



Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

Brochure 2017



About ASDWA

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) is the professional Association serving state drinking water programs. Formed in 1984 to address a growing need for state administrators to have national representation, ASDWA has become a respected voice for state primacy agents with Congress, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other professional organizations. ASDWA's purpose is to:

- Support states in their efforts to protect public health through the provision of safe drinking water;
- Collect and make information accessible to all state program administrators to assist them in fulfilling their duties;
- Encourage the interchange of experiences and information among state drinking water programs;
- Promote responsible and feasible drinking water program requirements at the state and Federal levels; and
- Provide advice, counsel, and expertise to organizations and entities having an interest in drinking water, including Congress, U.S. EPA, and other Federal, state, and local organizations.

ASDWA members are the drinking water program administrators in the 50 states, the five territories, the Navajo Nation, and the District of Columbia. (16 of the 50 state drinking water programs are located in state departments of health; 31 are located in state departments of the environment or natural resources; and 3 are in mixed departments of health and environment.)

ASDWA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a state program administrator from each of the 10 U.S. EPA regions, the President, the President-Elect (who may also represent a region), and the Past President. The ASDWA Executive Director serves on the Board as an ex officio member. A full time staff, located in Arlington, Virginia, manages the day-to-day activities of the Association.

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ASDWA 2017 Objectives

ASDWA Member Involvement: Help ensure active and ongoing involvement of ASDWA members in the Association's activities. In particular, work with members to enhance ASDWA's ability to represent state interests and concerns in a timely and responsive manner using a variety of means, including direct state feedback in response to EPA requests for state input; state responses to ASDWA requests for state perspectives; active engagement in ASDWA committees; and input by states to ASDWA's Board of Directors.

Communications: Encourage greater interstate communication, involving sharing of information, strategies, and approaches to achieve implementation efficiencies and maximize state resources. Provide state perspectives on how to evaluate and communicate overall program effectiveness for a variety of audiences and purposes. Communicate the importance of state drinking water programs to the Administration.

Partnerships: Strengthen existing and forge new partnerships with other water organizations and interest groups that will add diversity and strength to the mission of ASDWA and its members.

State-EPA Relationship: Strive to ensure an active state-EPA co-regulator relationship that operates in a manner engendering mutual trust and respect. Hallmarks of such a relationship include ongoing communication; exploring and understanding differing viewpoints; seeking, where possible, areas of mutual agreement; and employing creative solutions.

Communicate Concerning State Resource Constraints/Seek Ways to Maximize Available Resources:

Continue to communicate to Congress, EPA, and other stakeholders, about the reductions, in recent years, in state staff and state funds to carry out the drinking water program and pursue additional funding and other strategies to redress this imbalance. Advocate for adequate funding of the DWSRF and PWSS grants. Seek reauthorization of the DWSRF with appropriate changes that provide additional flexibility and help address state program needs. Implement best practices for expending obligated grant funds while preserving state flexibility to manage programs.

Program Implementation and Program Integration: Support state efforts to set priorities that maximize public health protection in the face of resource constraints by providing information, tools, and assistance. Seek to resolve common state issues, concerns, and questions that arise in the course of program implementation, including long standing issues, such as lead in drinking water, as well as emerging challenges such as algal toxins and perfluoralkyl substances (PFAs) in source waters and contaminants associated with premise plumbing. Encourage closer collaboration and coordination among mutually beneficial program areas such as capacity development, operator certification, security, source water protection, and the DWSRF.

Protect Sources of Drinking Water: Update, where possible, source water assessments and encourage/support development of water systems' source water protection plans. Seek to leverage and focus other authorities and programs – particularly, Clean Water Act programs and USDA agricultural conservation programs – to maximize protection of sources of drinking water.

Rule Development: Provide early state input into the rule development process. In so doing, communicate the need to make rules as flexible as possible with realistic compliance time frames so that states can effectively implement the rules and achieve their public health objectives. In accordance with the ASDWA-EPA Guiding Principles for Rule Development, help ensure that new rules benefit from the "lessons learned" from existing and past rule implementation. Discourage early implementation requirements (although voluntary early implementation may still take place) and work to streamline any unique, state-specific rule requirements or other special conditions. Seek to ensure that rule implementation guidance (developed with input from states) is available well before rule implementation commences.

Regulatory Tools and Program Strategies: Provide early state input into regulatory tool development, including the once every six year re-evaluation of existing rules, the Contaminant Candidate List, the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, approaches to regulating groups of contaminants, and techniques for evaluating the costs and benefits of drinking water rules.

