

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Officials, Water and Wastewater Operators, Rural Water System Managers, Street Department Personnel, Consulting Engineers, Commercial Suppliers, and Industrial Managers

FROM: Mike Brisben, Secretary-Treasurer
North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference

RE: 2015 Annual NDWPCC Meeting

DATE: August 3, 2015

You are cordially invited to attend the 87th Annual Convention of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference. Meeting jointly with the Conference will be the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, and the North Dakota Chapter of the North American Stormwater and Erosion Control Association. The Convention will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, ND on October 6, 7, 8, 2015 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

If possible, please preregister; this will greatly help our support staff. Please note that package registration will increase to \$195 after September 25, 2015. In addition, be sure to pick up your receipt, membership card, meal tickets, social hour drink tickets, and name badge at the registration desk when you arrive. Refunds for registration fees will only be allowed until September 25, 2015.

The NDWPCC is now accepting credit card payments using PayPal. To do so, go to <http://www.ndhealth.gov/mf>. Once on the website click on calendar, go to conference items, find the appropriate fee, click add to cart, and follow the PayPal instructions for payment. Registration forms can also be completed on line and downloaded. Please note, if you pay or register on line, a hard copy of the registration form must be mailed, faxed, or emailed to 701-328-6206 or mbrisben@nd.gov.

Operator Certification Exams will be offered from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. To ensure adequate time, all testing must begin by 8:00 a.m. Applications must be received no later than September 18, 2015. Please contact Craig Bartholomay at 701-328-6626 for more information.

Certification for applicable wastewater operators performing pH testing will be offered from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6th. Please contact Sarah Waldron at 701-328-5237 for more information.

If you plan to participate in any of the following activities, check the appropriate box(es) on the registration form:

- Pre-Conference Workshop – Small System Operator Training: Achieve and Maintain Compliance with the SDWA, on Monday, October 5, 2015.
- Field trips to Bismarck/Mandan on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 and Thursday, October 8, 2015.
- Student and Young Professional's reception on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.
- pH Certification, on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.
- Golf tournament (Prairie West Golf Club) on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. The golf course will be charging a green and cart fee.

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The Education Committee of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association will be holding its 24th Annual Water Taste Test in the tabletop display area on Wednesday, October 7th. All public water systems are invited to submit a one gallon sample on Tuesday, October 6th, to the registration table. The winner will be announced at the Wednesday evening banquet.

The students and young professionals will be having a reception Tuesday, October 6th. The YP poster competition will be judged during the Exhibitor Program with winners announced during the Wednesday awards banquet.

The vendors and suppliers will be participating in a tabletop exhibit in the Dakota Ballroom of the Ramkota Hotel Bismarck on Wednesday, October 7th, the second day of the Convention. The commercial representatives will be sponsoring a free buffet breakfast from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., in the Dakota Ballroom. A Breakfast Buffet Poker Game will again be offered during the tabletop exhibit and buffet breakfast. Prizes for the top hands and random drawings will be awarded. Be sure to make plans to attend the breakfast, play poker, and take a few minutes to talk "shop".

A social hour from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. will be held in the Courtyard prior to the annual banquet on Wednesday. The social hour is sponsored by the business firms listed in the program and on the display board in the registration area. Social hour tickets will be included in the registration packets of those attendees requesting tickets for the Wednesday banquet.

To make reservations at the Ramkota Hotel call (800) 937-8376 or (701) 258-7700. A block of rooms for the Conference will be held until September 11, 2015. The room rate is \$91.00. Overflow rooms can be found at: Candlewood Suites (701) 751-8900, \$74.70; Comfort Inn (701) 223-1911, \$74.00; Comfort Suites (701) 223-4009, \$74.00; Country Suites (701) 258-4200, \$120.00; Days Inn (701) 223-9151, \$74.70; Expressway Inn (701) 222-2900, \$74.70; Fairfield Inn & Suites South (701) 223-9293, \$119.00; Hampton Inn (701) 751-3100, \$154.00; Hampton Inn & Suites (701) 751-5656, \$129.00; Main Stay Suites (701) 223-9119, \$89.00; Radisson Hotel (701) 255-6000, \$74.70; Ramada Limited Suites (701) 221-0927, \$99.00; Sleep Inn & Suites (701) 751-4867, \$74.70; Staybridge Suites (701) 223-1499, \$109.00; Wingate (701) 751-2373, \$83.00. Prices do not include sales tax.

If you are a water treatment or water distribution operator for a system serving a population of 3,300 or less, you may qualify for reimbursement, funded by the legislature and administered by the North Dakota Department of Health. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if you qualify for reimbursement. The full room rate will be reimbursed for systems that are eligible.

Payment of APWA, AWWA, WEF, and NASECA-ND membership fees, after the annual conference, has delayed membership renewals and created problems for the national and state organizations. As a result, membership fees will no longer be collected during conference registration. If you have any questions regarding membership renewal, please contact the appropriate state association(s).

I hope you will plan to attend the 87th Convention and will take part in all activities. A registration form and schedule of activities for the Convention are enclosed for your convenience. **Please note that the preliminary schedule is only tentative and maybe subject to change prior to the Conference.** Be sure and check your registration packages for any additions, corrections, and/or schedule changes when you arrive. If you are in need of special accommodations or for more information, call 701-328-6622.

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