



Water Sector Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) Refresher Training and County-Level Tabletop Exercise

Background: The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), with financial support from U.S. EPA Region 3, will host a series of county-level emergency preparedness trainings for the water sector. The training and tabletop exercise will bring together local drinking water and wastewater service providers and other emergency responders to provide response training, enhance coordination and communication between all responders, improve understanding of emergency roles and responsibilities, and allow participants to discuss steps to be taken now to better prepare for a future water sector-specific incident.

The Training: This 1-day training will consist of a half day of ICS and NIMS refresher training, followed by a facilitated tabletop exercise. The morning will consist of a review of the key elements of the ICS and the five components comprising the NIMS. During the second half of the day participants will have the opportunity to discuss plans, policies and procedures and to evaluate the systems needed to guide the prevention of, response to and recovery from a hypothetical scenario. The tabletop exercise is designed to foster discussion among response partners from the local, county and State levels. The overarching goal of the training is to foster a better understanding of the roles, responsibilities and capabilities of the partner agencies/organizations that would respond to an incident involving the water sector.



Continuing Education Units (CEUs): DEP has approved 6 contact hours for water and wastewater operators for this 1-day training.

To register for a scheduled training: Go to the registration site located at <http://www.horsleywitten.com/pattx/>.

For additional information and/or to schedule training in your county contact:

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