

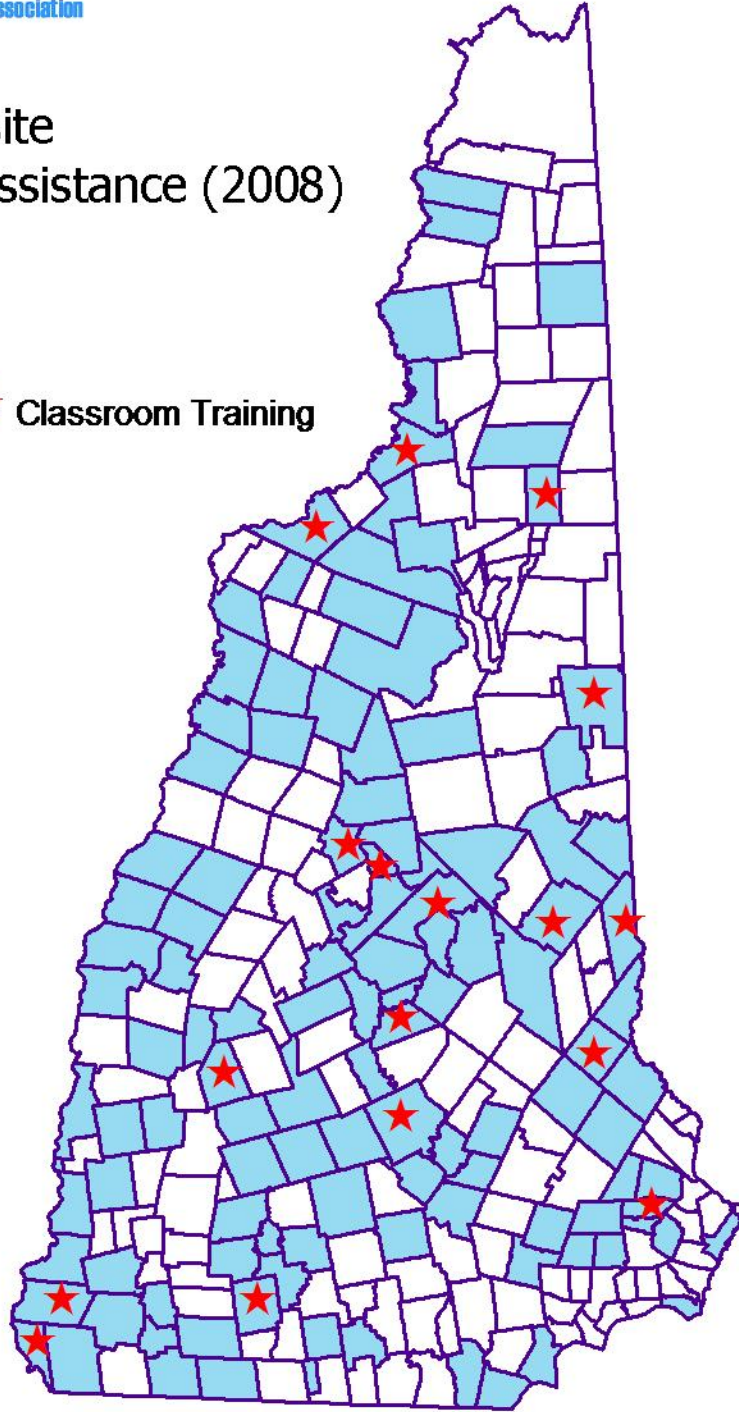
Granite State Rural Water Association
2009 Fly-In

February 10-11, 2009



Map of Onsite Technical Assistance (2008)

★ Classroom Training





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Summary of 2008 Assistance Provided to Water and Wastewater Systems in New Hampshire January – December 2008

LOCATION	
District 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 292 hours of onsite assistance ▪ Assisted 44 water and wastewater systems
District 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1567 hours of onsite assistance ▪ Staff aided approximately 41 systems
Statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1859 hours of onsite assistance ▪ Staff aided 85 systems



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Leak Detection Assistance January – December 2008

LOCATION	
District 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helped 20 systems locate leaks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimate of total cost of water lost for all of these systems: \$58,713
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated number of gallons lost: 18,923,040
District 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helped 30 systems locate leaks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimate of total cost of water lost for all of these systems: \$210,028
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated number of gallons lost: 51,516,900
Statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helped 50 systems locate leaks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimate of total cost of water lost for all of these systems: \$268,741
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated number of gallons lost: 70,439,940



2008 GSRWA Class List
 NH Training & Technical
 Assistance Needs Summary
 CY 2008

This summary lists the training classes coordinated by GSRWA in 2008. A combination of classes and on-site training/assistance was used to address critical NH water and wastewater system needs. Those needs were identified via system, agency and staff input throughout the year and during the January and October 2008 Collaborative Workshops.

