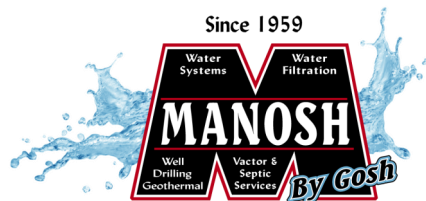


Annual Conference & Trade Show

May 11, 2023
Lake Morey Resort

Tentative Schedule		
8 – 11:30 am	Trade Show Location: Terrace Ballroom (downstairs) Coffee & snacks will be available	
8:30 – 9:30 am	Emergency Response in an Ever-Changing World 1 TCH – Water & Wastewater Location: Morey Room (main floor)	
9:30 am	Drinking Water Taste Contest Judging with Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee Location: Lobby	
10 – 11:30 am	Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity Building Initiatives 1.5 TCH – Water Location: Morey Room (main floor)	Wastewater Regulatory Updates 1.5 TCH – Wastewater Location: Theater Room (downstairs)
11:30 am – 1 pm	Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting Location: Restaurant (downstairs)	
1 – 3 pm	Trade Show Location: Terrace Ballroom (downstairs)	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Roundtable on Workforce Development 1 TCH – Water & Wastewater Location: Morey Room (main floor)	Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance 1 TCH – Water Location: Theater Room (downstairs)
2:45 – 3 pm	Raffle Drawings Location: Terrace Ballroom (downstairs)	



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Class Descriptions

Emergency Response in an Ever-Changing World

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 am

Credit: 1 TCH – Water & Wastewater

Presenters: Paula Jackson (Vermont Rural Water Association) and Katherine Boyk (Vermont Rural Water Association)

Our water and wastewater systems are facing new challenges and threats: climate change, intensifying storms, drought, aging infrastructure, power outages, cyberattacks, supply chain issues, worker shortages, and the possibility of another pandemic.

In the face of an evolving array of potential emergencies, water and wastewater systems would be wise to update their Emergency Response Plans. This class will examine the types of emergencies that systems should be prepared for, ways to mitigate the impact of these emergencies, how to respond during an emergency, and how to recover afterwards. Learn how to be better prepared by updating your system's Emergency Response Plan to be a useful document for the present and the future.

Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity Building Initiatives

Time: 10 – 11:30 am

Credit: 1.5 TCH – Water

Presenter: Megan Young (Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division)

The goal of Vermont DWGPD's Capacity Development Program is to meet the needs of our water systems. In the 2022 Capacity Survey, we asked all Community Water Systems what technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity support they would like to receive. This class will cover the results of the Capacity Survey and discuss how we plan to utilize the once-in-a-lifetime Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) set-aside funding to help meet the needs of Vermont's water systems. As time allows, we also hope to give an update on the BIL Emerging Contaminant and Lead Service Line set-aside initiatives.

Wastewater Regulatory Updates

Time: 10 – 11:30 am

Credit: 1.5 TCH – Wastewater

Presenters: Wastewater Management Program staff

This session will discuss:

- Increased monitoring requirements for facilities
- Increased ambient monitoring by the State
- Updated water quality standards
- PFAS monitoring project at municipal facilities
- nForm updates
- State resuming trainings offered through Vermont Rural Water

Class Descriptions (continued)

Roundtable on Workforce Development

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Credit: 1 TCH – Water & Wastewater

Presenters: Liz Royer (Vermont Rural Water Association) and others

Water and wastewater systems in Vermont have been impacted by the recent nationwide workforce shortage. In this session, you will learn about initiatives including Vermont Rural Water's Apprenticeship Program, the Vermont Workforce Development Group, and New England Work for Water. You will also hear from systems across the state an innovative methods they've used to recruit, hire, and retain water and wastewater operators.

Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Credit: 1 TCH – Water

Presenters: Mike Ganam (American Hydrants) and Nate Whiteman (EJP)

This class will cover proper hydrant flushing, a general review of problems that may occur in systems, hydrant appurtenances, regular maintenance, and operation of hydrants.