



**QUIZ TIME!**  
**Spring 2025**  
**DWS Partner Training**

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**Question 1 (PE50 updates)**

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True or false:

The revised PE50 will include a funding increase AND  
a workload decrease.



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## Question 1 (PE50 updates)

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Answer: True



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## Question 2 (PE50 updates)

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The new PE50 proposes that alerts for Oregon Very Small systems will soon be responded to by:

- A. Groundwater – Partners; Surface water – DWS
- B. Partners
- C. DWS
- D. Not sure



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## Question 2 (PE50 updates)

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Answer:  
C

DWS will respond to all OVS alerts if new PE50 is approved.



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## Question 3 (Significant Deficiencies)

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What is considered by DWS as the focus for a Significant Deficiency.

- A. Direct pathway to contamination
- B. Inability to demonstrate water quality meets standards
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above



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### Question 3 (Significant Deficiencies)

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**Answer: C (both A and B)**

Direct pathway to contamination, Inability to demonstrate water quality meets standards



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### Question 4 (Significant Deficiencies)

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When will DWS update OARs and issue violations for uncorrected Significant Deficiencies?

- A. Starting today (What are you waiting for?!)
- B. When new forms are available on DWS website this summer
- C. When new rules are adopted by DWS, most likely January 2026
- D. Never



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## Question 4 (Significant Deficiencies)

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**Answer: C**

When new rules are adopted by DWS,  
most likely January 2026



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## Question 5 (Survey form revisions)

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What is the goal for the 2026 survey form revisions?

- A. To implement new significant deficiencies and unmet rule requirements
- B. To better assess a system's ability to respond to emergencies
- C. To help tailor the technical assistance service information given to the water system
- D. All of the above



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## Question 5 (Survey form revisions)

Answer:

**D, All of the above**

To implement new significant deficiencies and unmet rule requirements, To better assess a system's ability to respond to emergencies, To help tailor the technical assistance service information given to the water system



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## Question 6 (Survey form revisions)

When will we begin using new survey forms and letters?

- A. January 2026
- B. May (now)
- C. Never
- D. September



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## Question 6 (Survey form revisions)

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Answer:  
A, January 2026



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## Question 7 (Monthly review)

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Why is it good practice to review the status of the systems you oversee monthly?

- A. It reduces the number of water system surveys required.
- B. It makes for great water-cooler gossip during monthly meetings.
- C. To identify and recognize patterns/issues, prioritize support, & protect public health.
- D. Your wizarding license is expired, your memory is no longer legendary, the DeLorean's in the shop, & crystal balls are on back order.



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## Question 7 (Monthly review)

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Answer:  
C

Reviewing monthly To identify and recognize patterns/issues, prioritize support, & protect public health



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## Question 8 (Monthly review)

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Which of the following should be evaluated in a monthly review?

- A. Water bill payment history, operator vacation schedules, engineer plans, old WSS reports, master plan, & capital improvement plan.
- B. Alerts, violations, advisories, compliance/enforcement deadlines, & system scores.
- C. System's dance moves & catchy tunes for emergency response drills.
- D. None of the above.



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## Question 8 (Monthly review)

Answer:  
B

Alerts, violations, advisories, compliance/enforcement deadlines, & system scores should be reviewed monthly!



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## Question 9 (RTC violations)

Which email address should partners use to send RTC requests:

- A. [DMCE.DWP@odhsoha.Oregon.gov](mailto:DMCE.DWP@odhsoha.Oregon.gov)
- B. [Compliance.DW@odhsoha.Oregon.gov](mailto:Compliance.DW@odhsoha.Oregon.gov)
- C. [Info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.Oregon.gov](mailto:Info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.Oregon.gov)
- D. [Compliance.inbox@state.or.us](mailto:Compliance.inbox@state.or.us)



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## Question 9 (RTC violations)

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Answer:  
B

Partners should always use:  
[Compliance.DW@odhsoha.Oregon.gov](mailto:Compliance.DW@odhsoha.Oregon.gov)



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## Question 10 (RTC violations)

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True or False?

All violations are automatically returned to compliance if criteria is met.



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## Question 10 (RTC violations)

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**Answer:**  
**False**

(some violations require manual RTC by request)



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## Question 11 (Regulator resources)

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True or False?

Oregon Very Small systems are eligible for  
DWS circuit rider assistance.



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## Question 11 (Regulator resources)

Answer:

True

OVS systems can now use the circuit rider!



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## Question 12 (Regulator resources)

The “upstream” approach in public health:

- A. Focuses on identifying root causes and prevention of public health issues
- B. Is usually cheaper than resolving an issue after it happens
- C. Is proactive
- D. Promotes equitable outcomes
- E. All of the above



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## Question 12 (Regulator resources)

Answer:

E, All of the above

Focuses on identifying root causes and prevention of public health issues, Is usually cheaper than resolving an issue after it happens, Is proactive, Promotes equitable outcomes



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## Question 13 (Source protection)

Why should a PWS protect their drinking water source?

- A. Reduce treatment costs
- B. Preserve public trust
- C. Protect property values within the community
- D. Ensure that your local brewery has high quality water for brewing
- E. All of the above



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### Question 13 (Source protection)

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**Answer:**

**E, All of the above**

Reduce treatment costs, Preserve public trust, Protect property values within the community, and Ensure that your local brewery has high quality water for brewing



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### Question 14 (Source protection)

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True or False?

DWS and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality have an awards program for water systems that protect their drinking water sources from contamination.



