



Announcement: Region 8 Drinking Water Tribal Team Staff Update

Welcome Motaz Zarooq! In March, Motaz joined the Drinking Water Program as the new tribal liaison. Motaz is an engineer and was most recently located in the Technical and Financial Services Branch at EPA Region 8 and before that worked for the Indian Health Service. Motaz brings a wealth of information to the Drinking Water Program and is excited to work directly with tribal water systems.

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Reminder: 2022 CCR Reports due to EPA by July 1, 2023

Every community water system (CWS) must prepare and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) (i.e. water quality report) annually. The CCR must be prepared and delivered to your customers, in addition to sending a copy of the report to EPA Region 8, by July 1st of each year. Please provide the PWS# in the submission.

In order to help water systems meet the regulatory deadlines for the Consumer Confidence Report Rule and create their CCRs, EPA has developed a CCR implementation guidance document and a program called CCRiWriter, respectively. These materials can be found on EPA's CCR compliance website at [Click here](#).

Please send us your completed 2022 CCR by July 1, 2023, using one of the methods listed below:

Instead of submitting the CCRs by mail, we strongly encourage water systems to submit their CCRs via electronic format (email or fax). If you find it difficult to utilize these means of submitting your CCR to the EPA, please contact the CCR Rule Manager, Bailey Smith, immediately.

1. Email: R8DWU@epa.gov (Preferred method of delivery)
2. Fax: 1-(877) 876-9101
3. Mail: Attn: Bailey Smith
1595 Wynkoop Street
Mailcode: 8WD-SDB
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Remember to check our website every year to download the most current version of the appropriate CCR certification form that certifies to EPA how you distributed your reports to your consumers: [Click here](#) (click on "Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR)"). The form is due by October 1, 2023.

Resources:

- Region 8 & Tribal CCR website- [Click here](#)
- CCR iWriter - [Click here](#)
- EPA CCR website - [Click here](#)
- CCR Factsheets & Guidance – Best Practices & Unit Conversions located at [Click here](#) and [Click here](#)
- RTCR PN Templates: [Click here](#).
- Drinking Water Watch for DW Data and Water Quality Data Table: [Click here](#)
- In progress – website FAQ updates

Announcement: Tribal Systems Scheduled for a Sanitary Survey this Year

The following systems are scheduled to receive a sanitary survey this year. These surveys involve an on-site assessment of all aspects of your water system and are designed to uncover areas of improvement to the water system that should be remedied. These surveys are conducted by EPA staff, IHS staff, or EPA contracted staff. If your system is on the list, expect to be contacted by your surveyor a few weeks prior to the survey.

PWS ID	Water System Name	PWS ID	Water System Name
080890010	TOWAOC WATER SYSTEM	083890001	MANDAREE WATER PLANT

083090003	BLACKFOOT WATER SYSTEM	083890015	FOUR BEARS WATER SYSTEM
083090004	BEDROCK\BABB WATER SYSTEM	083890016	LITTLE SHELL
083090005	HEART BUTTE WATER SYSTEM	083890038	MOONLIT BAY RV SITES
083090007	STARR SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	083890039	LAKESIDE HAVEN
083090008	SEVILLE WATER SYSTEM	084690025	EAGLE NEST HOMES
083090017	BIG HORN VALLEY RANCH	084690441	LOWER BRULE
083090022	DAYTON WATER SYSTEM	084690456	RED IRON LAKE WATER SYSTEM
083090023	DIXON (OLD AGENCY)	084690457	LONG HOLLOW WATER SYSTEM
083090026	HOULE VILLA WATER SYSTEM	084690458	OLD AGENCY WATER SYSTEM
083090027	ARLEE	084690460	ENEMY SWIM WATER SYSTEM
083090029	MISSION DAM WATER SYSTEM	084690461	PEEVER FLATS WATER SYSTEM
083090033	WOODCOCK WATER SYSTEM	084690462	FINLEY HEIGHTS WATER SYSTEM
083090035	POST CREEK 44 TAP AND STEAK	084690463	VEBLEN FLATS
083090037	KICKING HORSE JOB CORPS FORT KIPP SUBDIVISION	084690466	AMERICAN HORSE SCHOOL WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT
083090052	WATER	084690467	SCHOOL
083090064	LAME DEER WATER SYSTEM	084690480	OGLALA RWS PIPELINE
083090074	EAGLEMAN COMMUNITY WATER	084690516	SICANGU MNI WICONI RURAL WATER
083090079	ROCKY BOY AGENCY WATER SY	084690526	WINNER HOUSING
083090301	GRAY WOLF CASINO	084990004	WHITE MESA WATER SYSTEM
083090302	DAYTON SCHOOL	085690016	WY DOT-DIVERSION DAM RA
083090306	WINDMILL VILLAGE BAKERY		
083090313	MISSION VALLEY AMISH CHURCH		

