

MA WATER & WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (WARN)

Workshop and Tabletop Exercise FREE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP

Background: The water sector (drinking water and wastewater utilities) has been developing intrastate mutual aid and assistance networks, commonly referred to as Water/Wastewater Agency Response Networks (WARNs). The number of statewide agreements has more than tripled in the past year, leading to a better prepared and more resilient water sector. As with any response agreement or plan, there is a need to develop, exercise, and validate the mutual aid/assistance operational plan utilized during activation of a WARN. EPA has responded to that need by providing a free half-day workshop and tabletop exercise for the New England WARNs.

The Workshop: This free workshop will feature representatives from the MAWARN Steering Committee, state primacy agency, and potentially the state emergency management agency (EMA) who will discuss the MAWARN program and its benefits, and describe how the emergency management sector is involved in and can assist the MAWARN. Applicable to those who are already members of MAWARN and those are thinking about joining, this half-day seminar will include a short tabletop exercise to demonstrate/determine how the MAWARN would work in the event of an actual emergency and how one utility would request assistance from another.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs): Those who complete the free workshop will be awarded three training contact hours (TCHs) for both water and wastewater licenses.

Workshop Timeline: 0800-0830 Registration
0830-1230 Workshop

Sponsors: This workshop is sponsored and funded by U.S. EPA Region I, through a contract with the Horsley Witten Group.

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

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