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## Question 14 (Source Protection)

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Answer:  
True



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## Question 15 (PFAS)

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True or False:

All CWS & NTNC water systems (except purchasers) must complete initial PFAS monitoring at all entry points to the distribution system and report the results to OHA (or submit previously collected monitoring data) by April 26, 2027.



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## Question 15 (PFAS)

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Answer: True!



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## Question 16 (PFAS)

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The PFAS initial monitoring requirements for systems using groundwater and serving  $\leq 10,000$  people are:

- A. 2 consecutive samples per EP within a 12-month period with samples collected 5 to 7 months apart
- B. 4 consecutive quarters of samples per EP within a 12-month period with samples collected 2 to 4 months apart
- C. 8 consecutive quarters of samples per EP within a 12-month period with samples collected 2 to 4 months apart
- D. 1 sample per EP



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## Question 16 (PFAS)

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**Answer: A**

2 consecutive samples per EP within a 12-month period with samples collected 5 to 7 months apart



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## Question 17 (Formal enforcement)

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True or False?

A letter directing a water supplier to complete treatment steps after a lead action level exceedance is formal enforcement.



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## Question 17 (Formal enforcement)

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Answer:  
False

DWS issues these letters after a lead AL exceedance.  
They are considered informal compliance schedules.



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## Question 18 (Formal enforcement)

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True or False?

If a water supplier fails to report coliform monitoring six months in a row, Drinking Water Services must proceed with formal enforcement.



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## Question 18 (Formal enforcement)

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Answer:  
False

Failing to report coliform monitoring for six months would not result in a water system being classified as a PNC or resulted in an informal compliance schedule that in turn could have been violated.



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## Question 19 (Formal enforcement)

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Formal enforcement always requires corrective actions to be completed within:

- A. 90 days
- B. Six months
- C. One year
- D. None of the above



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## Question 19 (Formal enforcement)

Answer:  
D

Corrective actions assigned by formal enforcement are flexible and crafted to be reasonable and address the specific violations cited in the enforcement.



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## Question 20 (Lead action level response)

When is the public notice required to be sent in the event of a lead 90<sup>th</sup> percentile exceedance (ALE) ?

- A. Tier 1 – 24 hours
- B. Tier 2 – 30 days
- C. Tier 3 – 1 year
- D. When they get around to it



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## Question 20 (Lead action level response)

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Answer:

A: Tier 1 – 24 hours



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## Question 21 (Lead action level response)

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True or False?

The current/enforceable lead action level is 10ppb.



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## Question 21 (Lead action level response)

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**Answer: False**

(currently 15 ppb, will be 10 ppb with LCRI)



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## Question 22 (Using Survey 123)

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Currently, which forms should be filled out using Survey123?

- A. Monitoring schedule change
- B. Source info
- C. EP structure
- D. Inventory
- E. All of the above



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## Question 22 (Using Survey 123)

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Answer:

D: Inventory



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## Question 23 (Alerts)

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What is one communication strategy discussed today that you feel would be most effective when supporting a drinking water system through responding to an alert?

- A. Avoid providing specific guidance so the system has flexibility.
- B. Use technical jargon to ensure accuracy.
- C. Provide clear, concise, & actionable steps.
- D. Refer the system to a general website link without further explanation.



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## Question 23 (Alerts)

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**Answer: C**

Provide clear, concise, & actionable steps



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## Question 24 (Alerts)

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Which of the following is a recommended post-alert action?

- A. Wait to respond until communications from DWS that a violation has been issued.
- B. Assess risk, reach out to the system, verify the alert, & coordinate next steps with water system.
- C. Assume the water system is handling it & follow up later.
- D. Immediately post a boil water advisory without contacting the water system



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## Question 24 (Alerts)

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### Answer:

B: Assess risk, reach out to the system, verify the alert, & coordinate next steps with water system.



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## Question 25 (Miscellaneous)

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If soda ash is used for corrosion control after a PWS exceeded an action level, what water quality parameter(s) must be established?

- A. pH
- B. Alkalinity
- C. Both pH and Alkalinity
- D. Chlorine residual



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## Question 25 (Miscellaneous)

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**Answer:**  
C: Both pH and Alkalinity



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## Question 26 (Miscellaneous)

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If a sanitary defect is found during a Level 2 investigation, a schedule for corrective action....

- A. Is not necessary
- B. Must have exact due dates that can be entered and tracked
- C. Must be written by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month



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## Question 26 (Miscellaneous)

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### Answer:

B: Must have exact due dates that can be entered into SDWIS and tracked



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## Question 27 (Miscellaneous)

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If a system has low financial capacity that could impact their ability to provide safe drinking water, we can help by:

- A. Offering technical assistance such as RCAC
- B. Provide the applicable financial capacity guides for budgeting, rate setting, and more
- C. Both A and B
- D. Nothing - we don't deal with financial matters.



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## Question 27 (Miscellaneous)

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**Answer: C:**

- A. Offering technical assistance such as RCAC
- B. Provide the applicable financial capacity guides for budgeting, rate setting, and more
- C. Both A and B**



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## Question 28 (Miscellaneous)

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For an in-person Spring partner training, I prefer:

- A. Oregon Garden (own room, nice linens, solid Wifi)
- B. Silver Falls (shared rooms, more socializing, nature)
- C. No preference



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## Question 28 (Miscellaneous)

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(no right answer)



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**Thank you for participating!**

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## Thank you

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