



## ePipeline

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## Consumer Confidence Reports Reminder

According to Oregon Administrative Rules [333-061-0043](#), community water suppliers are required to deliver their annual consumer confidence reports (CCRs) to customers by July 1. CCRs provide water quality data and water system compliance information for the previous calendar year. It is also important to send OHA-DWS a copy of your CCR by July 1 and to certify delivery methods by October 1. To certify delivery methods, use the CCR Certification Form available on the [DWS website](#).

Submitting the CCR and certifying delivery methods by their respective due dates is **required** to avoid receiving violations. Violations will return to compliance once these documents are received. OHA-DWS recommends sending CCR and other monitoring and reporting data by email to [dwp.dmce@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:dwp.dmce@odhsoha.oregon.gov). If you have questions, please email [info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov) or call 971-673-0405.

# EPA Offers Free Cybersecurity Workshop

EPA has partnered with OHA-DWS, Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN), and the Regional Water Providers Consortium to offer a free virtual Cybersecurity Overview and Tabletop Exercise for Oregon's water utilities on Wednesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This workshop will cover best practices and how to build a relationship with the FBI and Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a tabletop exercise and discuss how to respond to and recover from a cybersecurity incident. An application for CEUs will be submitted for water and wastewater operators. Go [here](#) to register (required).

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## What Is Capacity Development?

Small water systems can face unique financial and operational challenges in consistently providing drinking water that meets OHA-DWS standards and requirements. OHA-DWS works closely with water systems and local public health authority partners to assist small systems with the resources they need to sustainably provide safe drinking water.

One definition of capacity development is “a process for strengthening the management and governance of an organization so that it can effectively achieve its objectives and fulfill its mission.” Applied to public water systems, capacity development is the process of acquiring and maintaining adequate technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) competence and capabilities. TMF capacity increases the water system's ability to consistently provide safe drinking water to the public. OHA-DWS is committed to helping small water systems by providing educational materials, free training, and TMF assistance.

Any water system can implement capacity development activities to increase their TMF capacity. Local officials, community members, and consumers play an important role in helping small water systems meet regulatory requirements and protect public health. Besides protecting public health, communities that support their water systems are making long-term investments in sustainable communities and economic well-being.

Click [here](#) to learn more about capacity development and available resources.

# 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 water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of April 10, 2023, through July 10, 2023. (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.

<b>Water System Name</b>	<b>County Served</b>
BLUE MOON MOBILE HOME PARK	Josephine
CASCADIA MOBILE PARK	Linn
CIMMARRON CITY WATER SYSTEM	Deschutes
CIRCLE TREE MOBILE PARK/RANCH	Josephine
COLLEGE MOBILE HOME PARK	Josephine
DARNEILLE ESTATES	Josephine
DEERHORN COMMUNITY WTR ASSN	Lane
FRUITDALE HEIGHTS WATER CO	Josephine
HILLSBORO-CHERRY GROVE	Washington
LA PINE, CITY OF	Deschutes
OREGON WATER UTILITIES - MOUNTAIN LAKES	Klamath
PARKDALE WATER SYSTEM	Josephine
REDWOOD MOBILE ESTATES LLC	Josephine
RHODODENDRON WTR ASSOC	Clackamas
RIM AT ASPEN LAKES	Deschutes
RIVER HAVEN MOBILE HOME ESTATES	Josephine
SAND-N-WOOD MOBILE VILLA	Coos
SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT	Lincoln
SHENANDOAH HOMEOWNERS INC	Lane
VALLEY COURT APARTMENTS	Josephine
WINSTON-DILLARD WATER DISTRICT	Douglas

# Funding News for Drinking Water Infrastructure and Planning

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** – The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is a federally funded infrastructure package covering multiple critical infrastructure sectors throughout the U.S., including drinking water. The law provides funding to states for investments in drinking water infrastructure over the next 5 years (2022 – 2026).

BIL funding is available through the state's existing [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#), implemented jointly by Business Oregon and OHA Drinking Water Services. Funding is available for infrastructure improvements, addressing emerging contaminants (e.g., PFAS or other unregulated contaminants), and identifying and replacing lead service lines and gooseneck connectors – with current focus on lead service line inventory collection efforts.

A key priority of BIL is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure. Therefore, federal funding requirements stipulate that a significant portion of funds be provided in the form of loan subsidy to disadvantaged communities.

Eligible systems must submit a [Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Letter of Interest form](#) to be considered for BIL funding. For more details and how to apply, visit [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#).

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Oregon's [DWSRF](#) provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. In addition to low-cost financing and favorable repayment terms, all projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness.

## How to Apply

- For infrastructure improvements, eligible systems can submit a [Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Letter of Interest form](#) at any time. Projects will be reviewed, rated, and ranked after the March 15 and September 15 Letter of Interest (LOI) submission deadlines.
- For emerging contaminants funding, submit a [Funding Interest Form](#) at any time. Projects will be reviewed, rated, and ranked after the March 15 and September 15 submission deadlines.
- For Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP), application submission deadlines are also March 15 and September 15. The SIPP application and program details can be found on the [SIPP webpage](#).
- For help, please locate your [Regional Development Officer](#) for your area.

## Funding News continued Contacts

- Business Oregon's [Regional Development Officers](#) can assist eligible public water systems with the best funding options in their area.
  - Adam DeSemples, OHA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Coordinator, at 503-956-8287, or by email at [adam.desemple@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:adam.desemple@oha.oregon.gov).
  - Nicole Bailey, Business Oregon's Safe Drinking Water Program and Policy Coordinator, at 971-719-6862, or by email at [nicole.bailey@biz.oregon.gov](mailto:nicole.bailey@biz.oregon.gov).
  - Gregg Baird, OHA's Emerging Contaminant Specialist, at 503-936-1657, or by email at [gregg.c.baird@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:gregg.c.baird@oha.oregon.gov).
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## Training Opportunities

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

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