



Kentucky Rural Water Association

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March 16, 2010

Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

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Dear Mr. Derouen:

2010-00121

Kentucky Rural Water Association will host three (3) regional meetings during the month of April, 2010. We respectfully request that this training be approved for commissioners as referenced in HB-75, KRS 74.020.

Please find enclosed a training summary for these meetings which includes a timed agenda and description of the sessions. Biographies for the speakers are also included. Approval of two (2) hours of continuing education credit for certified operators has been submitted to the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators. A copy of that application is enclosed as well.

With this letter and enclosures, Kentucky Rural Water Association is requesting the approval of two (2) hours per session for commissioner and board member training. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Janet Cole
Education Coordinator

Enclosures

SPONSOR: Kentucky Rural Water Association

Course Title: Northeast Regional Meeting
Location: Ponderosa Steak House - Morehead, Kentucky
Date: April 13, 2010

Learning Objectives:

The objectives of the class will be to provide attendees with information pertaining to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and current ground water trends affecting utilities.

Criteria for Training Credits:

Following a meal, the training portion of the meeting will be conducted from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Participants will be granted credit for actual time attending the training sessions. The maximum number of training credit hours for this meeting will be two (2) hours.

TRAINING SUMMARY

Session 1: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Topic: USDA Rural Development Stimulus Money
Presenter: Randall Kelley, ARRA Circuit Rider
Kentucky Rural Water Association

This session will provide one (1) hour of training on information regarding the USDA Rural Development loan and grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Topics of discussion will include:

- 1: Loan Rates
- 2: Grant possibilities
- 3: Requirements for RD loan and grants
- 4: Time restrictions

Session 2: 7:30pm-8:30pm
Topic: Current Trends in Source Water Protection
Presenter: Jack Stickney, Source Water Protection Specialist
Kentucky Rural Water Association

This session will provide one (1) hour of training and will provide information regarding new trends in ground water protection. Topics of discussion will include:

- 1: Federal incentives
- 2: Funding options
- 3: How new regulations will affect utilities.

Randall Kelley
Kentucky Rural Water Association

Randall Kelley has been with Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) since January, 2006. Since joining KRWA, Randall has held the positions of Wastewater Circuit Rider and Training Specialist. He currently serves as an ARRA Circuit Rider working to ensure utilities are aware of the loan and grant funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Prior to his employment with KRWA, Randall worked for the University of Louisville at the Center for Watershed Research as a Research Biologist. He participated in numerous projects on small headwater streams, stream restorations, Tri-halomethane formation in natural waters, and numerous other projects. Randall's experience also includes working for a contractor to the USEPA in Cincinnati, Ohio as an aquatic macroinvertebrate taxonomist.

Randall received a B.S. in both Biology and Environmental Science from Western Kentucky University and an M.S. in Biology from the University of Louisville.

Jack Stickney
Kentucky Rural Water Association

Jack Stickney came to Kentucky Rural Water Association in February of 2001. As a Groundwater Technician for KRWA, he writes Wellhead Protection Plans for small water utilities throughout Kentucky. He also assists utilities with problems and technical issues that pertain to groundwater resources. Jack earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 1979 from Radford University, Radford Virginia, and his Masters Degree in Geology in 1985 from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.

Jack has over twenty years of work experience in the geologic field including oil drilling, uranium mining, coal, groundwater, and environmental from all over the United States, but primarily in Kentucky. He is a registered Professional Geologist in Kentucky, North Carolina and Alaska.

Sponsor: Kentucky Rural Water Association

Course Title: Green River Regional Meeting
Location: Ryan's Steak House, Owensboro, KY
Date: April 15, 2010

Course Title: Western Regional Meeting
Location: Ponderosa Steak House, Draffenville, KY
Date: April 22, 2010

Learning Objectives:

The objective of these sessions will be to provide operators, managers, and decision-makers information on inspections by regulatory representatives. Attendees will learn the importance of proper record keeping and operational practices.

Criteria for Training Credits:

Following a meal, the training portion of the meeting will be conducted from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. Continuing education credit will be granted to attendees for the actual time spent in the training portion of the session. The maximum number of training credit hours for this meeting will be two (2) hours.

