leak report entail? Identification of

the leak discovery date, time, and location. Type of leak: meter, curb stop, main line, or joint leak. Description of repair: was it repaired or replaced, repair time, what repairs were made, equipment used for repair, materials used, size of the leak, repair costs. Description of damage for mains and services: what part was damaged? Pipe material.

Keeping good leak repair records is imperative to track leak repair time and awareness. It aids in assessing pipe and system conditions and the overall efficiency of the distribution system. ■



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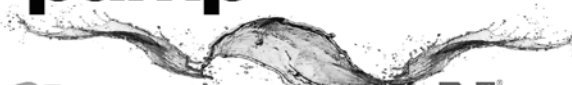
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USEPA Contaminant Candidate List and Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

In March 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency announced the first Contaminant Candidate List (CCL1). The Contaminant Candidate List is a list of contaminants that are not currently subject to any proposed or promulgated national primary drinking water regulations. The listed contaminants are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems. The contaminants on the list are items that are under scrutiny for future regulatory action under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The Act requires the USEPA to publish the CCL every five years and directs the USEPA to consider the health effects and occurrence information to determine what contaminants should go on the list. The contaminants on the list are proposed to be those that present the greatest public health concern related to exposure from drinking water. The EPA then uses the CCL to determine priority contaminants for data collection and regulatory decision making. The CCL includes chemical and microbial contaminants.

After a CCL is finally published, the EPA must determine if they will regulate any contaminants from the list. They must consider at least five. That process is called Regulatory Determinations. The EPA will compile and examine additional data that is available for all the CCL contaminants. From this process, they will determine which contaminants have sufficient data to be evaluated. Keep in mind that part of the methodology is to determine how common the contaminant is in drinking water sources so that a contaminant that only occurs in a few locations does not create a burden of regulation on every drinking water utility nationwide. The Agency also weighs the health concerns. If the health threat is not significant, the Agency is not likely to promulgate regulations. Also, if treatment technology is not available, regulation is unlikely until treatment methods are devel-

oped. The SDWA provides three criteria the EPA uses to determine if a contaminant warrants regulation.

1. The contaminant may have an adverse effect on the health of persons.
2. The contaminant is known to occur, or there is substantial likelihood the contaminant will occur, in public water systems with a frequency and at levels of public health concern.
3. In the sole judgement of the Administrator, regulation of the contaminant presents a meaningful opportunity for health risk reductions for persons served by public water systems.

The EPA will make regulatory determinations for the five or more contaminants that provide sufficient data and will continue to collect information and conduct research for contaminants that lack sufficient information to make regulatory determinations.

The federal government published a Request for Nominations for the Fifth Contamination Candidate List (CCL 5) in the Federal Register on October 5, 2018. The Draft of CCL 5 was published on July 19, 2021. The Draft includes 66 chemicals including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), cyanotoxins, and disinfection byproducts (DBPs), and 12 microbes. The EPA requested comments on the Draft CCL 5 and the comment period closed on September 17, 2021. Information on CCL 5 may be found on the USEPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/ccl/contaminant-candidate-list-5-ccl-5>.

Once the Draft of CCL 5 is finalized, the EPA will examine the information available for the contaminants on the list and determine which contaminants will be considered for regulation. The Agency can determine to take regulatory action or that regulatory action is not currently necessary. It is also noteworthy that the USEPA is not limited to contaminants on the list. If, at any time, the USEPA determines that

any unregulated contaminant presents a health risk in drinking water, they may make regulatory determinations.

An example of the outcome of the Contaminant Candidate List process can be found with CCL 4. On February 22, 2021, the USEPA reissued the final regulatory determinations for the contaminants on the fourth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 4). The Agency determined to regulate two contaminants, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA); and not to regulate six contaminants, 1,1-dichloroethane, acetochlor, methyl bromide (bromomethane), metolachlor, nitrobenzene, and RDX. From this, the EPA will move forward to implement national drinking water regulations for the two PFAS chemicals.

