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# Session 9: Outreach & Training Opportunities

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**EPA ORD-Region 4 Small Drinking Water Systems Meeting**
**October 15, 2020**

- Training Workshops and Conferences
- Training Webinars and Courses
- Drinking Water Training System
- Small Systems Communications Workgroup
- Community Outreach Resources
- Technical Assistance

# Annual Small Systems Workshop

- In-depth training
- Technical sessions with Q&A
- Breakout focus groups
- Networking
- Demos and posters
- Training certificates
- Session recordings

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**EPA Office of Research and Development and Office of Water, in partnership with ASDWA, has held the annual workshop for the past 17 years (typically held in the Greater Cincinnati Area)**

# 2020 Annual Small Systems Workshop (Virtual)

## Agenda for the 17th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop (Virtual)

The 17th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop, held in partnership with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), took place virtually on August 31-September 3, 2020. The workshop provided in-depth information and training on solutions and strategies for handling small drinking water system challenges with a focus on monitoring, distribution, source, and treatment topics. Technical and communications and outreach breakout focus group discussion sessions were offered.

**NEW Links to technical and training session recordings are provided in the online agenda below.**

The following links exit the site EXIT

**2020 Agenda**

- Monday, August 31
- Tuesday, September 1
- Wednesday, September 2
- Thursday, September 3

- Downloadable Agenda

### Monday, August 31

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| 11:00 am - 3:00 pm | *Concurrent pre-workshop in-depth training sessions (T1-T3)* |
| 11:00 am - 3:00 pm<br><br>(4 Contact Hours) | **T1. IN-DEPTH TRAINING: Sanitary Surveys-Filtration and Disinfection**<br>This training was intended for water professionals, state drinking water program staff, and technical assistance providers that conduct sanitary surveys. This half-day training focused on evaluating filtration and disinfection technologies, including alternative treatment technologies as part of a sanitary survey. Presentations included examples from surveys and exercises. There were opportunities for open discussion among participants and Q&A with the presenters.<br><br>*Trainers: Michael Finn, EPA-OW and Andrea Traviglia, EPA-Region 1* |

