

Rural Water News

NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Your Utility Has Been **RED FLAGGED!**

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is requiring any entity where there is a risk of identity theft, to develop and implement an Identity Theft Prevention Program. This so-called Red Flag Rule must include reasonable policies and procedures for detecting, preventing, and mitigating identity theft. The rule was issued by the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision. The compliance date is **November**

1, 2008 and covers all utilities. NDRWSA, in conjunction with the National Rural Water Association (NRWA), is offering any utility, municipality, or association a **FREE** and **SIMPLE** compliance tool to comply with the FTC's Red Flag Rule.

Ed Thomas, Environmental Engineer with NRWA said, "We are excited to offer the compliance tool for no charge to any entity that has to comply with this federal mandate. We estimate that most anyone can complete the compliance process in one hour. We have

tried to make compliance as simple and clear as possible. We focused on compliance for water systems, but there is no reason a city, power utility, association, county, etc. could not use this tool for compliance. It is free, simple, and available to anyone."

The Red Flag Rule template is attached with this newsletter and can also be found at: www.ndrw.org

The federal rule is available at: www.ruralwater.org/redflagrules%20FR.pdf

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Mark Your Calendar:

NDRWSA Annual Meeting
Dec. 3, 2008—8:30 AM
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel

Joint Water Board Meeting
Dec. 3-5, 2008
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel

23rd Annual Water EXPO
February 3-5, 2009
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel

NRWA Rural Water Rally
April 19-21, 2009
Hyatt on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

VOTE NO INITIATED MEASURE #2

North Dakota's state income tax is already one of the lowest in the nation.

Governor Hoeven has proposed property tax relief—which is where we need tax relief.

Due to the budget surplus, North Dakota is finally in a position to advance our economy and quality of life through energy development, ag processing, investing in our infrastructure, and technology.

Let's **SEIZE** this opportunity and invest in transportation, education, technology, and our **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE!**



Plan to attend our
23rd Annual EXPO
February 3-5, 2009
Bismarck Ramkota
For room reservations
Call:
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Quality on Tap Training

Water Systems across ND are faced with the ever changing complexity of providing safe, clean drinking water to their customers every single day. Things such as funding constraints, new rules, customer expectations and cost increases all affect the way water systems conduct business. To help address these and other issues facing water systems, ND Rural Water Systems Association in conjunction with the ND League of Cities is offering 6 *FREE* "Providing Quality on Tap" training sessions.

Topics to be covered:

The Business of Water
Water System Challenges
Planning for the Future
Best Practices for Managing, Maintaining and Operating your Water System

Rates and Affordability
Funding Resources
Money Saving Services, Solutions and Ideas
Roundtable Question and Answer

Who Should Attend?

All Board Members/Decision Makers
Auditors/Bookkeepers
Public Works Personnel
Your System Engineer & Other Consultants

Dates and Locations:

Monday, October 20th – Stanley, Two Way Restaurant, 300 N. Main St.
Tuesday, October 21st – Rugby, Bob's Pizza Inn, Hwy 2 East
Wednesday, October 22nd – Grafton, Marketplace on 8th, 43 East 8th St.

Monday, October 27th – Dickinson, Elks Club, 501 Elks Dr.

Tuesday, October 28th – Lincoln, Tumbleweed, 62 Santee Rd

Wednesday, October 29th – Valley City, Roby's, 1066 W. Main St.

Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. **local time** and will end by 9:00 p.m. Supper and refreshments will be provided at no extra cost.

This training is a do not miss if you are interested in the well being of your water system. Please plan to join us for one of these informative and beneficial training sessions.

For more information or to register contact:

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Excellence in Environmental Achievement

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) is pleased to announce that this year's nominee of the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) is the recipient of the Excellence in Environmental Achievement Merit Award presented during NRWA's Annual Tribute to Excellence Awards Ceremony held in Reno, Nevada on October 8, 2008.

NDRWSA nominated Southeast Water Users District (Central-Lisbon System) for this award due to the system's ongoing land management of their well field that promotes conservation/environmental

protection of local natural resources. The system's four wells are located within the sandy soils of the geologic formation known as the "Sheyenne Delta," found in southeastern North Dakota. The system purchased 320 acres of cropland around the wells and converted it into grassland. This area was fenced and divided into four units for rotational grazing and haying. Woodlands and wetlands were left intact for aesthetic and wildlife habitat purposes. Additional land was also purchased and given to the Federal Government as mitigation acreage for a threatened plant species, the Western Prairie

Fringed Orchid.

Southeast Water Users District maintains collaboration and communication with NDRWSA's specialists for leadership in their well field environmental protection efforts. NDRWSA provides various programs that assist water systems across North Dakota as they strive to provide potable water that is palatable, reliable, and safe.

Congratulations to Southeast Water Users District for being nationally recognized for their environmental protection activities within and surrounding their well field.

Scholarship Applications Due January 31, 2009

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association is proud to announce its 10th annual Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship program. Students that receive water from a member ND rural water system may be eligible to receive \$500 to cover college expenses. Applications are reviewed for academic performance, career

goals, extracurricular activities, leadership, and financial need. A brief essay (500 words or less) must be included and indicate how rural water has improved your quality of life and/or what your life would be like without it. Applications must be received by January 31, 2009. Application can be

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