The current Contaminant Candidate List appears to pay particular attention to the PFAS chemical family, Disinfection Byproducts (DPBs), and microbial contaminants, particularly cyanotoxins caused by

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

Another contamination regulation from the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of concern to systems is the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. This rule is in its fifth cycle. Every five years, the USEPA is required to issue a new list of unregulated contaminants to be monitored by Public Water Systems (PWSs). The proposed fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) was published on March 11, 2021. UCMR 5 would require systems to sample for 30 chemical contaminants between 2023 and 2025 to provide data of the occurrence of these chemicals in drinking water. The contaminants are 29 compounds from the PFAS family and Lithium. The testing would involve all systems that serve a population of 3,300 or greater and a random sample of systems that serve a population of 3,299 or less.

Information about UCMR 5 is available at the USEPA website <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>. ■

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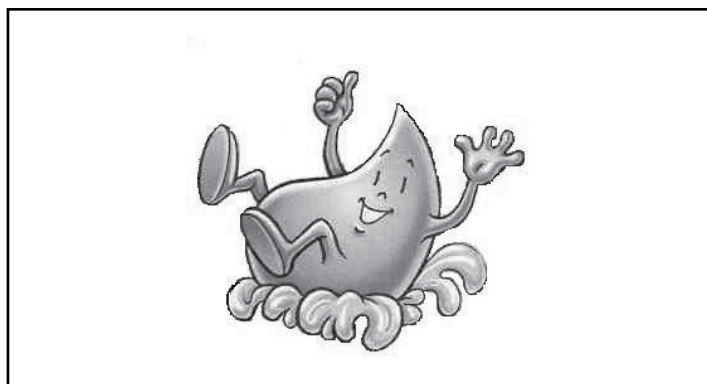


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Mapping Your Water System

Imagine being dropped off in the middle of Central Park and being told to find Bank Street with no map or help from anyone. Water operators and field workers throughout the state feel this frustration on a daily basis when locating water lines and leaks or even looking for meters and valves, but having proper mapping of your system can alleviate this headache.

A lot of water systems have very little to no up-to-date maps and rely on the knowledge of retired workers who are still living in the area or workers who have been at the system for a long time. This can be very useful, but, when that knowledge is no longer available, finding lines can be extremely difficult. The solution is having adequate maps of your system, but there are a lot of things to consider when planning to map your system, such as what type of map you want, price, time, simplicity, and who will be doing the work.

Types of Maps

- Paper maps: as-built drawings, projected drawings, and drawings done by workers at their own system.
- While these can be very useful, there are a lot of drawbacks with them. Some systems have projected drawings they thought were as-built drawings, but they discovered lines and valves were not where they were supposed to be. Paper maps can fade over time, as well, causing them to be impossible to read. Old maps can also tear easily and taping them

back together can be a difficult task.

- Digital Maps: digital maps are similar to paper maps; however, they are saved digitally so some of the drawbacks are removed. Some digital maps are simply scanned paper maps and saved as a PDF so the risk of aging is removed. The problem with PDF maps is that you can't edit them easily if something needs changed or if new lines have been added.
- Google Maps: Google maps can be used to draw water lines, valves, meters, or anything the system wants added to it. Pictures and written information can also be uploaded to have added information of the system. This type of mapping can be done for free if the system has a computer with enough storage to hold the information. The problem with this is that transferring the information from one computer to the next can be difficult and drawing the maps is time consuming.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) maps: GIS maps are another type of digital map that can be extremely detailed, including not only the system's water lines, but also sewer, gas, power, and telephone lines if they have been added to the GIS database. While these can be the most detailed, they can also be the most expensive.

Methods for Mapping

- The first method is to hire a mapping company. Mapping compa-

nies have their own mapping software and line locating equipment and, therefore, require very little time and effort from the local system. They will usually ask for any maps the system may have and for someone to show them around the system to see where they will be locating lines. While this may be the easiest method for the system, it can also be the most expensive. A small system with only 10 to 15 miles of water line can cost over \$30,000 to locate lines and create the maps.

