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EPA Region 8 Wyoming Drinking Water Monthly Newsletter

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**Staff Update: Drinking Water Team Member Changes**

After 30 years of service to EPA, Judy Bloom, Partnerships and Data Section Supervisor has retired. We wish her the best of luck! Ándrea Trujillo Guajardo has been chosen as her replacement. Ándrea, or Ándie for short, comes to the Water Division with significant leadership and water experience, previously serving as Tribal Program Manager in the Tribal Affairs Branch in the Office of the Regional Administrator, and most recently serving as the Acting Supervisor of the Community Engagement Section.



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### **Reminder: 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.

### **Resource: Technical Assistance for Tackling Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water**

EPA has recently launched a new technical assistance program to address emerging contaminants, such as PFAS, in small or disadvantaged communities. The objectives of this program, referred to as EPA's Tackling Emerging Contaminants (TEC), are to support small or disadvantaged communities in assessing and addressing emerging contaminants and PFAS in drinking water, to help connect more communities to historic federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

This is a no cost service to support communities with diagnostic water quality sampling and analysis, source water assessment, preliminary treatment design and evaluations, and identifying solutions to address emerging contaminant and PFAS contamination.

Region 8 systems that have confirmed or suspected contamination of emerging contaminants will begin to receive technical assistance in May 2025. To learn more about the kinds of actions that this initiative will support and to submit a request for assistance, click [here](#).

### **Webinar: EPA Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series: Lead Chemistry, Communication, and Local Engagement**

The EPA's Office of Research and Development and Office of Water, in collaboration with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, host this free webinar series to communicate the latest information on solutions for challenges facing small drinking water systems. The series topics vary each month and are primarily designed for state, territory, and tribal staff responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting. Others may also benefit from the webinars, including water system operators, technical assistance providers, NGOs, local government personnel, academia, and private sector.

Webinars are typically held on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET with an optional Q&A session from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET. For more information, please see the [Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series website](#).

#### **Webinar Details**

- Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
- Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time
- Registration: [Click here to register](#).



### **Webinar: EPA National Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Drill**

EPA is hosting a cybersecurity drill for drinking water and wastewater utilities to provide an opportunity for participants to test their ability to respond to a cybersecurity incident and practice manual operations. Interested water systems may also participate in a 1-hour informational session designed specifically for systems interested in testing transition to manual operations.

Continuing education credits may be available. Please check the registration site for your state.

#### **Informational Webinar Details**

- Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
- Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time
- Registration: [Click here to register](#).

#### **Register for the Cybersecurity Drill Details**

- Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025
- Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time
- Registration: [Click here to register](#).

### **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.](#)

### **Resource: Cybersecurity Refresher**

EPA's Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division will provide a cybersecurity technical assistance course on to water and wastewater utilities to reinforce foundational understandings of cybersecurity and how it applies to the Water Sector.

#### **Webinar Details**

- Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025
- Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time
- Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

### **Resource: Cybersecurity 102 Webinar**

EPA's Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division will provide this course to build upon Cybersecurity 101. The technical assistance course will offer deeper insights into cybersecurity for those with basic knowledge in the field, as it applies to Operational Technology (OT). Whether you are an IT professional, business owner, or simply interested in protecting yourself online, this course will equip you with practical skills to navigate today's digital threats.

#### **Webinar Details**

- Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025
- Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time
- Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

### **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](mailto:R8DWU@epa.gov) requesting the form or you can find the form on [EPA Region 8 Drinking Water Operations website.](#)

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