2008 TRAINING CLASSES	VITAL STATS			
	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CLASS HOURS</i>	<i># OF OPERATORS</i>	<i># OF SYSTEMS</i>
Line Location & Leak Detection (2/13/08)	Enfield	6	11	6
Chlorination Disinfection Science (3/4/08)	Gorham	6	21	7
From Wire to Water (3/5/08)	Plymouth	6	4	3
True Confessions of an Operator (3/6/08)	Hinsdale	6	13	?
Applied Math for Sources, Trmt. & Distrib. (4/8/08)	Northfield	3	3	2
Line Location & Leak Detection (4/9/08)	Plymouth	6	20	9
Verifying Water/WW Trmt. Processes (5/14/08)	Hinsdale	6	16	?
Chlorination Disinfection Science (5/15/08)	Wakefield	6	4	2
From Wire to Water (5/16/08)	Conway	6	13	4
Basic Safety for Water/WW Operators (6/17/08)	Chesterfield	6	5	3
Corrosion Mgmt. in Potable Waters (7/23/08)	Peterborough	5	5	3
Corrosion Mgmt. in Potable Waters (7/24/08)	Meredith	5	8	5
Hydrant & Valve Maintenance (8/19/08)	Peterborough	4	10	6
Hydrant & Valve Maintenance (8/20/08)	Lancaster	4	8	3
Pump Sta. Rehab. for the 21 st Century (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	26	18
Solar-Powered Water & WW Mixing (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	10	7
Regulatory Roundtable (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	26	19
Water Conservation Rules & Tools (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	24	16
Alternative Blasting Technology Demo. (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	45	25
Insertion Valve Demo. (9/9/08)	Newbury	1	43	28
Basic Environmental Chemistry (10/23/08)	Hinsdale	6	8	4
Basic Safety for Water/WW Operators (11/5/08)	Newmarket	6	18	7
Basic Safety for Water/WW Operators (11/6/08)	Littleton	6	13	9
<i>Mapping & Maint. For WW Coll. Systems (11/5/08)</i>	<i>Ashland</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Energy Use & Management (11/7/08)</i>	<i>Wolfboro</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>
Board Asset Mgmt. & Capacity Symp. (12/8/08)	Concord	5	17	10
Hydrant & Valve Maintenance (12/10/08)	Farmington	4	13	5
	TOTALS:	120	411	219

* NOTE: *Italics indicate class approved for wastewater operators only.* Energy management class on 11/7 co-sponsored with NEWEA. Asset management symposium on 12/8 co-sponsored with NHAVD.



2008 GSRWA Class Comments

NH Training & Technical Assistance Needs Summary CY 2008

This table lists comments received about the training classes coordinated by GSRWA in 2008. The comments reflect our training goals, which include: Improving self-reliance and safety, providing classes around the state, filling in knowledge gaps, delivering interactive and hands-on presentations, promoting water/energy conservation, choosing practical/relevant topics, etc.

2008 CLASS COMMENTS	SYSTEM/AGENCY*
Excellent course, excellent instructor...helps me to do my job.	Stewartstown Wtr. Precinct
I learned a lot...everyone should take this class.	Lebanon DPW
GSRWA does a great service and is beneficial to the North Country.	Lancaster Water Dept.
[You] made me realize that we can start out small, if the budget is tight.	-----
[The] training was useful and close to home.	-----
Excellent, well-paced, very competent, comprehensive presentation.	Francestown Village Wtr.
Real good presentation...very practical [for our] day-to-day operations.	W. Epping Water Co.
I was very impressed...finally a real life class that pertains to real life issues.	Northern Woods Co.
Very good training experience.	Newmarket DPW
One of the better classes I have attended...well done.	Jaffrey DPW
I use hypochlorite...I know [now] not to mix with petroleum.	-----
My job is to enlighten systems - this [class] enlightened me.	-----
Yes! Well done...[you] renewed awareness of responsibilities that need to be addressed.	Swains Lake Village WD
[It was helpful] to see the inside of valves and how they work.	-----
Topic very relevant to my duties [and my questions were] well answered...good session.	W. Epping Water Co.
Great memory jogger...very well done.	F.X. Lyons, Inc.
I learned a lot about how temperature affects chlorination.	Berlin Water Works
[This class] makes you realize that there are more ways to conserve than meets the eye.	Conway Village FD
[My expectations] were actually exceeded.	Berlin WPCF
Very interactive...helpful for chemical use in water plant operation.	-----
Very helpful...covered many of my duties.	-----
I now know how to use our [line location/leak detection] equipment.	Milford Water Utilities
Good general knowledge...learned more about upcoming requirements.	Chalk Pond Water Co.
Very informative...helpful in corrosion...management and different control methods.	Jaffrey DPW
Found out things I didn't know...very relevant.	-----
Well organized...much better and...hands-on than a previous class I took on this topic.	-----
Good info on [keeping] hydrants and valves in good condition.	Wilton Water Works
Very informative...[the instructor] was polished with his presentation.	Lancaster Water Dept.
Very relevant to my treatment plant.	Meredith Water Works
The Town...doesn't have a competent person [as defined by OSHA] and I didn't realize it.	-----
I can now assist with some valve maintenance, as opposed to relying on others.	-----
This class helped me out greatly.	Catamount Village Co-op

* NOTE: Northern Woods Co., Swains Lake Village WD, F.X. Lyons, Inc., Chalk Pond Water Co. and Catamount Village Co-op are located in the towns of Moultonboro, Barrington, Intervale, Newbury and Allentown, respectively.