- The second is for the system to create its own maps. This method can be much cheaper, but requires a lot more time for the workers. The system will need some type of mapping software and possibly line locating equipment. This method is very beneficial for the workers though; while they are studying old maps or tracing water lines, they will become much more knowledgeable about their system. Another benefit for the system to create its own map is that it can be continually updated to correct errors or add new lines or information.

It's never too late to start creating a map of your system. Even if your system has some maps, they can always be updated with new information. If your system has no maps, it can seem like an impossible task to create them, but it's not as difficult as it may seem. Start today creating a map and you will be appreciated for years in the future. ■



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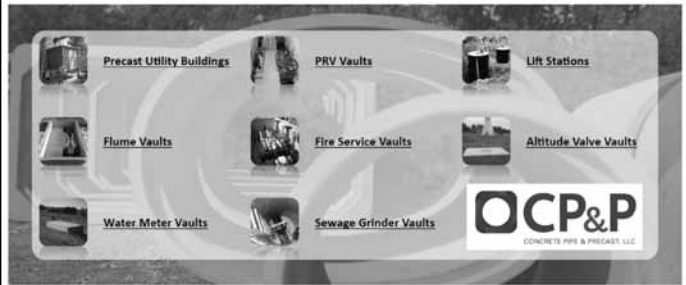
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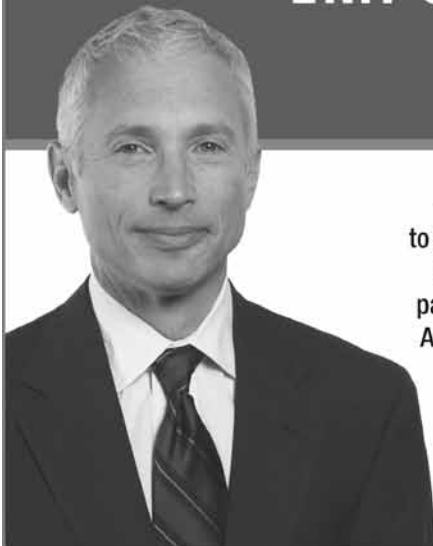


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System Profile: Webster Springs PSD

Nestled in Webster County West Virginia is the Webster Springs Public Service District. Every year, Webster Springs has the



Wood Chopping Festival. There are many people from many different nations throughout the world that competes in this

wood chopping festival. The Town originally became famous because of the salt sulfur springs that were present in the community. The community built a large hotel and people would come in to see and get in them due to the healing properties.

The Webster Springs Public Service District is one of the best operated systems in the great state of West Virginia. Under the direction of General Manager and Chief Operator Shannon Cochran, the system does a very good job at maintaining their sewer system. Webster Springs PSD operates a 300,000 gallon per day sewage treatment plant. The system also operates a 10,000 gallons per day treatment plant at Bergoo. The system serves about 670 customers in the Webster Springs Community.

The System is staffed by General Manager and Chief Operator Shannon Cochran. Shannon is a Class II Wastewater Operator. The system also has Class II Operator, Mike Jordan and Mike McCartney, who has

been with the system many years. The Business Manager for the Public Service District is Dianne Sparks. Dianne takes care of all of the accounting and book-keeping duties. The system is led by Board Chairman Tom Clark. The rest of the PSD Board consists of Co—Chairman William “Chuck” Armentrout and Steve Jordan. The System was formed in about 1980.



The Treatment Plant at Webster Springs PSD is an Activated Sludge Extended Aeration treatment plant.



The plant consists of 2 blowers with diffusers. The treatment plant has two circular clarifiers. The PSD makes use of

five drying beds with chlorine disinfection. The System has 6 pump stations with numerous force mains.

The System just completed an upgrade for the Bergoo community. This system was about 14 years in the making. The upgrade allowed the system to take on about 52 additional customers. The upgrade will allow the system to take up to 60 new customers altogether. The Package Plant at Bergoo is Orenco

Advan Tex System. The Package Plant has a flow of 10,000 gallons per day. This eliminated some untreated sewage in the community.

