



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Last Chance for 12 Month Free WaterISAC Membership

With more than 3,500 members, WaterISAC – the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center – provides homeland security and emergency response information to water and wastewater systems and agencies that support critical infrastructure protection. The Center is a nonprofit organization created in 2002 and overseen by a board of water and wastewater system managers, each appointed by one of the national water associations. It's the official operational and communication arm of the water sector, and the only service of its kind.



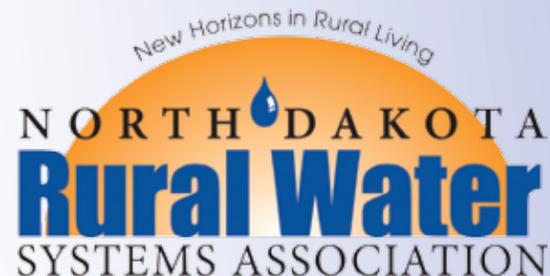
Free 12-month memberships are available through the end of this month. The memberships are covered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, but after this month no more trial memberships will be available.

A pro membership is essential for those whose jobs entail utility management, government management, water security, emergency response, information technology, and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition), water quality, intelligence, or law enforcement.

WaterISAC's mission is to provide water and wastewater utilities and federal, state, and local government agencies responsible for water security with the information and tools needed to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from all hazards. It does this through urgent threat alerts to members via e-mail; analysis of threats and security incidents at utilities; suspicious activity reports; and a large searchable online library of best practices, guides, and white papers. Some of the material provided includes sensitive information from federal agencies.

Among WaterISAC's most popular services are free webcasts and webinars on topics such as cyber threats, insider threats, public crisis communications, and emergency response. They include case studies and lessons learned from actual incidents. The Center also provides quick access to chemical and biological contaminant databases and risk assessment tools.

To get a free trial, select "join" at www.waterisac.org or contact WaterISAC at 866-H2O-ISAC or info@waterisac.org.



Many Benefits Available to NDRWSA Members

- The **North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA)** provides on-site training and technical assistance. What does that mean? Trained staff will arrive at a location and provide site-specific problem assistance for potable and wastewater systems.
- **NDRWSA** offers leak detection services. Have a small or large percent of unaccountable water? NDRWSA has leak detection equipment and experienced staff to help locate the leak. Contact Tom Sieg at 701-693-5068 or Mike Ritteman at 701-304-0127.
- **NDRWSA** offers smoke testing and sewer camera work. Contact Les Sigette at 701-739-7081 to set-up an appointment to have the wastewater collection system smoke tested or to perform an inspection with a sewer camera.
- **NDRWSA** has equipment available for member use. Staff will provide the electric valve operator, valve key set, delivery of the equipment, and instructions for proper equipment operating procedures.
- **NDRWSA** provides valve and curb-stop location, hydrant repair, flow testing, poly-pigging, and lagoon sludge testing.
- **NDRWSA** hosts training and provides material for operators that wish to become certified water and distribution system operators. Need help with certification? Contact Chuck Mischel at 701-220-1779.
- **NDRWSA** offers a Ford fleet program to its members. Discounts are significant. Call Eric Volk at 701-258-9249 or 800-349-6951.
- **NDRWSA** provides water conservation/drought management plans, and emergency response plans for local water systems. Contact Rod Stroh at 701-220-2232 for more information.
- **NDRWSA** sends out a quarterly e-newsletter which contains the most current events in and around the North Dakota Rural Water arena. To be included among the interesting and/or informative articles, contact Andy McDonald at 701-391-0071 and request to be added to the e-mail list.
- **NDRWSA** offers the Source Water Protection Program, which involves preventing the pollution of groundwater, lakes, rivers, and streams that serve as sources of drinking water for local communities. NDRWSA provides contaminant source inventory, contingency planning, and classroom demonstrations. Contact Andy McDonald at 701-391-0071.
- **NDRWSA** has a website that includes up-to-date information on training schedules, legislative updates, links to its sponsors, and much more. Visit www.ndrw.org.
- **NDRWSA** hosts the largest Rural Water Expo training and technical conference in North Dakota. Traditionally, the event is held in February, and locations rotate between Bismarck and Fargo. The conference features informative sessions, exhibitor appreciation events, and hands-on training.
- **NDRWSA** offers rate analysis and financial planning for its member water systems. Need assistance with Consumer Confidence Reports? The NDRWSA will help!
- **NDRWSA** offers assistance with interim financing and revolving loan programs.
- **NDRWSA** monitors legislation in North Dakota and Washington, D.C. Keep informed of legislative issues that affect municipalities, rural, and wastewater systems. Be a part of the legislative process that affects the state's most precious commodity – water!