Data Management/SDWIS Prime Development: Work, in partnership with EPA to ensure that SDWIS is updated to meet any new regulatory and program requirements. In so doing, work to ensure that the new data management system (the Compliance Monitoring Data Portal and SDWIS Prime) is one in which states' business needs are fully accommodated and can be cost-effectively managed by states. States should continue to be involved throughout the development process.

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund: Preserve the public health protection integrity of the DWSRF by strongly advocating that it is adequately funded and remains focused on solving critical drinking water problems, including providing needed funding to systems that would otherwise struggle to make improvements. Work with EPA, Congress, and others to help ensure that other infrastructure funding programs or administration directives do not detract from adequate funding for the DWSRF and that points of intersection between the DWSRF and other programs can be managed effectively and efficiently.

Directions for 2017

Overview: In 2017, ASDWA will continue its efforts to support state drinking water program needs through identifying priority issues; providing advance information on proposed national strategies, policies, and regulations; and continuing to coordinate with EPA and other partners on successful implementation of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). A particular focus, in 2017, will involve providing information and recommendations to the incoming administration about the importance of safe drinking water for healthy Americans and a vibrant economy – and the critical role that states play in that regard. ASDWA also plans to continue to provide information to our colleagues in the water community, Members of Congress, and the interested public about the importance of adequately supporting the state drinking water programs, informed by the latest state drinking water resource needs report (see Publications section). ASDWA also plans to work with a variety of partners to position state drinking water programs to play a critical role in helping address 21st century challenges, such as adapting to the effects of extreme weather and managing programs in a constrained economic environment.

Legislation: In the legislative arena, ASDWA's goal is to enhance the understanding on the part the Administration and Congress about state primacy agency priorities, such as the need for increased Federal appropriations to meet the SDWA public health protection goals; the strength and value of the DWSRF to the drinking water community in order to meet water infrastructure needs and support other critical activities; the importance of support for drinking water preparedness and resilience initiatives including cybersecurity; and the ongoing need for sound science to support the regulatory process. With a new Administration in place, it will be critically important to track legislation that affects not only funding, sustainability, and resiliency, but also to be aware of specific legislative initiatives that may impact drinking water issues beyond those of our traditional Federal partners. ASDWA will also monitor the progress of legislative proposals for other drinking water-related issues such as sustainability, water resource management, and coping with extreme weather. ASDWA will respond to Congressional requests for information.

Rule Development and Implementation: On the regulatory front, ASDWA will support state drinking water programs in working with EPA on regulations under development and in meeting the challenges of implementing current rules. State goals for all new rules continue to be: enhanced public health protection, coupled with requirements that can be efficiently and effectively implemented. ASDWA will be active in representing state perspectives on the proposed new Lead and Copper Rule revisions, expected in 2017. ASDWA will continue to support state representatives in any follow up activities related to their participation in EPA work groups for the Carcinogenic VOCs and Perchlorate. States will need to help their water systems and the public understand the significance of the third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3) test results. States and ASDWA will provide input to EPA throughout the regulatory tool development cycle (i.e., the Contaminant Candidate List, Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, and Six Year Review), particularly, implementation of UCMR4, possible approaches to storage tanks and other implementation issues from the next Six Year Review. ASDWA will also be actively involved in any new initiatives involving cyanotoxins, strontium, hexavalent chromium, nitrosamines, fluoride, or other emerging contaminants. With the recently effective Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR), ASDWA will encourage and assist EPA and states in their efforts to ensure that both states and water systems have adequate training and guidance to support rule implementation. In 2017, ASDWA will be cooperating with EPA and states to assure that implementation of the existing LCR is optimized. ASDWA will also continue to work with states on implementation of other existing rules such as the Stage 2 M/DBP Rule where significant numbers of small systems continue to face compliance challenges. ASDWA will work with the ASDWA Regulatory Committee to facilitate exchange among states on implementation challenges and use the ASDWA website for sharing state tools, such as RTCR assessment forms. In the area of rule compliance, ASDWA and states will work with EPA-OECA on continuing effective implementation of the Enforcement Response Policy and Enforcement Tar-

geting Tool. .Working with partner organizations and the new EPA small system innovation centers (DeRISK and WINSSS) on technology innovation initiatives, ASDWA will support states' as they participate in the approval and implementation of new technologies in the water industry. Finally, ASDWA will continue to develop resources on the ASDWA website, such as the Forums and videos of webinars, to support technical staff in the states as they deal with complex technologies like UV and membranes.

