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OHA–Drinking Water Services

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Prepare for Summer Emergencies

With summer underway here in Oregon, public water systems are at an increased risk for wildfires, drought or water supply issues, supply chain disruptions and harmful algal blooms. Water system operators can help minimize the impact of drinking-water-related emergencies this summer by taking the following steps:

- Ensure that the [emergency response plan \(ERP\)](#) and emergency contact list are up to date.
- Contact water haulers and review [OHA's water hauling guidelines](#) if your system is at risk for drought or water supply issues.
- Ensure that your customer notification procedures are up to date.
- Contact your drinking water regulator if you are having drought or water supply issues.
- Ensure that your system is [prepared for wildfire season](#).
- Join the [Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network \(ORWARN\)](#) or other mutual aid networks.

Operator Certification Update

Carolyn Clemons has joined the certification team as the new Operator Certification Coordinator, effective July 1, 2022. Carolyn is based in the Pendleton office and has been with DWS since 2008. In addition to her normal administrative duties, she has coordinated the small water system operator certification program since 2016 and is very knowledgeable about operator training and CEU requirements.

The certification team has been understaffed since December 2021. The team has done their best to manage the workload, but applications are backlogged. Currently, they are processing applications received in May and are doing their best to respond to all calls and emails. They expect to resolve the backlog now that the team is back to the previous staffing level, but this will not happen overnight. If you need assistance with an operator or backflow prevention certification, you may reach out to the certification team by calling the dedicated certification line at 971-673-0321 or emailing dws.opcert@dhsoha.state.or.us or cross.connection@dhsoha.state.or.us.

BIL Provides Funding for Drinking Water Infrastructure

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law — On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), commonly referred to as the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) was signed into law. BIL is a federally funded infrastructure package covering multiple critical infrastructure sectors throughout the United States, including drinking water. The law provides the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with grant funds that can be awarded to states for investments in drinking water infrastructure over the next five years (2022–2026).

BIL funding will be available through the state's existing [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#), implemented jointly by Business Oregon and OHA–Drinking Water Services.

For details and how to apply, visit the [Drinking Water Services BIL web page](#).

Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as 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 April 18, 2022, through June 29, 2022. (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
ARCH CAPE WATER DISTRICT	Clatsop
CLATSKANIE, CITY OF	Columbia
GRAND PRAIRIE WATER SUPPLY CO	Linn
GREEN AREA WATER & SANITARY AUTHORITY	Douglas
HAT ROCK MOBILE COURT	Umatilla
HILAND WC - BOULDER CREEK	Lincoln
HILLSBORO, CITY OF	Washington
KILCHIS WATER DISTRICT	Tillamook
KLIPPEL WATER INC	Deschutes
MADRONE HILL MOBILE HOME PARK	Jackson
MALIN MUNICIPAL WATER	Klamath
NEAHKAHNIE WATER DISTRICT	Tillamook
OAKWOOD WATER SYSTEM INC	Linn
PERRYDALE DOMESTIC WTR ASSN	Polk
RIVERGROVE WATER DISTRICT	Clackamas
ROCKAWAY BEACH WTR DIST	Tillamook
ROGUE RIVER, CITY OF	Jackson
SOUTH YAMHILL WATER DISTRICT	Yamhill
SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD	Lane
STANFIELD, CITY OF	Umatilla
SUNRISE WATER AUTHORITY	Clackamas
WILSONVILLE, CITY OF	Clackamas

Email Update

A few years ago, DWS email addresses that ended with @state.or.us were updated to end with @dhsoha.state.or.us. Until now, email addresses using @state.or.us have still been delivered, but that address will soon be phased out completely. On some of our older documentation you may see references to email addresses with the outdated shorter version. To ensure that your emails get through to DWS, always use @dhsoha.state.or.us rather than @state.or.us.

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Contact Drinking Water Services

info.drinkingwater@dhsoha.state.or.us or 971-673-0405

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