



Rural Water News

NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Red Flag Rule Deadline Fast Approaching

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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 **May 1, 2009** 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 can be found at: www.ndrw.org.

A copy of the federal rule is available at: www.ruralwater.org/redflagrules%20FR.pdf

For further assistance contact: Eric Volk, Training Specialist
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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 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) 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 sys-

tems.

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.

Small System Funding Training:

April 28 - Wilton
April 29 - Bowman
April 30 - Watford City
May 5 - Langdon *
May 6 - Casselton*
May 7 - Ashley*

* Note location change

Watch your mail for more information or visit our website at www.ndrw@ndrw.org.

Mark Your Calendar:

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

Utility EXPO
June 3-4, 2009
Jamestown, ND

Leadership Retreat
July 27-28, 2009
Minot, ND

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

EXPO 2010
February 15-18, 2010
Minot, ND

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Stage 2 Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts Rule MRDL Monitoring Begins April 1st

Beginning April 1st water systems receiving water from one or more wholesale systems (consecutive systems) will be required by the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR) to monitor disinfectant (chlorine, free or total) residuals and comply with the Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) requirements.

To meet these rule requirements consecutive systems will monitor chlorine residuals at the same place and time as their monthly Total Coliform Rule (TCR) samples. TCR samples include routine, repeat, replacement and increased monitoring.

The MRDL for chlorine is 4.0 mg/l and compliance is based on a running annual average. Chlorine residual monitoring reports must be sent to the ND Department of Health no later than 10 days after the end of each quarter. If quarterly averages for any consecutive four-quarter period exceed the MRDL, the system is in violation. Failure to monitor will be treated as a monitoring violation.

For more information contact Lydia Fewless, ND Department of Health, at 701-328-5221.

Celebrate Water! Drinking Water Week 2009

National Drinking Water Week is May 3-9, 2009. Water Week 2009 is part of a national campaign to increase the public's awareness about the vital role water plays in our daily lives and to remind everyone of the importance of the work their local water professionals perform. We often forget what a valuable commodity water is and how much effort is required in keeping it clean, safe, and accessible. Water Week is an opportunity for communities to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of over 54,000 local water systems that supply America with safe, clean water every day.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this important event. To help, we are pleased to provide educational materials for your use as well as a sample press release. Please contact our office if you would be interested in

obtaining any of the educational materials. These are FREE of charge, but supplies are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. We suggest you also put this information on your city/system Website.

You may visit our Website at <http://www.ndrw.org> and click on "What's New NDRW?" to access the Water Week information.

Please pass this information on to your local elementary schools. National Drinking Water Week is a great time to teach kids the value of water. Our professionally trained staff would be more than willing to speak on the importance of water.

We encourage your elementary schools to contact our office at 800-349-6951 to schedule a speaker.

Plan to attend our
5th Annual
Utility EXPO
June 3-4, 2009
Stutsman County Fair
Grounds and Gladstone
Inn in Jamestown

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR)

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

Water systems that supply water to other systems should have provided 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 ND Department of Health by July 1, 2009.

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



It's Going to be a Busy Summer!

In the past we have held our Utility EXPO in early September. This year we are trying something new and are holding it June 3. The location will be the same—the Stutsman County Fairgrounds with an evening social and a next day training session at the Gladstone Inn in Jamestown. Call 701-252-0700 and be sure to mention rural water when reserving your room.

Bring your gloves and work boots so you, too, can grab hold of the controls and operate the finest equipment that manufacturers have to

offer. Your experience will give you the inside track on industry advancements in equipment, technology, and services. That's right. Manufacturers will allow you to climb aboard and prove to yourself if their equipment is right for your fleet.

Plan to spend a few days in Minot during the State Fair when we hold our summer board meeting and Leadership Retreat at the Holiday Inn Riverside on July 27-28. Call 701-852-2504 to reserve your room and again, be sure to mention rural water.

Co-op Day at the Fair is July 29 and Water Day at the Fair is July 30. Your association's staff will be manning a booth both days. Stop by and say hi or volunteer to help us out!

Watch your mail for more information on these and other events. Rooms are limited so we encourage you to make your reservations early.

Mark your calendars today for June 3-4 and July 27-28!