



# Rural Water News

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## NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

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### Celebrate Water!

National Drinking Water Week is May 7-13, 2006. Water Week 2006 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 53,000 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 a list of 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.

#### RATE SURVEY

NDRWSA is conducting a water rate survey and we need your help.

Please visit our Website at <http://www.ndrw.org> to download the survey.

The compiled water rate information will be available to all member systems at a later date.

Completed surveys can be returned as follows:

Fax: 701-258-5002

Email: [ericvolk@ndrw.org](mailto:ericvolk@ndrw.org)

Regular Mail:

NDRWSA  
2718 Gateway Ave., Suite #201  
Bismarck, ND 58503-0585



### 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) has sent

CCR packets to all public water systems.

Water systems that supply water to other systems should have already provided their consecutive users with all relevant information by April 1, 2006.

The 2005 CCR must be delivered or made available to customers and a copy forwarded to the NDDOH by July 1, 2006.

If you would like FREE assistance in completing your CCR, please contact our office as soon as possible.

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#### Mark Your Calendar:

RW Rally April 2-4  
Hyatt on Capitol Hill Washington, DC

Leadership Retreat July 6-7  
Dakota Magic Casino near Hankinson

Operator, Equipment, & Utility EXPO  
Sept. 6-7  
Stutsman County Fairgrounds and  
The Gladstone Inn—Jamestown

NRWA Annual Conference  
Sept. 24-27  
Dallas, TX

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## Training During League of Cities Regional Meetings

Water systems have to continually balance the increasing demand to supply city and rural services with funding constraints. In an effort to help water systems meet this challenge AE2S, along with the NDRWSA, will be presenting a morning training session in conjunction with each of the League of Cities Regional Meetings.

“Capital Budgeting for Water Systems” is the title of the sessions that will cover the following topics: 1) Need for capital budgeting, 2) Capital expenditures, 3) Budgeting tools, 4) Policies, 5) Identifying capital needs, 6) Prioritizing needs, 7) CIP plan-

ning, 8) Forecasting, 9) Financing, 10) Project delivery methods, 11) Construction contracts and management, as well as other helpful information for all personnel involved with public projects.

Eric Volk, training specialist with NDRWSA will address how water systems can combat aging infrastructure, new federal regulations, limited funding, and operator turn over by utilizing the FREE services available through NDRWSA.

These sessions qualify for operator reimbursement and attendees will receive 2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for

attending.

The sessions begin at 9:00 am and end by noon.

April 18 Crosby, Moose Lodge Club

April 19 Granville, McGillicuddy Center

April 20 Carrington, VFW Club

April 25 Pekin, Community Center

April 26 Enderlin, Fire Hall

April 27 Belfield, City Hall

Watch your mail for more information on these and other training sessions.

## Equipment For Sale Database

We are excited to announce the creation of our new “Equipment for Sale” database. The database will include anything a water or wastewater system wants to sell or perhaps give away. Maybe you have something in the shop that is too good to throw away, but you are tired of tripping over it. Can't find any more old meter parts? There may be some lying on a shelf somewhere in another North Dakota community.

The process is simple. Contact us at 800-

349-6951 to request a form or you may visit our Website at <http://www.ndrw.org> and download the form yourself. All we need is your contact information, a short description, and price of the item you want to list.

Items will be listed on our Website. NDRWSA will assume no responsibility for the buying or selling of any equipment. All transactions will be between the buyer and the seller.

## Poly Pigging Improves Water Quality

Is buildup in your water distribution system causing poor water quality? Does routine flushing only temporarily fix the problem? Are customer complaints regarding the system's water quality driving you crazy? Is your system planning to upgrade its current treatment process or possibly hooking up to a regional water supply?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your system might benefit from having NDRWSA “Poly Pig” your system's

distribution pipeline.

Pigging is a process of cleaning potable water mains which have accumulated buildup on their interior surfaces. Pigging is accomplished by using a foam sponge (soft pig or swab) that is launched into the distribution system. The pig is propelled down the pipeline by water pressure. Debris and buildup is removed from the inside of the pipes and pushed out of the water system.

### Rural Water Finance Corporation

Does your system have an upcoming Rural Development Project?

The ND Rural Water Finance Corporation provides interim funding to systems that have received a permanent loan commitment from the USDA-RD. The program structure enables access to short-term loan funds at below market costs.

The effective rate of borrowing is based on the nominal loan rate (currently 4.4%) less an interest earnings credit (currently 4.58%) on undisbursed construction proceeds. The effective rate of funds is estimated at 1%-3% depending on the actual timing of disbursements.

Call 800-349-6951 for more information!

For just the cost of the “pigs”, the professionally trained staff of NDRWSA will assist your system in cleaning out its distribution pipelines.

Pigging is cost efficient, very effective and **may be** an alternative to pipe replacement.

Contact Circuit Riders Tom Sieg (701-693-5068) or Scott Donaldson (701-220-6370) for further information.