



Partners in PA

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77 Phase I & II Plants
41 Awarded Phase III

Small Group Training Sessions for Partnership Members in Greensburg, PA



On February 27, 2003, staff from the Greensburg DEP Office held a workshop for Partnership filter plant members located in the area. The three-hour training focused on the purpose and interpretation of the Major Unit Performance Potential Spreadsheet in the Phase III Partnership report. This was the second in a series of workshops to provide guidance and allow for information exchange between filter plant staff working through the Phase III self-assessment process. This training approach is currently in a piloting phase and will be evaluated for its

effectiveness. It may be expanded and made available on a larger scale in the future.

The DEP presenters for this workshop were John Paone, Bob Sabol, and Kay Frederick. Participants included Dart Harris – Ellsworth Borough, Don Amadee – Buffalo Township, Rich Thomas – Derry Borough, and Tom Irwin – Derry Borough. PA-AWWA representative Kate O'Neill and DEP staff members Maria Ferguson, Gene Dutko, Phil Consonery, and Ed Chescattie also participated.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Ed Chescattie at (717) 772-4018.



Dear Partnership Member:

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 55th Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Section American Water Works Association. This year's conference is being held on May 20 – 22, 2003, at the **NEW** David L. Lawrence Convention Center & The Westin Hotel, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Each year, we use this opportunity to recognize and thank members of the Partnership program. In addition, the Section provides the prestigious "Water Drop Award" to Partners who have completed the Phase III Self-Assessment portion of the Partnership program. Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Section Officers will be acknowledging accomplishments of the past year.

Please join us. If you have not yet registered for the conference, please contact Diane Cox at 717-774-8870 or dianecox@paawwa.org

Update Your Partnership Information

Send any changes to your Partnership contact information to Debby Qualls at dqualls@awwa.org. If we don't have the correct information you may miss out on upcoming program improvements.

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Partnership Website Information

You can find a lot of information on the Partnership Website at: www.awwa.org/science/partnership

Participating utilities and those that have achieved Phase III Directors Award are listed. You can find links to our Regional Partner websites and those of the Partnership organizations. The Phase IV application package is also available for download.

Have You Sent in Your Annual Report?

If you haven't sent in your annual report yet please collect your turbidity data and e-mail it to Dan Rodeheffer at rodeheffer@awwa.org or mail it (on a computer disc) to: Dan Rodeheffer, AWWA, 6666 W. Quincy Ave., Denver, CO 80235

State Board for Certification of Water & Wastewater Systems Operators 2003 Examination Announcement

Examination Dates:

August 2, 2003

Applications must be received, complete and correct, no later than May 19, 2003

November 1, 2003

Applications must be received, complete and correct, no later than August 18, 2003

The certification examination will be offered in the area of the following cities:

- Altoona
- Harrisburg
- Meadville
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Wilkes Barre
- Williamsport

Applications may be obtained from and must be returned to the Department of Environmental Protection, Certification and Licensing, P.O. Box 8454, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8454, telephone 717-787-5236, by the established cutoff dates stated above (not postmarked). Information regarding the certification examination can be obtained by contacting this same address and telephone number. Web site information: www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/waterops.

The PA Section - AWWA would like to offer exam review workshops on (less than one month from DEP's exam date):

- July 10, 2003 locations to be announced
- October 15, 2003 locations to be announced

Coming Soon!

PA AWWA has submitted the Partnership for Safe Water for contact hour approval under the Pennsylvania Water Operator Training Program. You will soon receive additional information on how operators at Partnership plants can apply for credit toward pre-certification experience and continuing education.

The Partnership for Safe Water logo is at the top left. The text reads: "The Partnership is here... Is our filter plant performance optimized?" Below this, it states: "The Partnership for Safe Water and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection encourage all filter plant operators to strive to meet the optimization goals listed below. Striving to achieve optimized performance helps provide maximum protection from passage of waterborne disease-causing organisms. The Partnership provides the following goals as a yardstick to help assess our level of optimization..."

- Optimization Goals -

SEDIMENTATION

- Continuous, stable performance regardless of variations in raw water quality
- Effluent turbidity ≤ 1 NTU, if average raw turbidity is ≤ 10 NTU
- Effluent turbidity ≤ 2 NTU, if average raw turbidity is > 10 NTU

FILTRATION

- Continuous, stable performance regardless of variations in raw and settled water quality
- Individual filter effluent turbidity ≤ 0.1 NTU

Logos for EPA, AWWA PA, and DEP are at the bottom left. A vertical banner on the right reads "PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER".

If you would like more information about the Partnership for Safe Water, please call the PA-AWWA Section office at 717-774-8870 or DEP at 717-772-4018

Be on the LOOK OUT for your "Optimization Poster" that will be delivered by the Partnership Reps.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to advance to Phase IV of the Partnership program, we strongly suggest you contact DEP before completing the Phase IV application. Call Phil Consonery at 717-772-4018 to obtain details about Pennsylvania's Phase IV program.

May 21-22, 2003
PA AWWA Conference
at the new David H. Lawrence
Convention Center in Pittsburgh

For more information, contact Chris Fitting at the PA Section at 717-774-8870 or chrisfitting@paawwa.org