The Community is very thankful to have this project completed. There is a video you can watch on YouTube



about this Bergoo project. The name of the video is “Environment Matters-Wastewater Treatment comes to Leatherwood Creek”.

The Webster Springs PSD is going to do an additional upgrade to the main plant. This upgrade will be in two phases. The first stage is to replace the head works with an automatic bar screen. There will be a centrifuge type grit removal system. Both clarifiers will be equipped with completely new weirs. The drying beds will be getting new covers. This will decrease the drying time in the beds. There will be a line replaced that goes to the river that has been causing some problems. All of the electrical controls, control panels, and pumps will be replaced at the lift stations. Many of the generators will be replaced at the lift stations.

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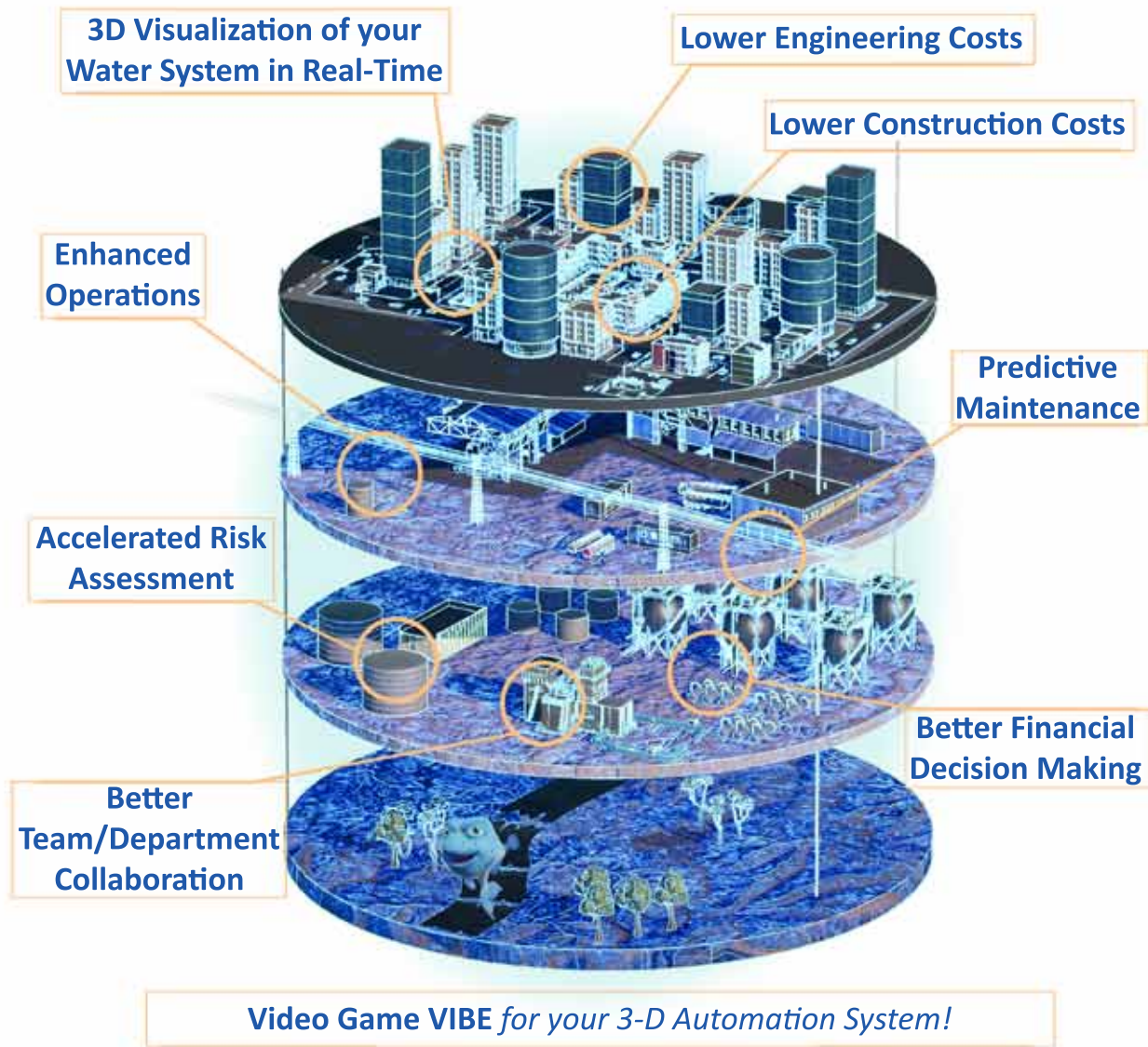