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Sum of Hours			
District	Municipality	System	Total
1	Alton	Alton Mountain View MHP	3
		Alton Water Works	1.5
		Mountain View Park	4
	Alton Total		8.5
	Barrington	Barrington Oaks MHP COOP	2
	Barrington Total		2
	Belmont	Belmont Water Dept	20.75
	Belmont Total		20.75
	Brentwood	Rockingham County Complex	6
	Brentwood Total		6
	Center Harbor	Patrician Shores	2.5
	Center Harbor Total		2.5
	Chester	Wason Pond Community Center	0.5
	Chester Total		0.5
	Conway	Conway Village Fire Dist	10.25
		Rockhouse Mountain	1
	Conway Total		11.25
	Durham	Durham WWTP	0.5
	Durham Total		0.5
	Effingham	Effingham Elementary School	7.75
	Effingham Total		7.75
	Epping	Epping Water & Sewer Dept	22.75
		Plumer Court Condo Assn	13.5
	Epping Total		36.25
	Farmington	Farmington Water Dept	10
		Farmington WWTP	1.25
	Farmington Total		11.25
	Fremont	United Machine and Tool Design	1.75
	Fremont Total		1.75
	Goffstown	Goffstown Village Precinct	2
	Goffstown Total		2
	Hooksett	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	28.75
	Hooksett Total		28.75
	Laconia	Laconia Correctional Facility	4.25
	Laconia Total		4.25
	Madison	Village District Of Eidelweiss	1.75
	Madison Total		1.75
	Meredith	Meredith Center MHP COOP	3.25
		Meredith Water & Sewer Dept	9.25
	Meredith Total		12.5
	Milton	Milton Water District	2.75
	Milton Total		2.75
	New Hampton	New Hampton Village Precinct	3.75
	New Hampton Total		3.75
	Newfields	Newfields Village Water & Sewer Dist	7.5
	Newfields Total		7.5
	Newmarket	Moody Point Community Assn	0.5
		Newmarket Water Works	2
		Newmarket WWTP	0.75
	Newmarket Total		3.25

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Sum of Hours				
District	Municipality	System	Total	
1	North Conway	Lamplighter MHP	6	
		North Conway Water Precinct	2.25	
		North Conway WWTP	1	
		North Country Village Coop	3.75	
	North Conway Total			13
	North Stratford	North Stratford Water Dept	1	
	North Stratford Total			1
	Ossipee	Ossipee Water and Sewer Dept	1	
	Ossipee Total			1
	Raymond	Hill Top Coop	19.25	
		Pine Acres Campground	3.75	
		Raymond Water Dept	15	
	Raymond Total			38
	Rochester	Grandview Campground	2	
		Rochester Terrace	6.5	
	Rochester Total			8.5
	Rye	Rye Water Dist	3.25	
	Rye Total			3.25
	Sanbornville	Sanbornville Water Department	13.75	
	Sanbornville Total			13.75
	Seabrook	Seabrook Village Coop	5.75	
		Seabrook Water & Sewer Dept	3	
		Seabrook WWTP	6	
Seabrook Total			14.75	
Stratford	Stratford WWTP	1.75		
Stratford Total			1.75	
Wolfeboro	WOLEFBORO WWTP	9		
	Wolfeboro Water & Sewer	12.5		
Wolfeboro Total			21.5	
1 Total			292	
2	Acworth	Acworth Primary School	3.25	
	Acworth Total			3.25
	Allentown	Allentown WWTP	0.5	
		Bear Brook Villa	60.75	
		Pine River Coop	4.25	
	Allentown Total			65.5
	Alstead	Alstead Primary School	2.5	
	Alstead Total			2.5
	Andover	Andover Village Dist	1	
	Andover Total			1
	Antrim	Antrim Water & Sewer	31.75	
	Antrim Total			31.75
	Ashland	Ashland Water Dept	13.25	
		Ashland WWTP	4.5	
		Ropewalk Services Co	8.5	
	Ashland Total			26.25
	Bath	Bath Village Water Works	5	
	Bath Total			5
	Bennington	Bennington Water & Sewer Dept	16.75	
	Bennington Total			16.75
	Benton	Glenclyff Home For The Elderly	114.75	
		Glenclyff Improvement Coop	0.5	
	Benton Total			115.25
Berlin	Berlin WWTP	0.75		
Berlin Total			0.75	
Bethlehem	Bethlehem WWTP	2.75		

