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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Derouen:

Kentucky Rural Water Association will host its 2009 Management Conference at the Holiday Inn University and Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky on February 24-25, 2009. We request that this training be approved for commissioners as referenced in HB-75, KRS 74.020.

Please find enclosed a training summary, which includes a timed agenda, a description of each session, and speaker biographies. Approval has been granted by the Kentucky Boards of Water Treatment and Water Distribution System Operators for approval of nine (9) hours of continuing education training (Course code: DCA#6382).

With this letter and enclosures, Kentucky Rural Water Association is requesting the approval of nine (9) hours for commissioner and board member training. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Clem Wethington
Education Director

Enclosures

Kentucky Rural Water Association
Management Conference – “Liquid Assets – Taking Care of Business”
February 24-25, 2009
Holiday Inn University Plaza and Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Learning Objective: This management conference will be directed toward the operators, managers, office personnel, and decision-makers of water and wastewater utilities throughout Kentucky. This year’s conference will address asset management, technologies, financial considerations, and management approaches for the emerging issues facing those in the water and wastewater business. The goals and benefits of safe drinking water and properly treated wastewater will be examined and encouraged through partnerships, alliances, work groups, and the existing network of utilities, peers, technical assistance providers, industry professionals, and governmental agencies.

A timed agenda and brief description of each session follows (bios for speakers included).

Day One – Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Topic #1 8:00 - 9:00 A.M. **Watershed Management**
Peter Goodmann, Kentucky Division of Water

Watersheds can be large or small and every stream, tributary, or river has an associated watershed. The goal of watershed management is to plan and work toward an environmentally and economically healthy watershed. Urban storm water runoff, agricultural activities, pharmaceuticals, and untreated wastewater are among the issues of concern. This session will demonstrate the efforts being made to protect the water quality of the river basins and watersheds of Kentucky. The session will address some of the requirements necessary for watershed management including gathering information, selecting the best watershed management alternatives, and implementing a local plan. Some of the “tools” available to assist communities in watershed management will be discussed.

Topic #2 9:20 - 10:20 A.M. **Asset Management Program**
Richard Harrison, Northern Kentucky Water District

An Asset Management Program is a structured program to minimize the cost of owning and operating assets while delivering the service levels that customers desire. Developing a program requires a team effort of the Board and Management Team. The Asset Management Program may address priority goals, long-term planning, asset evaluation, repair and replacement, and development of operation and maintenance budgets. This session will demonstrate how a utility can use an Asset Management Program to plan for current and future demands and maintain regulatory compliance.

Topic #3 10:40 - 11:40 A.M. **C U P S S (Check Up Program for Small Systems)**
Joe Burns, Kentucky Rural Water Association

EPA’s Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water developed CUPSS with the help of a workgroup that included representatives from state agencies, technical assistance organizations, EPA Regional offices, and small wastewater and drinking water utilities. With this collaborative approach, EPA was able to develop a comprehensive application that provides all the tools required to implement an asset management program and develop effective asset management plans. This session will explain how the program works and how water and wastewater systems can obtain and use the CUPSS Program.

Lunch Break 11:40 A.M. -1:00 P.M. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Topic #4 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. **Collection System Operator Certification**
Aaron Keatley, Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance

The Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR) are currently undergoing modifications. One of the modifications has been the adoption of a new administrative regulation, 401 KAR Chapter 11. Among other things this new regulation addresses the classification and certification of wastewater operators and the fees for operator certification renewal. One of the new requirements stipulates that wastewater collection systems be operated by a certified collection system operator. This session will explain some of the new requirements and how this and other regulatory modifications will affect water and wastewater systems.

Topic #5 2:20 - 3:20 P.M. **Wastewater Regionalization**
Roger Recktenwald, Kentucky Association of Counties

One of the underlying difficulties in dealing with rural wastewater and straight pipes is the absence of any responsible management entity in rural areas of Kentucky. In order to establish this type of management structure, there must be public understanding and support. Under state statute, wastewater service can be provided through municipal utilities, sanitation districts,

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Peter Goodman was appointed Assistant Director of the Kentucky Division of Water on November 16, 2008.

Peter Goodman has worked at the Division of Water for more than 15 years, having served as the Groundwater Branch Manager for 10 years, and managing both the Groundwater Branch and the Watershed Branch for the past 2 years.

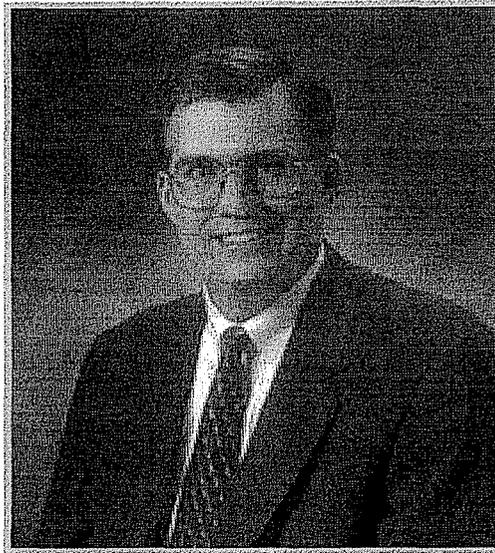
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR JOHN E. REGNIER

Dr. Regnier has a Bachelor of Chemistry degree from the South Dakota School of Mines and an ME and PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida. He is President of High Point, Inc., an environmental engineering consulting firm in Prattville, Alabama. Dr. Regnier is author of numerous professional papers and has over 50 year's experience in environmental engineering, the last 25 of which have been related to public water supply issues. He is a consultant to the National Rural Water Association, currently his sole client.