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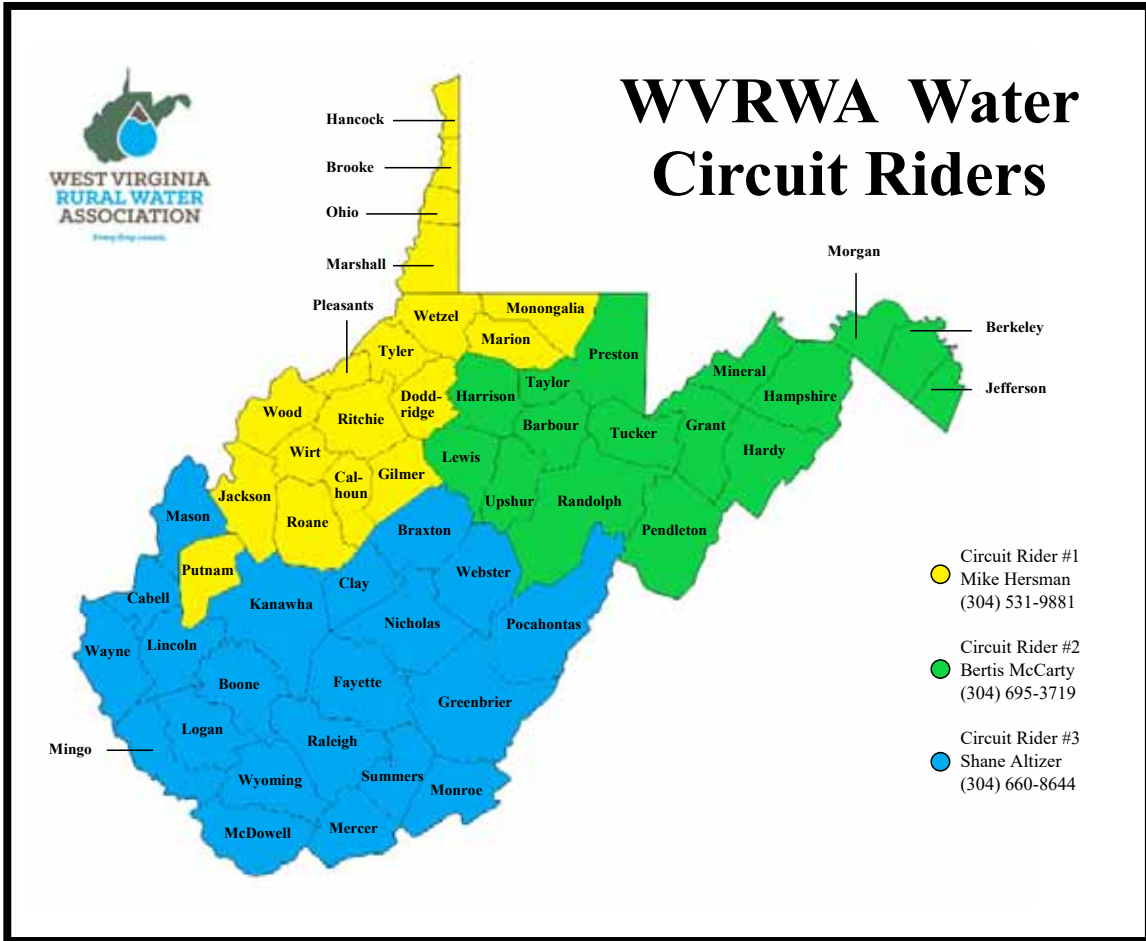