Announcement: EPA Announces Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would Strengthen the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule

On March 28th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would strengthen the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule making annual drinking water quality reports with important public health information more accessible to residents and businesses across the country. A Consumer Confidence Report, sometimes called an "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report," summarizes information about the local drinking water for the previous year. EPA's proposal would support public education by more clearly communicating important information in water quality reports and improving access to the reports.

When finalized, EPA's proposal would:

- Improve the readability, clarity, and of water quality reports

- Enhance risk communication
- Encourage modern electronic delivery options
- Clarify information regarding lead levels and efforts to reduce lead in drinking water
- Provide translation for customers with limited English proficiency
- Require reports be issued twice a year (for systems that serve 10,000 or more people)
- Require states to submit compliance monitoring data to EPA

EPA is requesting public comment on the proposed regulation. The public comment period is now open following the proposed rule publishing in the Federal Register on April 5, 2023. Public comments can be provided at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0260. Comments must be submitted during the public comment period that ends on **May 22, 2023**. Information on submitting comments to EPA dockets can be found [here](#).

Resource: EPA Region 8 Drinking Water Unit Training Presentations

[On this page \(click here\)](#) you will find presentation materials from past conferences and other training venues.

Here are a few examples of presentation available:

[Lead & Copper Rule \(LCR\) Training](#) - Presented by Chelsea Ransom at the WARWS Conference held in April of 2023 and again at the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) training event.

[Revised Total Coliform Rule for Transient Systems in Wyoming and on Tribal Lands in EPA Region 8](#) - Prepared and presented by Jamie Harris at the WARWS Conference held in April of 2023.

[Nitrate & Nitrite Rule for Transient Non-Community Water Systems Presentation](#) - Prepared by Bailey Smith and Jamie Harris. Presented by Jamie Harris at the WARWS Conference held in April of 2023.

[Consumer Confidence Report Rule \(CCR\) Presentation](#) - prepared by Bailey Smith and presented by Judy Bloom at the WARWS Conference held in April of 2023.

[Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Presentation](#) - given by Kendra Morrison at the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems (WARWS) conference held in the spring of 2023.

Training Resource: EPA Headquarters Upcoming Webinars and Past Webinar Recordings

[Click here](#) to receive notifications for upcoming webinars.

Upcoming Webinars (registration not yet available):

Date	Topic
May 30, 2023	Harmful Algal Blooms and Algal Toxins
June 27, 2023	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
July 25, 2023	Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring rule (UCMR 5)
August 29, 2023	TBD

Past Webinar Recordings:

Date	Topic and Presenter(s)
April 25, 2023	Manganese Presenters: <i>Matthew Alexander (OW), France Lemieux (Health Canada)</i>
March 28, 2023	Lead and Copper Presenters: <i>Kira Smith, OW, Christine Devine, ORISE/ORD</i>

Upcoming Regulatory Deadlines

Date	Event	Location
Last day of every calendar month	Last day to collect monthly total coliform samples	Sites approved on your RTCR sample plan
10 th of every month	Last day for EPA to receive total coliform and DBP samples collected during the previous month	N/A

Key EPA Contacts

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Other R8 Drinking Water Employee Contact Information Can be Found [Here](#).

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