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Sum of Hours				
District	Municipality	System	Total	
2	Bethlehem	Village District of Bethlehem	5	
	Bethlehem Total		7.75	
	Bow	Evergreen Drive Water Co	2.25	
	Bow Total		2.25	
	Bradford	Bradford Water/Sewer	0.5	
	Bradford Total		0.5	
	Bristol		BRISTOL FREEDOM MHP/COOP	0.5
			Bristol Water Works	16.25
			Bristol WWTP	7.5
			Redsun Water Association	1
	Bristol Total		25.25	
	Campton		Campton Village Precinct	4.5
			Waterville Estates Village District	14
	Campton Total		18.5	
	Canaan		Canaan Water Dept	14
			Canaan WWTP	3.25
			Cardigan Mountain School	3.25
	Canaan Total		20.5	
	Carroll		Carroll Water Works	3.25
	Carroll Total		3.25	
	Charlestown		Camp Good News	4.5
			Cardinal Haven MHP COOP	0.5
			Charlestown Water Works	41
			Charlestown WWTP	6.75
			Crown Point MHP COOP	4
			North Charlestown Water Dept	10.5
			Windy Acres Cooperative Inc	1.5
	Charlestown Total		68.75	
	Colebrook		Colebrook Water Works	8.25
	Colebrook Total		8.25	
	Cornish		Cornish Elementary School	0.5
	Cornish Total		0.5	
	Enfield		Enfield Water Dept	35
			Enfield WWTP	8.25
			Lower Shaker Village Water	1
			Mascoma Co-Op	3.5
	Enfield Total		47.75	
	Epsom		Epsom Village District	1
			Family Estates Coop	2.75
	Epsom Total		3.75	
	Erroll		Tall Timbers Lodge	2
	Erroll Total		2	
Fitzwilliam		Fitzwilliam Village Sewer	0.5	
		Fitzwilliam Village Water (massin)	6	
Fitzwilliam Total		6.5		
Francestown		Crotched Mountain Main Corp	2	
Francestown Total		2		
Franconia		Franconia Village Water	13.25	
Franconia Total		13.25		
Franklin		Franklin Water Works	2.75	
Franklin Total		2.75		
Gorham		Gorham Water And Sewer Dept	4	
		Gorham WWTP	0.75	
Gorham Total		4.75		

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District	Municipality	System	Total
2	Grantham	Village District Of Eastman	5.75
	Grantham Total		5.75
	Greenfield	Greenfield DPW/WWTP	3.5
	Greenfield Total		3.5
	Greenville	Greenville Est Tenants Co-op Greenville Water Dept Greenville WWTP	15.5
			10.25
			4
	Greenville Total		29.75
	Groveton	Brook View MHP/COOP Brook View Village Dean Brook Village Coop Groveton Water Works	0.5
			0.5
			5.5
			6.25
	Groveton Total		12.75
	Hancock	Hancock Water Works	15.25
	Hancock Total		15.25
	Hanover	Hanover Water Works Co Hanover WWTP	0.5
			3
	Hanover Total		3.5
	Haverhill	French Pond Estates North Haverhill Water & Light District Pike Water Works Precinct Of Haverhill Corner	1
			6.5
			1.75
			11.75
	Haverhill Total		21
	Henniker	Cogswell Springs Water Works Henniker WWTP	10.75
			1.25
	Henniker Total		12
	Hill	Hill Water Works	5.25
	Hill Total		5.25
	Hillsborough	Emerald Lake Village District Hillsborough Water Works Hillsborough WWTP	46.25
			6
			18.5
	Hillsborough Total		70.75
	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Water Dept/downtown Hinsdale WWTP	36.3
			8.75
	Hinsdale Total		45.05
	Holderness	Cottage Place on Squam Lake	2
	Holderness Total		2
	Hopkinton	Contoocook Village Precinct Hopkinton WWTP	3.75
			0.5
	Hopkinton Total		4.25
	Hudson	Morin's Landscaping	3
	Hudson Total		3
Jaffrey	Duvals MHP Coop Jaffrey Water Works Jaffrey WWTP Vaillancourt MHP	2.5	
		22	
		5.5	
		3	
Jaffrey Total		33	
Keene	Tanglewood MHP	3.25	
Keene Total		3.25	
Lancaster	Lancaster Water Dept Lancaster WWTP	10.25	
		8.75	
Lancaster Total		19	
Lebanon	Daniels Acres	2	
Lebanon Total		2	

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District	Municipality	System	Total
2	Lempster	Camp Kirkham	2.5
		Goshen-Lempster Coop School	2
	Lempster Total		4.5
	Lincoln	Lincoln Water Works	6.5
		Lincoln WWTP	2
	Lincoln Total		8.5
	Lisbon	Lisbon Water Department	18.25
		Lisbon WWTP	3.5
	Lisbon Total		21.75
	Littleton	Littleton Water & Light Dept	1.5
		Littleton WWTP	1.25
	Littleton Total		2.75
	Marlborough	Marlborough Water Works	34.5
		Monadnock Tenants Coop	2.25
	Marlborough Total		36.75
	Meriden	Meriden Village Water Dist	14
		Meriden WWTP	2
	Meriden Total		16
	Milford	Milford Water & Sewer Dept	1.75
	Milford Total		1.75
	New London	New London WWTP	5
		New London-Springfield Water	21.75
	New London Total		26.75
	Newbury	Chalk Pond Water Company	9.5
		Mount Sunapee WWTP	2
		Newbury WWTP	2.75
	Newbury Total		14.25
	Newport	Newport Water Works	7.25
		Newport WWTP	2.75
	Newport Total		10
	North Woodstock	North Woodstock WWTP	0.5
	North Woodstock Total		0.5
	Northfield	Soda Brook Coop	0.5
	Northfield Total		0.5
	Northumberland	Northumberland, Town of	3
	Northumberland Total		3
	Orford	Orford Village District	0.5
		Rivendell Interstate School	0.5
	Orford Total		1
	Pelham	Colonial Way Plaza	1.5
	Pelham Total		1.5
	Pembroke	Pembroke Sewer Dept	0.5
		Pembroke Water Works	8.5
	Pembroke Total		9
	Penacook	Pillsbury Lake/penninsula	0.5
	Penacook Total		0.5
	Penacook/Boscawen	Penacook Boscawen Water Prct	13
	Penacook/Boscawen Total		13
	Peterborough	Peterborough Water Works	39
		Peterborough WWTP	7
	Peterborough Total		46
	Piermont	Piermont WWTP	4.5
Piermont Total		4.5	
Plainfield	Plainfield Village MHP COOP	1.25	
	Plainfield Village Water Dist	1.5	
Plainfield Total		2.75	