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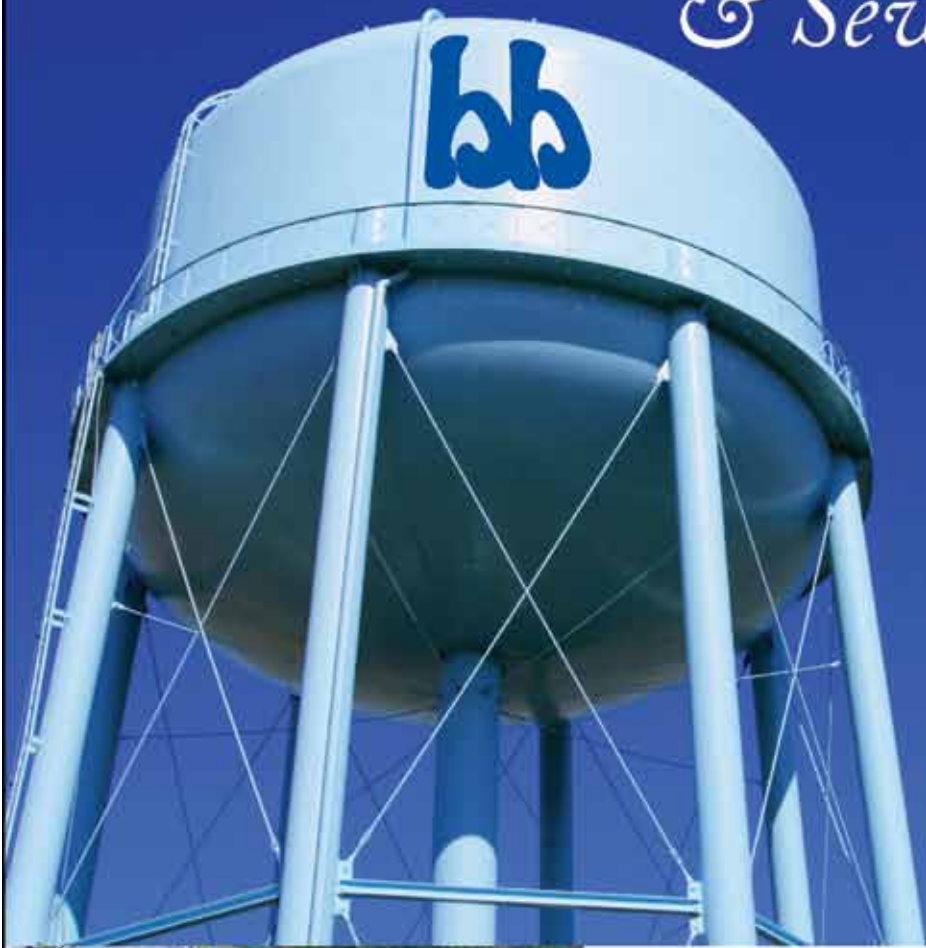
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Answers can be found on page 38.

The aim of the canonical puzzle is to enter a numerical digit from 1 through 9 in each cell starting with various digits given in some cells (the "givens"). Each row, column, and region must contain only one instance of each numerical. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability.



