



Event: EPA and the Colorado Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (CoWARN) Virtual Water, Energy, and Emergency Management Workshop

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (CoWARN) will conduct a virtual Region 8 Water, Energy, and Emergency Management Workshop. The workshop will focus on power outages and how they affect both water and electric utilities as well as the role of emergency management agencies during a power outage. The target audience is drinking water, wastewater and electric utilities and local and state emergency management staff. The workshop will include presentations to foster ideas about how to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from power outages. The workshop will also feature a tabletop exercise designed to start discussions on what happens when a power outage lasts longer than expected. Please register for this free workshop at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc-iopjgtEtNeo6wqwPffSy1HyyMOTc47>

THIS MONTH

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Announcement: Lead and Copper Sampling – How to Avoid Sample Invalidation

For managers and operators:

- Samples must be collected at taps normally used for drinking. Acceptable sample locations for community water systems are kitchen or bathroom taps ONLY.
- It is recommended to use the homeowner sample instruction form and submit these to the lab. If a homeowner indicates they collected the sample anywhere, but a tap normally used for drinking (such as from a hose bib, sill cock, bathtub, etc.) you should not send this sample to the lab as it will be rejected by EPA.

- Sample at Tier 1 sites first. Samples can be taken from the regular or back-up sites. Move to the Tier 2 sites only if you run out of Tier 1 sites. Move to the Tier 3 sites only if none of the Tier 1 sites are available. Move to “other” sites last.
- Please tell your operators that if they cannot collect a sample at a site on the list to move to another site on the list and document the issue that they had (for instance nobody was home). They should **not** go next door unless that site is on the list.
- **IMPORTANT:** Once sampling is complete, send an email to R8DWU@epa.gov stating the sites you couldn't sample at and why in order to avoid sample invalidation.
- Please make sure the operators sample at the address listed on the plan. If the person associated with the address has moved, send an email to R8DWU@epa.gov to let EPA know the name of the new customer at the address on the plan.
- Please have your operators indicate the address and name on the lab slip so the result can be matched to a site on the plan.
- If a site needs to be removed from the plan due to access issues, house is abandoned, etc. please send an email to R8DWU@epa.gov right away.

Upcoming Regulatory Deadlines

Date	Event	Location
Last day of every calendar month	Last day to collect monthly total coliform samples	Sites approved on your RTCR sample plan
10 th of every month	Last day for EPA to receive total coliform monthly routine samples from the previous month	N/A
December 31 st	Many monitoring periods for different rules (eg. DBP, RADS, Chems, Nitrate, LCR) conclude. Refer to your monitoring requirements or tickler for system-specific information. Call EPA with questions.	Sites approved for each rule
December 31 st	Lead Consumer Notice for systems with a June – September Monitoring Period. Click here for more information.	N/A

Training Resource: Water Distribution 1 Training for Tribal Operators (brought to you by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and EPA Region 8)

Title	Descriptions	Dates	Registration
Water Distribution – Level 1	Water Distribution – Level 1 Live Online Training Course for Tribal Operators. Priority registration will be given to Tribal Operators working in EPA Region 8. Training course size is limited.	Jan 30, and Feb 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27 and March 1, 3, 6, 8 (in 2023) Meets 10 am – 1pm (Central Time)	Click Here

Resource: Small Drinking Water System Webinar Series – PAST Webinar Recordings

The 2023 Small Drinking Water System Webinar Series will be posted in December 2022. However, you can view closed-captioned recording of past webinars hosted on EPA's YouTube channel. Note: Certificates cannot be provided for watching the webinar recordings.

[Click Here to Access Past Webinar Recordings](#)

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