

# Rural Water News

## NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

### 23rd Annual Rural Water EXPO

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Our 23rd Annual Rural Water EXPO will be held February 3-5 at the Bismarck Ramkota Hotel.

The Expo will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3 with an Opening Ceremony, followed by the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening, a Legislative Social Hour, and the Exhibitor Appreciation Buffet dinner.

On Wednesday, February 4, we are offering a full day of training, a LIVE auction with the proceeds going to our Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship fund and then we will honor the best in our industry at our Awards Banquet. A panel of distinguished judges will also choose the best tasting water in North Dakota from the final three that will be chosen by attendees earlier in the day. Our evening will culminate with entertainment by cowboy poet, Rodney Nelson.

The Expo will end around noon on Thursday, February 5, after a morning filled with training geared towards everyone—operators, managers, board members, and office personnel. Back by popular demand is a Defensive Driving session presented by the North Dakota Safety Council.

We invite you to join us for some good food, excellent training, and fun, as we celebrate our 23rd annual EXPO.

Expo qualifies for operator reimbursement and attendees will receive eight Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attending.

Contact our office for more information or to register at 800-349-6951. Online registration is also available at <http://www.ndrw.org>.

Mention rural water when reserving your rooms at 800-528-1234.

#### EXPO Agenda:

##### Tuesday, February 3

1:30	Opening Ceremony
3:00	Exhibit Hall Opens
5:00	Legislative Social
7:00	Dinner

##### Wednesday, February 4

7:45	Breakfast
8:30	Training Sessions
11:00	Exhibit Hall Drawings
Noon	Exhibit Hall Closes
Noon	Spouse Lunch/Program
Noon	Lunch Buffet
1:00	Training Sessions
5:00	Social
5:30	AUCTION
7:00	Awards Banquet

##### Thursday, February 5

7:45	Breakfast
8:30	Training Sessions
11:45	Closing Session

*The mission of the NDRWSA is to educate, lead, and support its members in providing quality service to their customers.*

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#### Small System Funding Training:

April 28 - Wilton  
April 29 - Bowman  
April 30 - Watford City  
May 5 - Pembina  
May 6 - Valley City  
May 7 - Napoleon

### Small System Funding Options

Meeting the demands of repairing and replacing infrastructure such as water and wastewater projects is taking its toll on many small utility systems. The North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA), in conjunction with the North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) Regional Meetings, is bringing together several entities that offer funding for small systems.

Our objective during these half day training seminars is to promote awareness of funding sources; the rules, regulations, application processes, names, addresses, and "How To's" will all be under one roof. These training seminars are a DO NOT MISS if you are looking for funding for a project in the near future. Your attendance and participation will greatly benefit your system for years to come.

Learn how to get on the priority list

for construction; learn about interest rates and special concerns for disadvantaged communities. Learn how these funding entities are working together to put affordable projects together for municipalities. Acquiring funding for needed infrastructure improvements is time consuming and complex. Learn how to do your research and homework.

Groups targeted for participation are: Mayors, Administrators, Economic Development Personnel, Utility Supervisors, Engineers, Water/Wastewater Operators, and others involved or interested in the financial stability of municipal and rural water systems.

These sessions qualify for operator reimbursement and attendees will receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attending.

The sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. (local time) and end by noon.

#### Mark Your Calendar:

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

Rural Water Rally  
April 19-21, 2009  
Washington, DC

Utility EXPO  
June 3-5, 2009  
Jamestown, ND

Leadership Retreat  
July 27-28, 2009  
Minot, ND

NRWA Annual  
Conference  
October 6-8, 2009  
Louisville, KY

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## Stage 2 Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR) Training

The North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association will be conducting six half day training sessions to help consecutive systems understand and meet the requirements of the Stage 2 DBPR. Stage 2 DBPR defines a consecutive system as a public water system that receives some or all of its finished water from one or more wholesale systems. Delivery may be through direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive systems. Consecutive systems that use a disinfectant other than ultraviolet light (UV) or that deliver water from another system that has been treated with a disinfectant other than UV are subject to the Stage 2 DBPR.

Prior to promulgation of the Stage 2 DBPR, monitoring of consecutive systems for DBPs was not specifically addressed by the Safe Drinking Water Act regulations. The Stage 2 DBPR specifically requires consecutive systems to comply with the same MCLs (Maximum Contaminant Level) as the wholesale systems and extends the disinfectant residual and MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) requirements of the Stage 1 DBPR to consecutive systems. Stage 2 DBPR general rule requirements include:

- MRDL Compliance Monitoring Requirements

- IDSEs (Initial Distribution System Evaluation)
- Disinfection Byproduct MCLs
- Stage 2 Compliance Monitoring Requirements

This training session will be conducted on each of the following days:

**February 10, 11, & 12 and March 17, 18, & 19.** Locations To Be Announced; please watch your mail for further details.

### ALSO COMING SOON:

#### Operator Certification Exam Review Training

**February 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26**  
Locations To Be Announced  
Contact Eric Volk with any questions.

### AWARDS

Do you know someone who has done something special for the promotion, development, or enhancement of a city or rural water system? If so, please take the time to nominate that worthy individual for an award in one of the following categories:

**Outstanding Water Works Employee**  
**Friend of Rural Water**  
**Waterline Award (Most Prestigious Award)**  
**Outstanding Office Employee**

Hurry—the deadline is Monday, January 12, 2009! Contact our office for MORE information if you are interested in nominating someone or if you need a nomination form.

## Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship Auction

NEW this year—the first annual Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship Auction will be held prior to our Awards Banquet on Wednesday, February 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your wallets and help us raise money for a good cause. Each year the NDRWSA awards \$500 to a deserving student to help defray the expense of attending college.

We are also accepting items to be auctioned. Donated items should have a value of \$75 or more. Contact our office at 800-349-6951 if you are interested in donating an item.

For more information on our scholarship, visit our website at <http://www.ndrw.org>. The deadline to apply for this year's award is January 31, 2009!

## Consumer Confidence Reports

Believe it or not, it is already that time of year again. Time for you to begin gathering information for your annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) will be sending CCR packets to all public water systems by the end of February.

Water systems that supply water to other systems must provide them with all relevant information by April 1, 2009.

The 2008 CCR must be delivered or made available to customers and a copy forwarded to the NDDOH by July 1, 2009.

Would you like FREE assistance in completing your CCR? If so, contact [ericvolk@ndrw.org](mailto:ericvolk@ndrw.org) or call 800-349-6951 as soon as possible.



### Benefits of Becoming an Individual Member of the NDRWSA

- \*A FREE subscription to the ND Water Magazine
- \*The Legislative Liaison Newsletter published during each legislative session
- \*10% discount on registration fees for our annual EXPO (does not pertain to exhibit booths)
- \*10% discount on registration fees for our annual Leadership Retreat
- \*10% discount on registration fees for our Utility EXPO (does not pertain to exhibit booths)
- \*Membership certificate suitable for framing that identifies you as an Individual Member and supporter of rural water

Individual members may save up to \$40 on registration fees alone—which is more than the cost of the annual dues of just \$30!  
Give us a call for more information!