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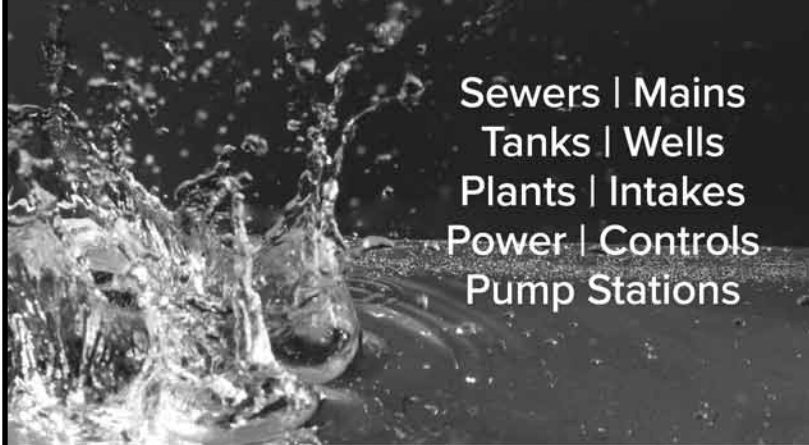
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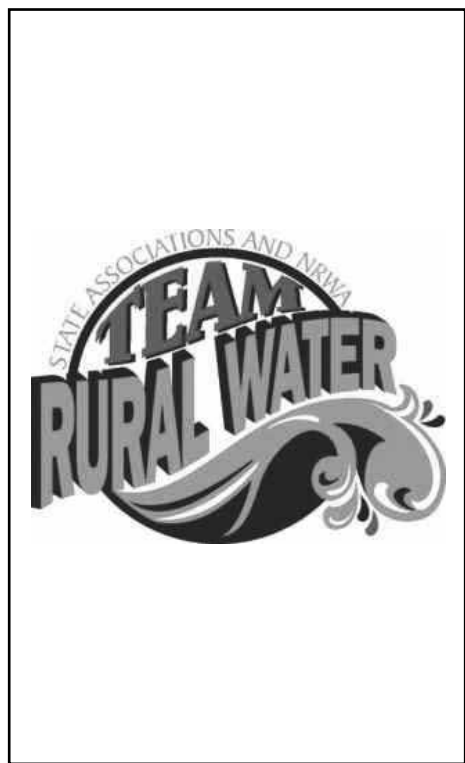
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Preparation and Testing Tips for Water Certification Exams

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Certification test may be a goal you have for this year. The good news is there are resources available to help prepare you for exams and some test taking strategies to take the pressure off on the big day.

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” - Abraham Lincoln

Our 16th President understood the value of preparing for a big task. Preparing to cut down a tree manually with an axe involves sizing the tree and axe, sharpening the blade, and planning the direction the tree will fall to minimize damage before the axe blade ever touches the tree. Set yourself up for a successful test day by preparing the same way before class ever starts by utilizing the following resources:

West Virginia Manuals

The WVDHHR has developed manuals for Water Distribution, Class I Water, Class II Water, and a combined manual for Class III and IV Water. At first glance, these manuals may seem overwhelming with hundreds of pages, but take time to familiarize yourself with the manual relevant to your upcoming

test. Each manual has a Table of Contents. Pick sections to read over each week, beginning with what is most pertinent to your current duties in the water system. Take notes on questions you have while reading through the material. Ask co-workers for guidance and clarification or come to class and raise the questions during class. In the Appendix, near the end of each manual, is a list of acronyms as well as a glossary. Spend time with terms and abbreviations.

Math Handbooks

An additional resource from WVDHHR is the Basic Math Handbook covering math for WD, Class I, and Class II Water and Advanced Math covering Class III and IV Water. Basic Math Handbook is a useful refresher for math skills, such as multiplication and division, order of operations, and conversions. Both manuals provide explanations and examples of math broken into categories plus practice quizzes and formula sheets. The appendix provides answers to check your work.

All of the WVDHHR Manuals and Handbooks can be accessed for no charge at: <https://wvrwa.org/study-material>

Sacramento Manuals

The Office of Water Programs (OWP) is a nonprofit, self-supporting unit of University Enterprises, Inc., an auxiliary of California State University, Sacramento. The Drinking Water Courses division offers

several manuals useful to prepare for certification and testing. These manuals provide illustrations and explanations for a variety of water related topics. Course enrollment also includes quizzes similar to those found on certification tests in West Virginia, but studying the manuals on their own is also useful. Please note that Continuing Education units and hours may be completed for credit toward meeting licensing requirements.

YouTube

Check out YouTube.com for specific topics and how to videos related to water. During a recent Water Distribution Certification Class, operators watched YouTube videos on how altitude valves operate, conducting a test with a backflow meter, and pigging water mains. Many videos are short and to the point providing real world application on subjects that may be hard to grasp from just reading a page in a book. Recommended YouTube channels include: American Water Works Association and American Water College.

