

Course Title: The Role of Smart Tanks in Distribution Water Quality Management

60 minutes of instruction

Course Description: This 60-minute seminar will provide water system managers, operators and engineers a practical understanding of the science and implementation of distribution system based water treatment to address low residual levels and disinfection byproducts.

Course Outline:

1. The basics of water tank mixing
 - a. Understanding and measuring water tank stratification (temperature and chemical)
 - b. Methods that attempt to achieve the results of a well-mixed tank
 - c. Modes of tank mixing in recent history
 - d. Impact of applying the right amount of energy to a water storage asset
2. Background on DBP and THM regulation in the United States
 - a. EPA and Stage 2 DBP Rules
 - b. THM generation in water systems
 - c. Conditions that allow for THM formation
 - d. Nature of THMs (volatile compounds, Henry's Law)
 - e. Basics of THM removal
3. Background on the importance of controlling disinfectant residual levels in water systems
 - a. Prevalence of low residual related MCL violations
 - b. Role of nitrifying bacteria in the destruction of water quality (chloramine systems)
 - c. Operational procedures currently used to stave-off nitrification
 - d. The Breakpoint Curve – Understanding Fluctuating Residual Levels in Networks
 - e. Equipment options and equipment form factors

Presenter Bios:

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Ethan Brooke is an internationally recognized expert on aeration technologies for trihalomethane (THM) removal. His master's thesis on THM aeration was published in the *Journal American Water Works Association* and resulted in three patents which are held by the University of New Hampshire. Ethan has a background in civil engineering and product management and has worked on a variety of water, wastewater and distribution system infrastructure improvement projects.

Learning Outcomes:

- Attendees will understand the role of tank mixing as a fundamental step to improving water network quality
- Attendees will understand the conditions that generate THMs in distribution systems and the physical/chemical nature of THMs

- Attendees will better understand the mechanisms for THM removal based on the physical/chemical nature of THMs
- Attendees will understand the conditions and basic chemistry of chloramine and free-chlorine residual destruction in water distribution systems
- Attendees will understand how the breakpoint curve can be used to intelligently boost residual levels in an automated mode versus today's manual and time-consuming methods

Tracking of Attendance:

- When the invitation is sent out, it includes a registration link. This registration link requires them to enter in their contact information. That is captured in an Excel format into a spreadsheet. These spreadsheets are stored on our internal website for future needs to be accessed.