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District	Municipality	System	Total	
2	Plymouth	Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	23.5	
		Tenney Brook Condos I	2.25	
		Whip O Will Condos	1	
		Whip O Will Coop	4.75	
	Plymouth Total			31.5
	Rindge	Franklin Pierce College	3.25	
		Hampshire Court Water Assoc	2.5	
		Monadnock Regional High School	0.75	
	Rindge Total			6.5
	Salem	Camp Otter	10.25	
		Montessori School	2.75	
	Salem Total			13
	Sunapee	Georges Mills Water Works	3	
		Granliden On Sunapee	0.75	
		Sunapee Water Works	42	
		Sunapee WWTP	5.75	
	Sunapee Total			51.5
	Swanzey	North Swanzey C.S.	1.25	
		North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct	25	
		Pine Grove MHP COOP	14.5	
		Swanzey WWTP	7.75	
	Swanzey Total			48.5
	Thorton	Waterville Acres	1.5	
	Thorton Total			1.5
	Tilton	Tilton Northfield Aqueduct Co	22.5	
		Tilton Northfield Sewer District	0.5	
	Tilton Total			23
Troy	Troy Water Works	45.25		
	Troy WWTP	5.25		
Troy Total			50.5	
Walpole	North Walpole Village District/Low	24		
	Walpole Water & Sewer Dept	54.5		
Walpole Total			78.5	
Warner	Warner Village Water Dist	9.75		
	Warner WWTP	2.75		
Warner Total			12.5	
Warren	South Main Street Water Dist	7		
Warren Total			7	
Waterville Valley	Waterville Valley Water & Sewer	1.5		
Waterville Valley Total			1.5	
Weare	South Weare Water Assoc	6.75		
	Weare DPW/WWTP	0.75		
Weare Total			7.5	
West Stewartstown	Coos County Farm	2		
West Stewartstown Total			2	
Westmoreland	Cheshire County Complex	30		
Westmoreland Total			30	
Whitefield	Whitefield Water Works	4		
Whitefield Total			4	
Wilton	Wilton Water Works	17.25		
Wilton Total			17.25	

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Sum of Hours			
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2	Winchester	Elm Street MHP COOP	5
		New Beginnings Cooperative MHP	3.5
		South Parrish Road Coop	28.25
		Winchester Water Dept	40
		Winchester WWTP	8.75
	Winchester Total		85.5
	Woodstock	Woodstock COOP	1.75
		Woodstock Water Dept	3.25
	Woodstock Total		5
	Woodsville	Mountain Lakes Water Dept	38.25
		Mt Lakes 4 Seasons Resort	7
		Woodsville Fire Dist C.S.	3
		Woodsville Water & Light	16.25
		Woodsville WWTP	3.25
Woodsville Total		67.75	
2 Total			1567.05
Grand Total			1859.05

What is Working in Rural and Small Communities for Environmental Protection, Compliance, and Public Health Protection

FY2010 Rural Water Report to Congress - EPA Funding Fact Sheet

Rural Water thanks the Congress for your support for the rural water grassroots environmental and compliance initiatives and ask you to again prioritize funding for these local initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2010 EPA budget. Specifically, we urge you to include \$16.8 million for rural water technical assistance, source water protection, and ground water protection efforts. The additional funding will be used to expand the grassroots watershed/source water initiative to all states.



According to small and rural communities, the RURAL WATER local initiatives are the most effective environmental protection efforts for drinking water & wastewater, ground water, source water, compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and other federal laws. Rural Water technical assistance has become the backbone of small community compliance and environmental progress.

This is what small communities depend on to protect their drinking water quality and to comply with federal mandates. Small communities want to ensure quality water and stay in compliance—rural water provides them the shared technical resources to do it.

Next year, the need for rural water assistance will greatly increase with the expansion of federal water regulations (including arsenic, radon, operator certification requirements, disinfection byproducts, and the ground water treatment rule—in addition to the over 80 EPA rules that are currently on the books). The main source of assistance with and explanation of these mandates will be state rural water associations.

We rely on Congress to direct a small portion (less than 1 percent) of EPA’s \$2.3 billion management budget be used out-in-field at the local level where small and rural communities benefit.

