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GA EPD Announces Water Loss Audit and Water Loss Control Training

Support for Georgia Water Stewardship Act Requirements

On June 1, 2010 the Governor signed the **Georgia Water Stewardship Act** (GWSA) of 2010 (SB 370). This Act is a landmark, multifaceted approach to water conservation and it requires specific action by water providers serving over 3,300 in population. Approximately 250 water providers in Georgia, who provide 80% of the potable water to the State's population, are affected by this Act (as of 2011). Specific to public water systems, Section 3 of the GWSA amends O.C.G.A 12-5-4 and requires the following:

- Water systems serving a population "equal to or greater than 3,300" must conduct an *annual water system audit*.
- Water systems serving a population "equal to or greater than 3,300" must implement a *water loss control program*.
- GA EPD will develop minimum guidelines which will require public water systems to conduct standardized annual water loss audits according to the International Water Association (IWA) method/standard and will require water systems to submit those audits to the Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) in a timely fashion.
- For public water systems serving greater than 10,000 individuals (or population served) the GWSA requires initial water audits be submitted to EPD **no later than March, 2012**.
- For public water systems serving greater than 3,300 individuals (or population served) and up to 10,000 individuals (or population served) the GWSA requires initial audits be submitted to GA EPD **no later than March 2013**.

Who should participate in one of the Water Loss Audit and Water Loss Control Training sessions?

Any public water system that serves a population equal to or greater than 3,300 individuals (population served).

Note: GA EPD uses an allocation factor of 2.6 "persons per connection" when determining "population served" from the number of metered connections in a residential water system.

For more information on your water system classification please contact:

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Please see the attached page for more information on this training and frequently asked questions.



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Water Loss Audit and Water Loss Control Training FAQ's

- When and where will these support workshops be held?

Four Water Loss Audit and Water Loss Control Training workshops will be held in various locations during 2011.

- October 11th Marietta, GA – GAWP HQ – Hwy 41/Cobb Parkway – 1655 Enterprise Way
- October 13th Gwinnett County – Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
- October 27th Tifton, GA – ABAC - (GA Museum of Agriculture Conference Center of I-75)
- October 28th Savannah, GA – (Westin Hotel located on Hutchinson Island)

- Additional workshops will be held in the Summer of 2012 tailored for water systems serving greater than 3,300 individuals (or population served) and up to 10,000 individuals (or population served).

Detailed information on logistics and specific directions will be provided once a registration is completed.

- How do I register for one of these sessions?

Registration is NOW available and open online at www.gawp.org under the *Conferences and Training* tab
A printable registration form is available at the following location: <http://tinyurl.com/waterauditregistration>

- What does a workshop class cost?

The workshop fee is subsidized under contract and is \$75 per person (flat rate).

- What is the agenda and is lunch provided at this workshop?

The current agenda is available at the following location: <http://tinyurl.com/waterauditschedule>
Lunch will be provided for attendees and is included in the workshop fee.

- Where can I get more information on the Georgia Water Stewardship Act requirements and this training?
<http://www.gawp.org/audits.php>

- Will I receive a *Georgia Water Loss Guidance Manual* at one of the workshops?

Yes, and each water provider affected by this new requirement will be mailed a hardcopy of the manual.

- Can I download a *Georgia Water Loss Guidance Manual* before attending one of the workshops?

The *Manual* will be available for download at the following website:
<http://www.gawp.org/audits.php>

For more information on this training contact Bryan Wagoner, GAWP Communications Director, at bwagoner@gawp.org or 770-618-8690.