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EPA Region 8 Wyoming Drinking Water Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement: Cyrus M. Western appointed as EPA Mountains and Plains Regional Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin announced that President Donald J. Trump has appointed Cyrus M. Western to serve as the EPA Region 8 administrator. As regional administrator, Western will lead the implementation of the administration's environmental agenda priorities in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and with 28 federally-recognized Tribes.

"As we work to Power the Great American Comeback at EPA, we continue to assemble a fantastic team," said Administrator Zeldin. "I

am grateful Cyrus Western is joining EPA as our Regional Administrator for Region 8. I know with Cyrus' experience in the Wyoming State House of Representatives championing energy and wildlife conservation, he will work non-stop to implement President Trump's policies across the Region," continued Zeldin.



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Prior to joining the EPA, Western served as the House Majority Whip in the Wyoming State House of Representatives, serving District 51. While there, he served on the Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee, chaired the Oil and Gas Bonding Working Group and was vice chair of the Tourism, Recreation and Wildlife Committee.

See the [full news release here](#).

Resource: Consumer Confidence Report

A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a safe drinking water or water quality report, is an annual report that summarizes the quality of drinking water for a community public water system. CCR requirements apply only to community public water supply systems and to wholesalers that provide water to community public water supply systems.

Each year, every Wyoming and Region 8 Tribal community public water system (PWS) must prepare and distribute a CCR to its customers and send a copy of the CCR to the EPA. The system must also provide a signed certification regarding the contents of the report and its distribution.

The CCR is a great opportunity for a PWS to describe for its water consumers what is required to produce their drinking water, water sample results, how the PWS handled any problems that might have occurred, and future improvements or requirements associated with operating the system. The reports are designed to assist consumers in making informed choices that affect their health and the health of their families.

Due Dates:

- **April 1st** - Final date for wholesalers to provide sample results to community public water supply systems that purchase their water.
- **July 1st** - Final date for all community public water supply systems to distribute a CCR to their consumers, as noted below and to submit a copy to the EPA.
- **October 1st** - Final date to submit a certification of report content and distribution to the EPA.

The following webpage includes detailed instructions and resources on how to prepare your CCR. [Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Reports in Wyoming and Tribal Lands in EPA Region 8 | US EPA](#)

The [CCRIWriter](#) tool has been updated with the requirements for 2024 reports. This includes Lead Service Line Inventory information and the updated health effect language for lead. If you use Drinking Water Watch to get your results, as of the date of this newsletter, it does not include 2024 data, but we anticipate that within the near future, it will.

Please note that the EPA is planning on providing training on CCR requirements during the upcoming WARWS conference in April 2025.

Webinar: Disinfection Byproducts: Inorganic Chloramine

Advancing the Story of Inorganic Chloramine Decomposition & Identifying Chloronitramide Anion

This presentation will discuss research that has expanded our knowledge of inorganic chloramine decomposition chemistry. It will provide an updated understanding of 1) dichloramine decomposition and a revised pathway for N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) formation in chloraminated drinking water; 2) how chloronitramide anion is a result of inherent chloramine instability; therefore, an external precursor chemical is not required for chloronitramide anion formation. The presentation will also discuss how chloronitramide anion was detected in 40 samples from 10 chloraminated drinking water systems in the United States, but not from ultrapure water or water treated without chlorine.

Webinar Details

- Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- Time: 12:00-2:15 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time
- Registration: [Click here to register.](#)



Webinar: Learn About EPA's Free Cybersecurity Assessments for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems

EPA offers free cybersecurity assessments designed to help drinking water and wastewater utilities strengthen their cyber defenses through the EPA Water Sector Cybersecurity Evaluation Program. Utilities that participate in the program receive an assessment report and a risk mitigation plan template to understand identified cybersecurity vulnerabilities and receive guidance on enhancing their overall cybersecurity posture. The webinar will include the following topics:

- An overview of the assessment program including time commitment, logistics, and assessment methodology
- Tips on how to prepare for the assessment
- Benefits of conducting a cybersecurity assessment
- Real-world insights from utilities that have completed the program, including how it helped improve their cyber resilience and lessons learned

Webinar Details

- Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
- Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time
- Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Resource: Cyber Incidents Involving Cityworks Software

EPA is issuing this alert to inform water and wastewater system owners and operators of cyber incidents involving Cityworks Software. The Cityworks (owned by Trimble) platform is used widely by State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial municipalities, including water and wastewater systems.

This alert encourages water and wastewater system/utility stakeholders to search for any indicators of system compromise and take the following recommended steps to protect their systems:

1. Install the latest available patches/updates immediately. Trimble has released updated versions to both 15.x and Cityworks 23.x software releases.

2. Do not run Internet Information Services with local or domain-level administrative privileges on any site.
3. Ensure that attachment directory root configurations are limited to folders/subfolders containing only attachments.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Resource: SDWA Section 1433/AWIA Section 2013 Office Hours

Throughout March 2025, EPA will host office hours on Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) section 1433/America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) section 2013 to answer questions that large community water systems (CWSs) serving over 100,000 people may have on completing or certifying their revised risk and resilience assessment (RRA) by their upcoming March 31, 2025 deadline. Smaller CWSs are welcome to sign up for office hours as well as they prepare for their deadlines occurring later in 2025 or 2026. Everything discussed during office hours will remain confidential. Sign up for a one-on-one SDWA 1433 office hours appointment with EPA today.

Background Information: Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) section 1433, which was amended by America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) section 2013, requires CWSs serving more than 3,300 people to prepare or revise RRAs and emergency response plans (ERPs) and to certify to the EPA that this work has been completed. CWSs must review, revise (where applicable), and recertify their RRA and ERP to EPA every five years from the original deadlines specified in the law. Visit EPA's [SDWA 1433 website](#) for more information. Contact dwresilience@epa.gov if you have questions.

Office Hour Details

- Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 - Monday, March 31, 2025
- Time: Variable Times Available
- [Register for an office hours appointment here](#).

Resource: Cybersecurity Fact Sheet for Water and Wastewater Systems

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) are releasing information about a common cybersecurity vulnerability at water and wastewater systems using unsecured Human Machine Interface devices. Human Machine Interfaces can remotely connect to water system controls, and without the appropriate cybersecurity measures, they can present a vulnerability. Unauthorized remote users could exploit Human Machine Interfaces to view and adjust real-time system settings. These unauthorized adjustments can potentially disrupt the facility's water and/or wastewater treatment process.

[The EPA and CISA fact sheet](#) provides water and wastewater utilities with recommendations for cybersecurity measures that will limit the vulnerability of Human Machine Interfaces and secure them against malicious cyber activity. [Learn more about EPA's cybersecurity resources for water systems here](#).

Reminder: Public Water System Facility and Contact Changes

Please contact EPA Region 8 Drinking Water Program if your system has a change in the treatment process; you add or remove a water source; there is a change in the number of people served or the number of water connections; or different contact information becomes available for your water system. This allows us to keep you up to date on monitoring requirements and keeps our inventory current. Failure to notify EPA about water source or treatment changes may result in a violation.

To access the EPA's change form, send an email to R8DWU@epa.gov requesting the form or you can find the form on [EPA Region 8 Drinking Water Operations website](#).

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 and DBP samples collected during the previous month	N/A

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Other R8 Drinking Water Employee Contact Information Can be Found [Here](#).

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Additional water and environmental topics for the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and Clean Water Act (CWA) can be [found here](#).

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