



American Water Works Association
SouthDakota AWWA



**NO COST
VIRTUAL
TRAINING**

Water Operator Training for Small Systems

The training will be conducted virtually and is approved for six South Dakota contact hours, 2 hours for each session you attend. You have the option to sign up for all the sessions or just one. Attendees must be present for all three days of instruction to receive the full 6 contact hours. Training is limited to the first 50 operators who register.

Day 1: AWIA - Risk and Resilience

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CST



Day 1 Registration:

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Day 2: Source Water Protection

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CST



Day 2 Registration:

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Day 3: Flushing

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CST



Day 3 Registration:

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Who Should Attend?

- Certified Operators
- Small Drinking Water System Employees
- Those looking to become certified operators

What topics will be covered?

- AWIA Small System Resiliency
- Source Water Assessment
- Protection System Flushing Procedures and Advantages



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This no cost, virtual workshop is offered through the South Dakota Section American Water Works Association (South Dakota Section - AWWA) and the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP). This training is funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Presenters

Kevin Coldsmith

Kevin has been working with water and wastewater since 2010 where he served as a full-time water and wastewater operator. During that time, he ran a mechanical wastewater plant, collection system, and the city's water system.

Kevin conducted operation and maintenance along with repairs on both water and wastewater systems. Work included utility locates, meter repairs, sampling, lab work, heavy equipment and sewer jet/vac operation. He holds the following certifications: Class III wastewater collection, Class II wastewater treatment, and a Class II water distribution.

Kevin also has a lengthy background in surveying along with state wide travel involving road design projects. Most recently Kevin has been exposed to work in the solid waste industry.

Kevin spent his early years in Arizona where he met his wife. With his wife being from South Dakota several trips were made back to her home state. After several visits Kevin's desire for four seasons and the Missouri river won his heart. Kevin has a passion for small rural communities which are rich in history. He looks forward to using his skills to support small communities and tribes in rural America.

Tyrel Owens

Tyrel joined the team at Midwest Assistance Program in 2020 as a Technical Assistance Provider. Tyrel has over nine years of experience as a water and wastewater operator for a small municipality in northeastern Wyoming, where he did a little bit of everything while conducting his daily duties. He has worn many hats while serving the people of the community in which he resides and understands the importance of being flexible and open minded while conducting daily operations. He believes that good communication, customer service and relationship building are paramount while providing people aide in any circumstance. He currently holds four level 2 licenses in water and wastewater through the Wyoming Department of Environmental quality. He has experience in many areas of water and wastewater operations and maintenance.

In 2008 he received an AAS in Fire Science from Western Dakota Technical Institute and was an active member of a few Volunteer Fire Departments through the years. He has a wife and four children, three boys and one girl that he loves with his whole heart. Tyrel enjoys the area in which he and his family call home. He enjoys many outdoor activities, his favorite of those are hunting and fishing.

Ben Haecherl

Ben is a project engineer for Carollo Engineers, Inc. and co-chair of the South Dakota TE Committee. He has been with Carollo for more than 6 years and recently moved to the Black Hills where he now works remotely from home. He received his M.S. Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University in 2014 and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Kansas and Missouri. His experience includes evaluation, design, and construction of both water and wastewater treatment facilities with an emphasis in pumping systems, yard piping, hydraulic modeling, and cost estimating.

In his free time, Ben enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife, son, and two dogs. Ben is also expecting his second child in early March. His favorite activities include hiking, fishing, kayaking, shed hunting, and woodworking.