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OHA-Drinking Water Services Newsletter

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EPA Offers Cybersecurity Assessments

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering free, confidential cybersecurity assessments and technical assistance to interested water and wastewater utilities. Once the utility completes a questionnaire for the assessment, EPA will develop a cyber-action plan based on those results. The end report is focused on best practices to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a cyber incident. EPA and Horsley Witten Group, Inc. are offering these assessments and technical assistance virtually; no on-site visit is required. For more information and to sign up, visit

<https://horsleywitten.com/cybersecurityutilities/>.

2021 National Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey

The 2021 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA) is under way and DWS encourages all selected water systems to participate. The DWINSA is a requirement of the Safe Drinking Water Act and is intended to determine eligible capital investment projects the water system anticipates completing during the next twenty years. Survey results are used to determine the amount of funding each state receives for its State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program, which provides funding for the types of projects identified in the survey, so it is critically important for selected water systems to participate fully in the DWINSA process.

DWS has contracted with an engineering firm to interview water systems selected to participate and complete the paperwork on their behalf. If your water system has been selected but you have not completed the survey, please contact Rob Henry at 503-554-9553 or rhenry@hbh-consulting.com.

PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Project

OHA is conducting a PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) drinking water sampling project during 2021. Participants are public water systems identified as at risk because of their proximity to a known or suspected PFAS user or contamination site. Systems involved in the project will be contacted directly over the next several weeks. The purpose of this project is to make sure customers are not being exposed to potentially harmful PFAS chemicals in their drinking water. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality lab will be collecting and analyzing the drinking water samples for 25 PFAS compounds at no cost to the water system. See DWS's [PFAS Sampling Project FAQ](#) for more information about the project or the [PFAS webpage](#) for more information about PFAS in drinking water.

Congratulations to Outstanding Performers

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and meet other criteria. All systems are evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of the water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of March 31, 2021, through September 16, 2021. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) Drinking Water Services congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go [here](#) to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

Water System Name	County Served
AGATE WATER SYSTEM	Deschutes
BENTWOOD ESTATES WATER SYSTEM	Deschutes
BURNS WATER DEPARTMENT	Harney
CHEHALEM TERRACE WATER COMPANY	Yamhill
CLINE FALLS OASIS IMPRV DIST	Deschutes
CROOKED RIVER RANCH WTR CO	Jefferson
DEPOE BAY, CITY OF	Lincoln
DRY CREEK AIRPARK	Crook
GATES, CITY OF	Marion
HARMONY ACRES MOBILE PARK	Linn
HERITAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	Umatilla
MOUNT ANGEL, CITY OF	Marion
OAKVILLA MOBILE HOME PARK	Linn
RIMROCK WEST IMPRVMNT DIST	Deschutes
RUFUS PUBLIC WORKS	Sherman
SALEM MOBILE ESTATES/SHADY ACRES	Marion
SCRAVEL HILL WATER CO-OP	Linn
SHERWOOD, CITY OF	Washington
SPRAGUE RIVER WATER ASSN	Klamath
SUBURBAN EAST SALEM WD	Marion
SUNSET HILLS DOMESTIC WATER ASSOCIATION	Crook
TOLEDO WATER UTILITIES	Lincoln
TOLLGATE WATER COMPANY	Deschutes
WEST SLOPE WATER DISTRICT	Washington
WOODLAND MOBILE HOME PARK	Linn

Low-cost funding available

The Drinking Water State Revolving fund (DWSRF) provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. Repayment terms are favorable and all projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness. Many different kinds of projects are eligible, including (among others) treatment, seismic and security improvements and service line replacements. Go [here](#) for more information.

Training opportunities

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining.

Contact Drinking Water Services
info.drinkingwater@dhsoha.state.or.us or 971-673-0405

See the [Drinking Water web page](#) for updated staff phone numbers and email addresses.

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