ESSENTIALS OF SURFACE WATER TREATMENT TRAINING

Note: 6 hours total (0.6 CEUs) not including breaks & lunch

9 am Intro/Overview

- Background of SWTRs
- Source Water Considerations
- Watershed Control
- Intakes and Pumps
- Raw Water Quality Factors
- Waterborne Disease Outbreaks
- Types of Pathogens

Filtration

- Conventional rapid sand
- Direct
- Diatomaceous earth
- Alternative (slow sand, membrane, cartridge)
- Methods of filter cleaning (depending on filtration type)

10:15 am Break (15 minutes)

10:30 am Disinfection

- What is disinfection?
- Types of disinfectants
- Forms of Chlorine
- NSF/ANSI Standard 60
- Disinfection requirements for surface water
- CTs
- Tracer Studies and Contact Time
- Impact of chlorine on organics

Exercise #1: Tracer studies

Operations

- Proper treatment plant sampling locations
 - o Turbidity
 - o Chlorine residual
 - o TOC

Exercise #2: Work in groups to determine proper sampling locations given blank WTP diagrams

12 noon Lunch

1 pm Operations (continued)

- Instrument calibration
 - o Turbidimeters
 - o Chlorine analyzers
 - o Chemical feed pumps
- Operations & Maintenance Manuals

Exercise #3: Create a pump curve using made-up data points

Reporting Requirements

- How to fill out the monthly SWTR reports
 - How often to record turbidities
 - o Highest turbidity of the day
 - o Peak hourly demand flow

Exercise #4: Calculate peak hourly demand flow based on SCADA data

2:15 pm Break (15 minutes)

2:30 pm Reporting Requirements (continued)

o CT calculations

Exercise #5: Using EPA CT tables to calculate CTs required

- Common mistakes
- What to do when things go wrong

Exercise #6: Filling out the monthly surface water quality operating report

Emerging Issues

- Climate change
- Harmful algae blooms
- On-line Resources

Resources for operators

4:30 pm End