Capacity Development/Operator Certification: In the year ahead, ASDWA will continue its efforts to support state program initiatives and recommendations related to both ongoing and new State-EPA Reenergizing Workgroups. These workgroups have been formed over several years to showcase state best practices and implementation strategies in areas such as managerial capacity, collaborative initiatives, workforce strategies, and asset management, as well as innovative approaches for operator certification programs. For 2017, ASDWA will be engaged with our EPA Sustainable Systems Team (SST) partners to explore strategies that encourage water system partnerships. ASDWA will continue to work with the Technical Assistance Provider community as they take on training, outreach, and education initiatives via the EPA Competitive Award program. ASDWA will also work with EPA to identify opportunities for action under the Drinking Water Action plan to enhance small drinking water system capabilities and compliance. Through collaboration with our own Security, Regulatory, Source Water, and Climate Change Committees, ASDWA will strive to ensure that the small system perspective is included in all of these focus areas. ASDWA also plans to continue to encourage greater use of the discussion forum, library, and other features of ASDWA's web-based CapCertCommunity available for state and EPA staff as well as continue to post information about capacity development, operator certification, and other small system issues on the CapCertConnections blog. ASDWA will continue to partner with EPA-ORD to host an annual Small Systems Technology Workshop and showcase monthly ORD webinars focused on small system issues. Finally, ASDWA plans to begin to work with EPA SST on potential 2017 workshops related to capacity development and operator certification as well as a possible national workshop to be held in 2018.

Source Water Protection/Water Availability, Variability, and Sustainability: ASDWA will continue to work with states on source water protection and Water Availability, Variability, and Sustainability (WAVS) issues. These efforts will include involvement in national initiatives and activities to further efforts related to water quality and water quantity, climate change, nutrient pollution, Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), hydraulic fracturing, and local source water protection implementation. ASDWA plans ongoing partnering with EPA, the Source Water Collaborative, the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC), the Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA), and other stakeholders. In 2017, ASDWA will work with ACWA and GWPC to host a CWA/SDWA workshop and continue to promote the Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act toolkit, as well as share state examples. ASDWA will also continue to participate in and promote the Source Water Collaborative and its resources, such as the Learning Exchange and Call to Action White Paper. These partnership initiatives will be designed to coordinate national objectives; facilitate and participate in meetings; and develop tools and resources to help states, policymakers, planners, developers, the agricultural community, citizen groups, and others integrate source water protection and sustainability -- for both ground and surface waters -- into key decisions. In 2017, ASDWA plans to continue to share pertinent information through its source water related web pages and Source Water News blog.

Climate Awareness: In 2017, ASDWA will continue to participate in the USGS ACWI Water Resources Adaptation to Climate Change Workgroup and the State and Tribal Climate Change Council to provide input into Federal agency and national level climate resilience efforts, as well as share information about these efforts with its members.

Area-Wide Optimization Programs (AWOP): During 2017, the national and regional AWOP programs will maintain core microbial optimization efforts, while continuing to move into optimization for Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) control and improved water quality through optimization in distribution systems. In 2017 ASDWA will plan and conduct a National Meeting to bring all state and regional members of the AWOP network together for sharing success stories and tools for optimization. AWOP will also continue to incorporate other treatment technologies, such as contact absorption clarifiers, slow sand filters, and membranes. These new technical areas will help make AWOP an effective tool in compliance assistance, supporting one of EPA's priority goals. In addition to providing ongoing support to the active AWOP states, ASDWA will support new states as they enter the AWOP community as well as support long-standing AWOP states that are working to reinvigorate their AWOP programs. ASDWA will work with EPA to transition access for technical materials to EPA while main-

taining technical collaboration and exchange for states on ASDWA's AWOP webpage. ASDWA will support the use of tools like UserVoice as a means to efficiently develop discussion topics for regional and national meetings that will allow meeting time to be used more productively. In addition, ASDWA will use a blog posting format for the *AWOP News* and expand options for communication among the AWOP community. In addition to its AWOP work, ASDWA will continue to support the Partnership for Safe Water through a state member on the Partnership Steering Committee and promotion of Partnership activities for the states.