Richard Harrison

Engineering and Distribution

Richard Harrison is Vice President of Engineering and Distribution at the Northern Kentucky Water District. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Kentucky. The group he manages is responsible for the maintenance of the distribution system and the procurement of professional services, design and construction management for new projects for the District.

Richard is a past President and current member of the Covington Rotary Club and a member of the Northern Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers currently serving on the Chapter's Board of Directors. He is also a member of the American Water Works Association serving as the Chair of the executive committee of the Kentucky Water Utility Council. He is a graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky 1996.

Richard has been with the Northern Kentucky Water District since 1988.

BIOGRAPHY

Joe Burns

Joe has been with Kentucky Rural Water Association since April 1994. His current activities include implementing the NRWA source water protection program and oversight of the NRWA wellhead program and the Division of Water wellhead protection assistance grant. Prior to joining the KRWA staff, Mr. Burns was a Senior Groundwater Hydrologist for the Kentucky Division of Water beginning in July, 1991, where he was responsible for formulating Kentucky's Wellhead Protection Strategy. He also has experience in drilling and environmental monitoring. Joe holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Geology from Eastern Kentucky University.

BRYAN BURNS

Bryan is the Information Specialist for the Kentucky Rural Water Association and has been employed there since May, 2003. Prior to joining KRWA, Bryan worked for Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, Nashville's largest law firm, where he performed duties such as network administration, desktop software analysis, and help desk support. Bryan has earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Western Kentucky University.

As Information Specialist, Bryan is responsible for nearly all of KRWA's technology needs spanning from web design to database management. A major portion of Bryan's responsibility also includes network administration, as well as overall infrastructure management.

ROGER RECKENWALD

Roger Recktenwald serves as KACo's director of research and planning. In this capacity he assist counties and their special districts with a range of infrastructure related efforts including utility planning, consolidation, ordinance drafting, identification of funding sources, etc. He is engaged with state agencies and representatives of other associations in seeking increased involvement of local governments and utilities in environmental planning and further streamlining of federal and state legislation and regulations affecting development and management of public utilities.

In previous lives he was manager of the Pikeville Public Works Department and before that was executive director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for four years. Prior to the KIA position, he served 15 years as executive director of the Big Sandy Area Development District, a regional planning and development agency in eastern Kentucky. Mr. Recktenwald has experience in rural development, via community-based planning and organizing as well as in infrastructure project development and administration. He promotes stronger local government involvement in environmental issues and sees value in state and federal levels of government to the extent that these support local government. In the pursuit of improving efficiency, he promotes the application of unfettered common sense to governmental procedures, tilts the windmill of agencies that operate as though the prime directive ('...don't mess with anything...') applies to Kentucky's utility legislation and regulations, promotes reliance on the maturity of utility managers across the Commonwealth, advocates consensus decision making as a public norm, if not a lost art, and concedes that death has a head start on achievement of any of the above. Yet, hope springs eternal....

He has a B.A. in philosophy, an M.A. in theology, and an MSW (Social Work), which is required preparation for working in the government infrastructure arena and which should have been better preparation for: a long term marriage to a smart, lovely, patient woman, (required insertion,) three beautiful daughters (one via marriage) two industrious sons (one via marriage, as well) two precocious grandsons, one 4 years and one 5 months, both of whom easily qualify as 'characters'. He stays on the phone which appears to be anatomically attached, loves electronic gizmos... a host of family and friends....supports world peace ...and in-lieu of contributions send flowers...seeds, rootings, bulbs, whatever...

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EDUCATION

Law School:	University of Kentucky College of Law
Degree:	Juris Doctor – May 1975
Undergraduate:	University of Kentucky College of Engineering
Degree:	Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering (with highest distinction)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Kentucky Bar Association:	Member in good standing since 1975; Charter Life Fellow, KY Bar Foundation; Member, House of Delegates 1994-2000
U.S. Supreme Court:	Admitted in 1979
U.S. District Court for the Western District of KY:	Admitted in 1977
Eastern District of KY:	Admitted in 1997
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1983 – Present:	Damon R. Talley, P.S.C., Hodgenville, KY Engaged in the general practice of law with primary emphasis on representing utilities.
1975 – 1983:	Hensley, Talley & Dunn, Horse Cave, KY Partner in law firm which primarily defended insurance carriers and their insureds in an approximately 25 county area in South Central, KY. Extensive practice in Workers' Compensation, negligence, products liability, insurance, construction, and commercial litigation.

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Bob Miller has more than seventeen years executive leadership experience in the water utility industry in the areas of: financial management, ratemaking, and debt issuance; infrastructure replacement and renewal financing; financial accounting and reporting; strategic planning, capital planning, and operations planning; utility valuation and acquisition methodologies; information technology planning, implementation, and operations; disaster recovery and business continuity planning; organization performance measurement and reporting systems; governance, enterprise risk management, regulatory compliance, and internal control practices; board of directors relations and stockholder relations; justification for financial returns by municipally owned utilities; compensation and benefits administration; labor-management partnerships; employee development and succession planning; customer information and satisfaction programs; and policy development and standards compliance. Mr. Miller is active in the American Water Works Association and the Water Research Foundation. He currently serves as a member of the AWWA Finance, Accounting, and Management Controls Committee and the Utility Management Standards Committee. He is vice chair of the AWWA Business Practices Standards Committee and is chair of the Management Controls Sub-Committee. He is a frequent presenter at AWWA and WEF conferences and workshops. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Louisville and a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University.