As Congress analyzes competing requests for EPA funding priorities, small and rural communities are eager for Congress to compare the results and accomplishments of their efforts documented in their 2009 Report to Congress [www.ruralwater.org/report] to any other environmental protection program. Our request for funding to expand the source water protection initiative to all states could come from within the existing EPA watershed programs and provide a dramatic increase in locally driven watershed protection programs throughout the country.

In EPA’s FY2010 budget the Rural Water Associations are requesting \$16.8 million for rural water technical assistance, source water protection, and ground water protection efforts. The additional funding will be used to expand the grassroots watershed/source water initiative to all states and increase state program levels. The rural water initiatives are authorized in the Safe Drinking Water Act [42 USC § 300j-1, Technical Assistance and Training], have been operating in every state for the past 20 years and have been the main source of compliance and assistance for small and rural communities to meet federal standards.

(\$ millions)	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Rural Water Technical Assistance	11.0	5.0	7.7	TBA

Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act

H. MAJORITY

DIVISION F – DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Following is an explanation of the effects of this Division of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764 (hereafter referred to as “the amended bill”) relative to the versions of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (H.R. 2643 and S. 1696) passed by the House of Representatives and reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Title II – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

The amended bill provides \$2,364,854,000 for Environmental Programs and Management, instead of \$2,370,582,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,384,121,000 as proposed by the Senate. The table at the end of this Division allocates the total for this account by program area. The Agency is further directed to allocate the funds as follows:

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Environmental Protection / Congressional Priorities:

The amended bill includes \$13,650,000 for the following high priority projects, instead of \$19,500,000, as proposed by the Senate:

- \$7,700,000 -- National Rural Water Association (NRWA);
- \$2,800,000 – Small Public Water System Technology Centers, as listed in Senate Report 110-91, with each center receiving \$350,000;
- \$2,450,000 – Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP);
- \$700,000 --- Water Systems Council Wellcare.

Environmental Protection/Demonstration Project Competitive Grants:

Funds are not included for a new competitive grant program, as proposed by the Senate.

What Is Working for Small and Rural Community Water Development, Compliance, and Public Health Protection

USDA Funding Fact Sheet - FY2010 Rural Water Report to Congress

Over 90% of the U.S. community water systems serve less than 10,000 homes. These communities have the greatest difficulty providing safe and affordable public drinking water and sewer services because of their limited economies of scale and lack of technical expertise. Next year the burden placed on rural and small communities will increase with the expansion of water regulations (including arsenic, radon, disinfection byproducts, the ground water treatment rule, total maximum daily load rules, and stringent re-permitting of wastewater permits – in addition to the over 80 EPA rules that are currently on the books).



The initiatives that are achieving results within the USDA for rural and small community development, compliance, public health protection, and preventing contamination of water supplies are detailed in rural water's 2009 Report to Congress [www.ruralwater.org/report]. Additionally, as demonstrated by the hurricanes in the Southeast, rural water has become the main assistance small communities rely on for security and disaster relief because of their ability to immediately respond with resources and expertise. We urge Congress to prioritize these initiatives in the agency's FY2010 budget.

- **\$15 million for Circuit Riders within the Rural Utility Service.** Circuit Riders provide the primary assistance small communities need to operate safe and clean water supplies—and comply with EPA water regulations. Circuit Riders are in the field every day helping systems (with compliance, operations, maintenance, management, rates, and training) and promoting local responsibility for protecting water resources.
- **\$6.1 million for Rural Water Grassroots Source Water Protection.** This is the only statewide local initiative ensuring environmentally progressive local land-use decision without the controversy and bureaucracy of new federal regulatory programs. It provides each state with one full-time person to organize and assist rural communities, farmers, and other land-use interests in the implementation of source water protection plans (including non-point source [runoff] protection practices in agriculture regions). This initiative allows the people who benefit from environmental protection to take responsibility for achieving it—ensuring its success and eliminating any local controversy. The additional funding will be used to expand the source water initiative, currently in 32 states, to all states.
- **\$650 million for USDA Rural Water Grants and Loans.** A small town's viability is directly related to its water supply and sanitation. To overcome their lack of density, rural communities have turned to USDA water loans and grants to build or extend water systems and repay the loans at reasonable rates and terms. Without this assistance, they could not construct new systems, expand existing ones, or comply with mandates.

(\$ millions)	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Circuit Rider	13.75	13.6	13.75	TBD
Source Water	3.75	3.713	3.713	TBD
Grant/Loans	531.1	555.0	562.6	TBD

Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act

110TH CONGRESS }
1st Session } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { REPORT
110-497

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL (H.R. 2764) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

DECEMBER 17, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

TITLE III

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants for the rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, and 310B and described in sections 306C(a)(2), 306D, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$562,565,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$500,000 shall be available for the rural utilities program described in sec-

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zation to provide technical assistance for rural water systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$13,750,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be for contracting with qualified national organizations for a circuit rider program to provide technical assistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$12,700,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be available through June 30, 2008, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agri-

12400 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

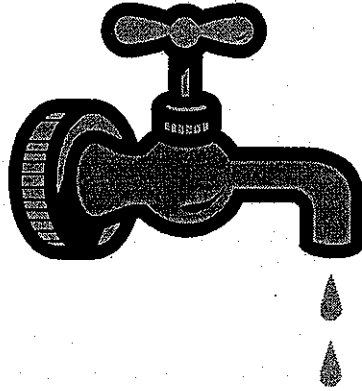
For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-2), \$3,713,000, to remain available until expended.