Data Management: In 2017 and subsequent years, data management activities will focus on the development and deployment of SDWIS "Prime" -- the new data management structure for drinking water -- and transition of states to the recently completed Compliance Monitoring Data Portal (CMDP). States will also begin SWDIS Prime transition planning to be ready for its planned completion in late 2017 and early 2018. Specific 2017 Prime development activities are expected to include continued development sprints, webinars for states, and pilot testing by states. A new work group, with state and EPA leadership, the SDWIS Implementation Work Group (SIWG) is focused not only preparing states for the transition to Prime, but ensuring that all SDWIS products meet the needs of users. ASDWA has recruited and will support state representatives for all the various committees and groups in the SDWIS Governance Structure that will manage the development of Prime and govern drinking water data management for the future. States and ASDWA will focus on state needs that must be adequately addressed in the development process including maintaining core SDWIS/State functions, allowing connection of other state developed data modules (i.e., interfacing applications), and assuring adequate state control of data. ASDWA's role will be to help ensure that state issues are identified and acted on by EPA. ASDWA will also work to help assure that existing SDWIS/State software can support current state data management needs until Prime is completed. ASDWA will work with the State-EPA Data Management Advisory Committee on data quality and other issues not currently addressed by the SDWIS Prime Governance Structure. ASDWA will continue to work with EPA to provide a forum for critical data management topics and exchange information on innovative state programs and tools at the annual Data Management Users Conference (DMUC). The DMUC in 2017 is expected to cover the current status of Prime development and CMDP implementation as well as consider other critical data management activities that support states – both before and after Prime and the CMDP are implemented. ASDWA's website will continue to be refined to provide information to states on the status of the Prime development process and the Governance Structure, as day to day development support occurs on EPA's SharePoint site. The site also supports the SDWIS/State user community by providing access to SDWIS software and by offering a forum for exchanges on SDWIS/State issues. ASDWA will support more open and efficient data sharing through EPA's E-Enterprise initiative (in cooperation with ECOS).

Drinking Water Preparedness and Resilience: Throughout 2017, ASDWA will continue its efforts to build on state-based lessons learned from natural disasters and blend them with ongoing initiatives related to intentional malevolent acts. Building on earlier ASDWA-developed strategies related to how states can collaborate with their emergency management counterparts, better coordinate with mutual aid utility-based organizations such as WARN, and implement state-developed tools for emergency response, ASDWA will continue these state-focused initiatives by working collaboratively with EPA's Water Security Division to identify collaborative and informative partnerships with FEMA and state hazard mitigation officers as well as highlight the importance of water as part of community mitigation plans. As new initiatives, ASDWA will work with EPA and our Water Sector colleagues on WSD's new strategy called the Route to Resilience and a separate workgroup to design a joint DHS-EPA tabletop exercise. ASDWA will also continue its participation in the WSD effort to update guidance for emergency response plans. ASDWA expects to continue to encourage state drinking water programs and other water security partners to take advantage of the Water Emergency Roundtable Discussion Guide designed to bring drinking water utilities and their critical customers together to discuss how they would respond in the face of a significant water outage. ASDWA also will continue to share information about EPA-planned statewide exercises that focus on water-based emergencies as well as showcase updates and new tools such CREAT 3.0 (Climate Resilience, Evaluation and Awareness Tool), the Climate Ready Water Utilities strategy, and resilience and mitigation guides for floods, droughts, and power outages, as well as an updated series of disaster-specific tabletop exercise. In 2016, ASDWA worked with EPA's Water Security Division to develop a state-based tool to address cybersecurity information basics and plans, in 2017, to encourage state use of the tool that can also serve as a resource for smaller drinking water systems. Along similar lines, ASDWA is working with the DHS Office of Cybersecurity and Information to develop a webinar and possible fact sheet to help state program staff better understand how they can be a cyber information resource for water systems. ASDWA will continue its

coordination with EPA, the Water Sector Coordinating Council, the Government Coordinating Council, and other stakeholders as well as will continue its efforts in support of the recommendations from the Joint GCC-SCC Cyber Strategy Workgroup. Through a joint SCC-GCC workgroup, ASDWA will participate in an update to the longstanding Water Sector Roadmap that identifies successes, challenges, and next steps to enhance the Sector's security and resiliency profile. ASDWA also expects to continue its support for EPA's Water Lab Alliance, updates for contaminant monitoring tools such as WCIT, and progress under the Water Quality Surveillance & Response Systems (SRS) initiative. ASDWA will also continue to monitor legislative and policy initiatives related to cyber and chemical security as they affect the water sector. Ongoing support for work on enhanced information sharing opportunities such as the WaterISAC will be a fundamental part of ASDWA's continuing partnerships with the water utility community. ASDWA will also continue to share information through its *Security Notes* blog.

