

2017 Multi-Regional Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop
Programmatic Tune-Ups: Revving Your Engines for Success
 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
 One Potomac Yard (South), Room S4370/80
 August 15-16, 2017

Tuesday, August 15, 2017	
1:00 pm -1:30 pm	Networking/Registration
1:30 pm -2:00 pm	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Speakers: Peter Grevatt, Director, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Alan Roberson, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators</p>
2:00 pm - 3:15pm	<p>Session 5: Using Water System Partnerships to Enhance Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity of a Public Water Systems</p> <p>Water System Partnerships provide opportunities to collaborate on compliance solutions and operations and maintenance activities and to share costs with other nearby systems. This increases capacity and enables systems to provide safe and affordable water to their communities. The speakers will focus on how states can develop and communicate partnership opportunities to water systems that enable them to achieve efficiencies to improve planning, operation, and management of their systems. EPA will, also, briefly discuss its recent Water System Partnerships activities with the States.</p> <p>Facilitator: Ellen Tarquinio (U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water) Speakers: Paulette Akers (KY), Glenn Barnes (UNC Environmental Finance Center)</p>
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	BREAK
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>Session 6: Using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Set-Asides to Build Capacity</p> <p>The primary source of funding for states to conduct activities to help water systems obtain and maintain capacity is from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) set-asides. Speakers will showcase the ways in which state Capacity Development and Operator Certification Programs can use the DWSRF set-asides to support water systems in building capacity, and how to increase cooperative efforts between State Drinking Water Programs to ensure effective use of the DWSRF funds. The presentation will be followed by open discussion to share ways state Capacity Development and Operator Certification Programs have used DWSRF set-asides to build capacity.</p> <p>Facilitator: Bridget O’Grady (ASDWA) Speakers: Sara Sloane (TN), Allison Murphy (VT), Kiri Anderer (U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water)</p>
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	<p>Afternoon Wrap Up Session</p> <p>Speaker: Cathy Wunderlich (WI)</p>
Wednesday, August 16, 2017	
8:00 am - 10:00 am	<p>Session 7: Building Successful Operators</p> <p>States use eligibility requirements and validated exams in the certification process to determine the knowledge, skills, abilities and judgement of an operator for a specific public water system classification of treatment and/or distribution system. However, examinees can often miss several, if not all questions, in one category of an exam and still pass. Speakers will focus on different</p>

	<p>approaches to ensuring that training and professional growth requirements allow the operator to gain core knowledge, and the various tools they have developed for operators and systems to enhance technical, managerial, and financial capacity.</p> <p>Facilitator: Matthew Reed (U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water) Speakers: Paul Burris (Utility Operations Manager, City of Elmhurst, IL), Gary Larimore (Kentucky Rural Water Association), Megan Baker (Association of Boards of Certification), Dawn Newell (WV)</p>
10:00 am - 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Session 8: Moving Boards in the Right Direction</p> <p>What happens when boards and councils do not provide management and financial support to the PWS? This question will be explored through a series of presentation, based on the following concerns when dealing with board member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication efforts amongst boards, operators, and owners; • Making the best case for financial support using rate setting; • Making the best case for infrastructure replacement using Asset Management planning; and • Leveraging DWSRF loan funding for board training <p>Facilitator: Shelley Frost (NH) Speakers: Bill Moody (MS), Susan Schell (OH), Mia McDonald (RCAP Solutions)</p>
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	<p>It's a Wrap! Summary of Two Days of Discussion / Next Steps</p> <p>Speaker: Cathy Davis (U.S. Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water)</p>

Webinar Registration Links

1. Opening Remarks, Session 5, Session 6, Afternoon Wrap-Up: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/398778958175147521>
2. Session 7, Session 8, and Workshop Wrap-Up: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5231127064692684545>

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