Circuit Riders

West Virginia Rural Water Circuit Riders are Certified Operators that systems call on for technical services, such as understanding regulations, leak detection, or water treatment troubleshooting. Circuit Riders are also available to provide one-on-one test preparation. Reach out to Circuit Riders in advance of your test date for math tutoring and

other test preparation. Find the Circuit Rider for your region at: <https://wvrwa.org/water-circuit-riders>.

Test Day

After preparing your axe and work site – it is time to finally chop the tree – and take the certification test. All water tests have 100 multiple choice questions and examinees get 4 hours to complete the test. Arrive to the test location well rested, hydrated, and after having had a good breakfast. Avoid stress and distractions as much as possible and plan to arrive at the test site early. The following are test taking tips from educationcorner.com:

1. Read the entire question
Read a multi-choice question in its entirety before glancing over the answer options. Read each question thoroughly before answering.
2. Eliminate wrong answers
Eliminate answer options which you are 100 percent sure are incorrect before se-

lecting the answer you believe is correct. Even when you know the right answer, first eliminating those answers you know are incorrect will ensure your answer choice is the correct choice.

3. Use the process of elimination
Using the process of elimination, cross out all the answers you know are incorrect, then focus on the remaining answers. Not only does this strategy save time, it greatly increases your likelihood of selecting the correct answer.
4. Select the best answer
It's important to select the best answer to the question being asked, not just an answer that seems correct. Often, many answers will seem correct, but there is typically a single best answer.
5. Read every answer option
Read every answer option


prior to choosing a final answer. This may seem like a no brainer to some, but it is a common mistake test takers make.

6. Make an educated guess
Since it will not count against your score, make an educated guess for any question you're unsure about.
7. The more information...the better
More often than not, the correct answer usually contains more information than the other options. This is good to know if you must guess.

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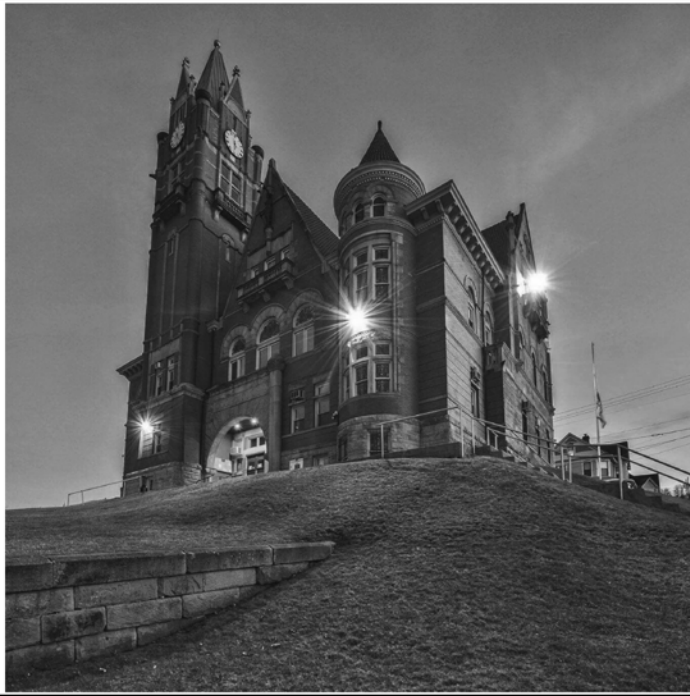
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- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 8 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or half-and-half

Directions:

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add 1 pound lean ground beef and cook until cooked through and browned. Season with 1 teaspoon kosher salt, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, and 1 teaspoon onion powder, and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more.

Stir in 2 cups beef broth, 8 ounces dried pasta shells, and 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce. Cover and cook until the shells are tender and the sauce is slightly thickened, 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, shred 8 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese (about 2 cups).

Remove from the heat and stir in 1/2 cup heavy cream or half-and-half and 2 cups shredded sharp white cheddar until the cheese is melted.

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