TRAINING SUMMARY:

Session: Water and Wastewater Inspections (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
Presenter: Clem Wethington, Kentucky Rural Water Association

This session will provide information on the inspection procedures of a Division of Water Inspector. The presentation contains actual comments and suggestions from a Division of Water inspector attempting to motivate and educate water and wastewater operators. The session will point out some right and wrong ways of record keeping, daily functions, and reporting practices. The presentation will demonstrate the importance of good housekeeping practices and the ability to perform tasks and retrieve data upon request. Attendees will learn the importance of a professional attitude and the desire to produce quality product and service.

Clem Wethington

Kentucky Rural Water Association

Clem Wethington, Education Director, came to Kentucky Rural Water Association in 1987 from the City of Eddyville where he was Superintendent of Public Works for over eight years. For nine years he served on the Eddyville City Council. Clem holds a Class IIIA Kentucky Water Treatment Plant Operator's License, a Class II Kentucky Water Distribution System Operator's License, and previously held a Class I Kentucky Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's License.

Since joining KRWA in 1987, Mr. Wethington has held many positions of responsibility. As a Circuit Rider, his primary duties were to provide technical assistance and hands-on training to rural water utility personnel throughout Kentucky. As a Groundwater Technician, he worked with communities throughout the Commonwealth to help develop local wellhead protection plans. In his position of Program Specialist, he was dually responsible for providing training and technical assistance to water systems. Mr. Wethington was also a contributing author of a Rural and Small System Training Guide entitled "An Introduction to Hydrant Operation and Maintenance" published by the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) in 1989. Over the years, NRWA has honored Clem with the distinctions of Rookie Circuit Rider of the Year, Groundwater Technician of the Year and Training Specialist of the Year.

<p>Mail to: Division of Compliance Assistance Certification and Licensing Branch Operator Certification Program 300 Fair Oaks Lane Frankfort, KY 40601</p>	<p>Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection</p> <p>Application for Approval of Courses for Continuing Education Credit</p> <p><i>Drinking Water Treatment, Drinking Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Collection System</i></p> <p>Telephone: 1-800-926-8111 www.dca.ky.gov/certification</p>	<p><i>For Official use Only Do not write in this space</i></p> <p>COPY</p>
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I. Course Sponsor Information:

A. Sponsoring Organization (school, business, association, etc.):

Kentucky Rural Water Association

Key Contact Person: **Clem Wethington**

Name and Title: **Education Director**

Address: **PO Box 1424**

City, State and Zip: **Bowling Green, KY 42102-1424**

Phone and Fax: **Ph: 270.843.2291 Fx: 270-796-8623**

E-mail: **j.cole@krwa.org**

Web Page: **www.krwa.org**

One-Time Approval Requested

Two-Year Approval Requested

B. If individual requesting approval is different than the key contact person for the sponsor, please complete the following information:

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone and Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

II. General Course Information:

A. Title: **Northeast Regional Meeting**

B. Location and Date/s: **Ponderosa Steak House, Morehead, KY**

April 13, 2010

C. Cost per Student or Group: \$ _____

D. Delivery Format or Media (check those that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Web/Online | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain) _____ | | | |

E. Continuing Education Credits (**hours**) Requested for Target Audience:

Drinking Water Treatment and/or Distribution Operators Hours: 2 Hours

Wastewater Treatment Hours: _____

Collection Hours: _____

III. **Required Items** (must be attached to submittal, check off as completed):

- A. Course Learning Objectives
- B. Criteria for Successful Completion by Operators
- C. Agenda (timed with instructors identified and brief description of topics)
- D. Credentials for All Instructors

IV. **Additional Attachments** (required for distance learning courses, optional for other training):

- A. Instructional Design (developed by whom/their credentials)
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V. Signature of Sponsor's Contact Person

I confirm that all information provided with this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. A complete list of attendees and credits to be awarded to them will be forwarded on a "Continuing Education Activity Report" to the Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance (within 30 days of completing the course when possible).

Printed Name and Title: Clem Wethington

Education Director

Signature and Date: *Clem Wethington*

March 10, 2010



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