Partnerships: The Association accomplishes much of its mission through partnerships with a variety of Federal, other state, and local organizations, as well as with a number of professional associations. The missions of these various organizations can have a profound impact – either directly or indirectly – on the provision of safe drinking water to the American citizens. ASDWA greatly values its partnerships and believes that the synergy they offer greatly enhances and supports the mission of state drinking water administrators. In 2017, ASDWA plans to continue to build on and enhance its working relationships with an array of organizations and agencies dedicated to the protection of public health and the environment. Partnership activities are expected to include, but not be limited to, participation in meetings, workshops, and conferences; informal exchanges of information and strategies; and collaboration in pursuit of mutual goals.

Formal Participation with Other Organizations

AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Past-President: Michael Moss (UT)
Treasurer: Patti Fauver (UT)
Board Member: Rich Koenig (NE)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLUMBING ENGINEERS DESIGN STANDARDS COMMITTEE (STANDARDS 63 & 78)

Sam Perry (WA)

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

Various ASDWA members serve on the following AWWA committees and workgroups:

TECHNICAL ADVISORY WORKGROUPS

AWWA/WEF QUAISERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBRANE PROCESS COMMITTEE

SOURCE WATER COMMITTEE

AWWA SECTION COMMITTEES AND GOVERNANCE

PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER

Steering Committee Member: Doug Kinard (SC)

Program Coordinating Committee Member: Darrell Osterhoudt (ASDWA)

Source Water Protection Committee Member: Deirdre Mason (ASDWA)

ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF CERTIFICATION

President: Bill Sullivan (CT)

ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER ADMINISTRATORS

Participating Members:

Shellie Chard (OK)

David Baize (SC)

Peter Goodman (KY), Board Member

EPA NATIONAL DRINKING WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Participating Member:
Sarah Pillsbury (NH)

WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

PUBLIC COUNCIL ON DRINKING WATER RESEARCH
ASDWA Representative: Jessica Godreau (NC)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Biofiltration Focus Area:
Eva Nieminski (UT)
Sam Perry (WA)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WATER SECTOR GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Participating Members:
Jon Dilliard (MT)
Johnna McKenna (NH)
Bridget O'Grady (ASDWA)

GROUND WATER PROTECTION COUNCIL

Board of Directors:
Kevin Frederick (WY)
Shellie Chard (OK)
Sarah Pillsbury (NH)

NATIONAL SANITATION FOUNDATION

NSF 60/61 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Participating Members:
Brian Bernados (CA)
John Helmeset (NY)
Eva Nieminski (UT)
Wendy Sheeran (OH)

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WATER INFORMATION (ACWI)

Participating Member: Brandon Kernen (NH)
Alternate: Darrell Osterhoudt (ASDWA)

ACWI WATER RESOURCES ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE WORKGROUP

Participating Member: Brandon Kernen (NH)
Alternate: Deirdre Mason (ASDWA)

ACWI SUBCOMMITTEE ON GROUNDWATER

Participating Member: Brandon Kernen (NH)
Alternate: Darrell Osterhoudt (ASDWA)

Committees

Committees are essential to ASDWA's operations. The Association has two types of committees, standing and *ad hoc*. All committees are established and chairs appointed annually by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Non-Board Member committee chairs will have a designated Board liaison to the committee. Members of ASDWA's committees represent the Association on an array of important state program concerns. The quality of ASDWA's analyses, in reports to Executive Agencies and Congress, reflects the expertise and input of ASDWA members generally and ASDWA committee members, in particular. Committees are comprised of state drinking water administrators and staff with special interest and expertise in the particular committee area.

2017 ASDWA Standing Committee Chairpersons

Data Management.....	Dave McMillan (IL)
Drinking Water Security	Jon Dilliard (MT)
Regulatory.....	Lisa Daniels (PA)
Small Systems	Mark Mayer (SD)
Source Water Protection	Paul Susca (NH)
State/EPA Relations	Randy Ellingboe (MN)
State Revolving Loan Fund.....	Bill Moody (MS)

2017 ASDWA *ad hoc* Committee Chairperson

Climate Change/Extreme Weather	Kristin Divris (MA)
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Communications and Outreach

Several years ago, ASDWA began transitioning many of its printed publications to online news blogs to provide real-time information updates to those interested in various areas of drinking water. You can learn more about ASDWA's news blogs - including subscription options - at www.asdwa.org/Blogs.