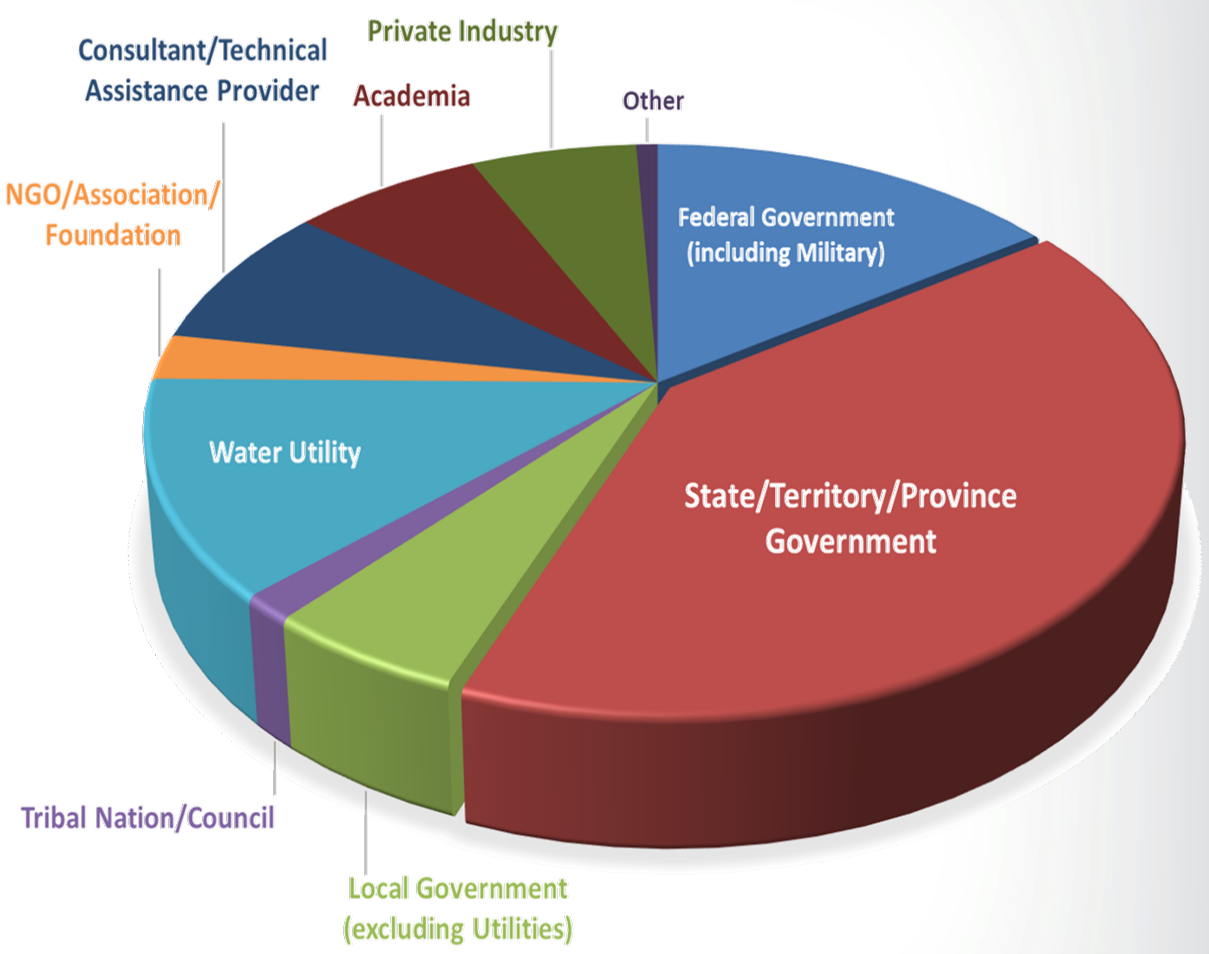
**View the Recordings:**

epa.gov/water-research/agenda-17th-annual-epa-drinking-water-workshop-virtual

# 2020 Annual Small Systems Workshop (Virtual)

## Over 3,400 attendees

- All 50 States and 5 Territories
- 248 water utilities from 41 states, DC and 4 other countries
- 126 environmental and health agencies from all 50 states, 4 territories, DC and 9 Canadian provinces
- 34 tribal nations/councils from 13 states and 1 Canadian province



# Training Webinars and Courses

## Small Systems Monthly Webinar Series

epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series

- Challenges and Treatment Solutions
- Recordings Posted
- Training Certificates

## Drinking Water Training

epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-training

- Rules and Regulations Webinars
- Resilience Training and Exercises

# Drinking Water Training System

- Provides online training on the federal requirements of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
- Doesn't require special software
- System tracks your progress through the training courses
- Provides credit upon completion of a quiz

# Small Systems Communications and Outreach Workgroup

- Formed after 2011 workshop
- Concept for small systems monthly webinar series in 2015
- Provided topics for webinars
- Developed communication tool that's had over 100,000 downloads and was used to support the Lead Free Rule

# GOOD TIMES…

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# ASDWA RESOURCES & TRAINING

- Reports and White Papers
  asdwa.org/asdwa-reports
  - State CEC Rule Development and Management Strategies Toolkit (February 2020)
  - ASDWA PFAS Source Water Guide and Toolkit (June 2020)
  - Using Water Quality Monitoring Data for Your Building Water Management Program (June 2020)
  - 2019 Analysis of State Drinking Water Programs' Resources and Needs (July 2020)
  - ASDWA Distribution System Survey White Paper (September 2020)
  - Principles of Data Science for Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacement Programs (September 2020)

- ASDWA's Newsroom is a source for drinking water news
  asdwa.org/newsroom

- ASDWA offers regular webinars on topics of interest to states and water systems
  asdwa.org/events
  asdwa.org/past-events-webinar-recordings

- ASDWA Member video library (for members only, i.e., states)
  asdwa.org/video-library

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# AWWA & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

- AWWA National
  awwa.org
  - Conferences
  - Webinars
- AWWA Sections
  awwa.org/Membership-Volunteering/My-Local-AWWA-Section
  - Most states have individual sections, but some states are combined
  - Section conferences and webinars
- Technical Assistance Providers
  - National Rural Water Association (NRWA)
    - State-level affiliates
  - Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
    - Regional affiliates
  - Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs)
    efc.sog.unc.edu
    - University of North Carolina (Region 4)

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