

Washington State DOH Cross-Connection Control Program Update

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Biography of Speaker

Primary responsibilities: Provide consultation, evaluation, and direction on technical issues, concerns, compliance, and field surveys regarding water distribution operations, cross-connection control, and backflow assembly testing.

Education: B.A. in History from The Ohio State University
Naval Nuclear Power School, Chemistry and Radiological Controls

Professional Certifications: CCS, WDMII, (Formerly a BAT)

Overview of Presentation

- Give a joint presentation with Terri Notestine of the DOH Engineer and Technical Service Section staff - provide an update on the Office of Drinking Water Operator Certification CCC-related activities.
- My portion of the presentation will highlight some or all of the following CCC-related topics (as time allows):
 - Provide an overview of backflow protection at wastewater treatment plants and findings from a recent survey project.
 - Importance of operators, systems, and others filing complaints with the DOH Operator Certification Program, a brief description of the complaint process, and recent results.
 - Description of upcoming DOH special projects.

How program will influence CCC Programs

This session will update attendees on CCC-related activities of the Washington State Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water. The presentation topics will provide water system managers and certified Water Works Operators, including DOH-certified CCSs and BATs, with the latest information on changes to the DOH CCC Program. Water systems that attend this session should become well informed about the new ASR website, future direction of the CCC Program, and backflow prevention issues at Severe Health Hazard Facilities.

Method of instruction

PowerPoint presentation