THE SOURCE - ASDWA'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Since March 2010, all *ASDWA Weekly Update* articles have been re-published in a news blog format - called *The Source*. *The Source* news blog is a "one-stop-shop" news outlet for anyone interested in the major happenings in drinking water. Articles are posted every Friday, in conjunction with the direct email distribution of the *ASDWA Weekly Update*. The news blog presents subscribers with far more control over subscription settings and the frequency with which notifications of new posts are received. We highly encourage members and non-members interested in tracking national drinking water issues to consider this option.

SECURITY NOTES

ASDWA's *Security Notes* blog provides up-to-the minute information on topics of interest to state drinking water security programs. Information from EPA and DHS as well as key information about security legislation, and updates provided by Water Sector partners and workgroups are all included.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT/OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

CapCertConnections is a blog which features information on topics of interest to state drinking water program staff engaged in efforts related to small systems – particularly capacity development and operator certification. Open to all subscribers at no cost, *CapCertConnections* includes updates on projects and workgroups, reminders for upcoming meetings, events and training opportunities, and links to other small system newsletters and information sources.

AWOP NEWS

The *AWOP News* blog is designed to share information about the Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP). Blog postings highlight individual state experiences with AWOP, the regional training and strategic planning meetings, the different components of the program, and existing and newly developed tools and approaches for optimization. Members of the AWOP community and anyone with an interest in optimization may subscribe to the AWOP News blog with no charge. Interested readers may access the latest *AWOP News* articles through ASDWA's AWOP webpage and also review the content of past editions in the *AWOP News* archive.

SOURCE WATER NEWS

ASDWA's *Source Water News* blog is intended to improve outreach and information sharing for state staff engaged in source water protection and sustainability, climate change, and nutrient pollution related efforts. This blog format is our principal communication vehicle for sharing news and other interesting information with state source water contacts and drinking water program staff.

SDWIS/Prime NEWS

In cooperation with EPA, ASDWA hosts the *SDWIS Prime News* blog which contains articles about SDWIS Prime development, planning for transition to Prime, availability of Prime modules for review and testing, as well as other topics of interest to the state and EPA data management community.

Meetings & Conferences

ASDWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Since 1986, ASDWA has conducted its Annual Conference in different U.S. cities to discuss timely drinking water topics such as new regulations, resources, small systems, and water security. Participants typically include state, Federal, and county health officials as well as staff from EPA, water utility personnel, consulting engineers, laboratory managers and chemists, equipment suppliers, trade and professional association officials, and academicians. The 2017 Conference is scheduled for October 17-20, 2017 in Norfolk, VA.

ASDWA MEMBER MEETING

Since 1994, ASDWA has conducted an annual Member Meeting for state drinking water administrators and their staffs. This hands-on working meeting provides an opportunity for states to interact with EPA Headquarters and Regional staff as well as work on committee objectives and action items for the year. The 2017 meeting will be held March 13-15 in Alexandria, VA and focus on new and ongoing initiatives related to state implementation of The Safe Drinking Water Act.

ASDWA-EPA DATA MANAGEMENT USERS CONFERENCE

For over 20 years, ASDWA has co-sponsored, with EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, a conference to explore a wide array of data management issues associated with the national and state drinking water programs. The 2017 conference is scheduled for May 9-11 in Cincinnati, OH.

NATIONAL AWOP MEETING

Every two years, ASDWA, EPA's Technical Support Center in Cincinnati, OH, and several EPA Regional offices cooperate to conduct a National Meeting for states involved or interested in the Area-Wide Optimization Program. The conference covers technical issues related to water system optimization and provides states an opportunity to share accomplishments and goals for their AWOP program. The 2017 meeting will be held in Cincinnati on July 8-9.

ASDWA-EPA DRINKING WATER WORKSHOP

For the past several years, ASDWA has cooperated with EPA's Offices of Research and Development and Ground Water & Drinking Water in convening a workshop that brings together national experts on treatment technologies and other technical topics, with a particular focus on the challenges faced by small water systems. ASDWA co-sponsors the workshop and assists with the planning of the agenda as well as in supporting travel for state attendees. The 2017 Workshop will be held in Cincinnati, OH in August or September.



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