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

SUPPORT SAFE DRINKING WATER IN RURAL AMERICA

January 15, 2009



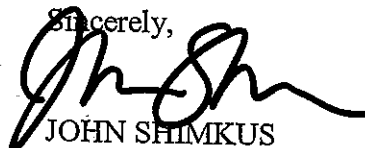
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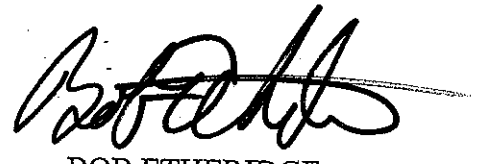
Please join us in contacting the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies and the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies to request that they prioritize funding for authorized rural water environment initiatives that are operated through your state rural water associations in their Fiscal Year 2010 budgets.

This effort is truly unique in the federal effort to protect the environment because it accomplishes progressive environmental protection with the support of the local community. We have a list of communities in your state who benefited from this assistance last year as well as a list of communities in your state who support the requests.

This effort only proposes to support national United States Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency rural water technical assistance programs and is not intended to compete with any local projects you may be supporting for your state. If you would like to cosign the letters in the back of this letter please contact Melanie Rhinehart Van Tassell in Rep. Earl Pomeroy's office at 225-2611, Ryan Tracy in Rep. John Shimkus' office at 225-5271, or Ben Bell with Rep. Bob Etheridge's office at 5-4531.


EARL POMEROY
Member of Congress

Sincerely,

JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress


BOB ETHERIDGE
Member of Congress

Co-signers in either Fiscal Year 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008: Alexander, Allen, Altmire, Baird, Baker, Baldwin, Bean, Berkley, Bishop, Blumenauer, Boozman, Boren, Boswell, Boucher, Boustany, Boyda, Bradley, Braley, Brown-Waite, Butterfield, Camp, Cannon, Capito, Capps, Capuano, Carnahan, Carney, Carson, Chandler, Cleaver, Coble, Cole, Conaway, Costello, Cubin, Davis (A.), Davis (D.), Davis (J.), DeFazio, Delahunt, Dicks, Donnelly, Doyle, Duncan, Ellison, Ellsworth, Engle, English, Etheridge, Fattah, Filner, Fortenberry, Frank, Gerlach, Gonzalez, Goodlatte, Gordon, Graves, Green, Grijalva, Gutierrez, Hall, Hare, Hastings, Hayes, Heller, Herseth, Higgins, Hill, Hinchey, Hinojosa, Hirono, Hobson, Hodes, Holden, Hulshof, Inslee, Jefferson, Johnson (T), Jones, Kennedy, Kind, Kildee, King, Langevin, Larson, Leach, Levin, Lewis, Lipinski, Loeb sack, Lucas, Lynch, Manzullo, Markey, Marshall, Matheson, Matsui, McCarthy, McCarthy, McCotter, McCrery, McDermott, McGovern, McHugh, McIntyre, McNulty, Meehan, Michaud, Miller, Moore, Musgrave, Neal, Oberstar, Ortiz, Pallone, Pearce, Peterson, Petri, Pickering, Platts, Pomeroy, Porter, Price, Rahall, Rangel, Rehberg, Rogers, Ross, Rush, Salazar, Sandlin, Saxton, Schawowsky, Schwartz, Scott, Serrano, Shea-Porter, Shimkus, Skelton, Slaughter, Smith, Snyder, Souder, Spratt, Taylor, Terry, Thompson, Tierney, Towns, Udall (M.), Udall (T.) Upton, Walberg, Watt, Walz, Weller, Weiner, Wilson, Whitfield, Wicker, Wilson, Wittman, Wu, Young

Dear Chairman Dicks and Ranking Member Tiahrt:

We are writing to thank you for your support for rural water grassroots environmental and compliance initiatives. We would ask that you again prioritize funding for these local initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget. Specifically, we urge you to consider providing \$16.8 million for rural water technical assistance, source water protection and ground water protection efforts.

Small communities across the country depend on these unique rural water programs to protect their drinking water quality and to comply with numerous federal EPA environmental mandates. The main source of assistance for compliance with the more than 80 EPA rules and federal drinking water regulations (including arsenic, radon, operator certification requirements, disinfection byproducts, more stringent waste water permits, and the ground water treatment rule) in our rural communities has been and will continue to be state rural water associations.

However, with the significant decrease in EPA funding for small and rural communities coupled with the expansion and complexity of federal environmental regulations we are concerned that the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act are not being implemented in rural America in the manner intended by Congress. That is why we urge the Subcommittee to direct a small portion of EPA's budget to be used out-in-field at the local level where small and rural communities benefit and environmental protection is accomplished.

As the Subcommittee analyzes competing requests for EPA funding priorities, small and rural communities are eager for the Subcommittee to compare the results and accomplishments of rural water's initiatives with any other environmental protection programs. The accomplishments are documented in the 2008 report to Congress by the National Rural Water Association.

We appreciate your kind support that has made this unique approach to environmental protection available to all communities and urge your support this year of these initiatives within EPA's budget.

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Kingston:

We are writing to urge your continued support in the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Loan & Grant Fund, the rural water Circuit Riders, and Grassroots Source Water Protection.

Across the country, over 90% of the community water systems serve a population less than 10,000. Small communities have the greatest difficulty providing safe, affordable public drinking water and wastewater services due to limited economies of scale and less technical expertise. Small and rural communities rely on technical assistance and training from their state rural water associations to overcome their lack of economies of scale, provide critical on-site technical expertise, and comply with federal rules and regulation. We urge the Subcommittee to prioritize these initiatives in their FY2010 appropriations bills, which are all authorized under current law [7 USC Sec. 1926(a)(22) & 16 USC 3839bb-2].:

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- **\$650.0 million for USDA Rural Water Grants and Loans.** A small system's viability is directly related to its water supply and sanitation. To overcome their limited resources, rural communities have turned to USDA water loans and grants to construct water and wastewater infrastructure through loans provided at reasonable rates and terms. Without this assistance, many could not construct new systems, expand existing ones, or comply with mandates.

We appreciate your support and your consideration of this request. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 3, 2009

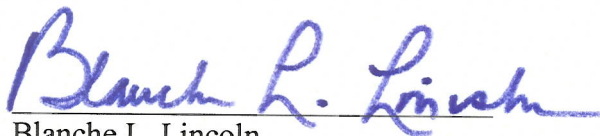
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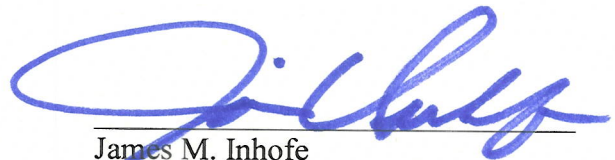
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This effort only proposes to support national USDA and EPA rural water technical assistance programs and is not intended to compete with any local projects you may be supporting for your state. If you would like to cosign the letters on the back of this letter please contact Brandon McBride in Senator Lincoln's office at 224-4843 or Ryan Jackson in Senator Inhofe's office at 224-4721.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln
U.S. Senator



James M. Inhofe
U.S. Senator

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

We are writing to thank you for your continued support in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for our states' rural drinking water and wastewater systems that rely on the USDA Loan and Grant Fund, the rural water Circuit Riders, and grassroots source water protection.

Across the country, over 90 percent of the community water systems serve a population of fewer than 10,000. Small communities have the greatest difficulty providing safe, affordable public drinking water and wastewater services due to limited economies of scale and less technical expertise. The regulatory requirements placed on small communities continue to increase with the expansion of water regulations which include arsenic, radon, disinfection byproducts, the ground water treatment rule, total maximum daily load regulations and stringent re-permitting of wastewater permits. This is in addition to the over 80 EPA rules currently in effect.

The initiatives that are achieving results for rural and small communities are detailed in the National Rural Water Association's 2009 Report to Congress. Rural water associations have become an important resource for small communities to rely on for security initiatives and assistance. Rural Water has the ability to quickly and immediately respond with resources and expertise.

We urge the committee to prioritize these initiatives in the USDA's FY2010 budget:

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We appreciate your support and your consideration of this request. Please contact us with any questions.

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We know that this request will require some reallocation of funding within the EPA budget. However, we believe it is justified because this is the portion of the EPA budget that small communities in all the states depend on to protect their water quality and to comply with the numerous EPA environmental mandates. Small communities want to ensure quality water and stay in compliance. These rural water initiatives provide the shared technical resources to do so.

At the same time we have seen significant decreases in the amount of EPA funding used to assist small and rural communities, we have also witnessed a significant increase in the amount and complexity of federal environmental regulations. We don't believe the federal agencies' budgets are providing enough technical assistance for implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act in small town America in the manner intended by Congress. Small communities rely on the Appropriations Committee to ameliorate this situation and direct a small portion (less than 1 percent) of EPA's \$2.3 billion management budget to be used in the field at the local level where small and rural communities benefit and environmental protection is accomplished.

The need for rural water on-site technical assistance continues to increase with the expansion of federal drinking water regulations (including arsenic, radon, operator certification requirements, disinfection byproducts, and the ground water treatment rule, in addition to the over 80 EPA rules that are currently on the books) and more stringent waste water permits. The main source of assistance for compliance with these mandates has been and will continue to be the efforts of state rural water associations.

As the Subcommittee analyzes competing requests for EPA funding priorities, small and rural communities are eager for the Subcommittee to compare the results and accomplishments of Rural Water's initiatives with any other environmental protection program. The accomplishments are documented in the 2009 report to Congress by the National Rural Water Association.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

We appreciate your kind support that has made this unique approach to environmental protection available to all communities. We urge your support this year of these initiatives within EPA's budget.