



# ARKANSAS DRINKING WATER UPDATE

## EPA PROPOSES PERCHLORATE RULE

On January 2, 2026, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed Rule under the Safe Drinking Water Act to regulate the Perchlorate (ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>) in drinking water as part of the National Primary Drinking Water Standards.

The proposed Rule includes a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of 20 micrograms per liter (µg/L). EPA is also co-proposing enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) of 20 µg/L, 40 µg/L, or 80 µg/L for perchlorate and will apply to community and non-transient public water systems.

Initial monitoring consists of quarterly monitoring, or semi-annual for small ground water systems, for a 12-month period, with the routine monitoring determined by these results. Systems with a running annual average above the MCL require quarterly monitoring, systems less than the MCL but ≥ 4 µg/L require annual (surface water) or triennial (ground water) monitoring, and every 9 years for systems < 4 µg/L.

Perchlorate has had a back-and-forth regulatory history for the past 25+ years. Starting with including monitoring perchlorate levels in drinking water systems under the 1999 Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). The results led to a 2011 decision by EPA to regulate perchlorate in drinking water. EPA proposed a Rule to regulate perchlorate levels in drinking water in 2019. In July 2020, EPA withdrew the determination to regulate perchlorate. A legal challenge of the decision to withdraw was filed and led to a 2023 court decision to vacate the withdraw. EPA entered into a consent decree to sign and issue a final Rule to regulate perchlorate in Drinking Water by May 21, 2027.

Perchlorate is commonly used in solid rocket propellants, munitions, fireworks, matches, signal flares and vehicle airbag initiators. It has also been associated with some imported fertilizers and trace amounts can result from improper handling and degradation of hypochlorite solutions.

Perchlorate can potentially interfere with the thyroid gland hormone production. Changes in thyroid hormone production in pregnant women are associated with adverse neurodevelopmental effects in their children. Thyroid hormone level changes at other life stages can lead to hyperthyroidism, developmental outcomes and cardiovascular system impacts.

EPA's data show that perchlorate is not widespread in drinking water systems and expects less than 1300 of the over 135,000 applicable regulated water systems nationwide to find perchlorate levels above the proposed limits. For systems that do find elevated levels of perchlorate, treatment options include ion exchange, biological reduction, reverse osmosis and blending with another source.

The sampling of several Arkansas water systems in 2001 and 2002 found no detects of perchlorate. ADH will add sampling of perchlorate to the current compliance monitoring efforts upon EPA promulgating a final Rule.

More information about perchlorate in drinking water and the proposed Rule can be found on the EPA website at:

[www.epa.gov/sdwa/perchlorate-drinking-water#proposed-perchlorate](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa/perchlorate-drinking-water#proposed-perchlorate)

EPA is accepting comments on the proposed Rule through March 9, 2026 under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2024-0592 at:

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

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# All About the WWAC Pre-application Process

Arkansas Department of Agriculture

## What is the Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee?

The Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) provides developmental guidance for water and wastewater projects by recommending financing through different funding agencies. WWAC was implemented in 1992 and is recognized as a unique model due to its cooperative funding efforts and the involvement of partner regulatory agencies. Projects eligible for funding include treatment plants, distribution and collection lines, water/wastewater service extensions, elevated and ground storage tanks, and new water sources. The WWAC application is required for entities to receive state administered funding for eligible projects.

## Who We Partner With

WWAC partners with multiple agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, and Arkansas Department of Commerce. WWAC also partners with community-focused organizations, including the Arkansas Rural Water Association, Communities Unlimited, and Water Finance Exchange. Each of these entities may provide comments on water and wastewater projects to assist with compliance requirements and project development. At WWAC's monthly meetings, each application is reviewed by the committee to provide funding recommendations or to request additional information prior to providing a funding recommendation.

## How to Apply

The first step in the state funding process is to complete a WWAC pre-application and submit to [AGRI.wwac@arkansas.gov](mailto:AGRI.wwac@arkansas.gov). Applications received by the 15th of each month will be processed and placed on the following month's agenda.

The application is a savable, fillable Adobe file for applicants to easily complete. The first part of the application asks for general information about the applicant and the applicant's engineering firm. The remainder of the application is more detailed with questions about the project and application type, which is either water or wastewater. Applicants

will identify the project for which they are seeking funding, such as new wastewater treatment plant, new water storage tank, water meter replacement or upgrade, and new or rehab water supply. The applicant must also provide detailed specifications of the project including a brief project description, proposed project location and proposed new service area, anticipated total project funding amount, description of the project need and status of recent inspections and enforcement actions, if any, and the proposed project schedule.

Applicants are also asked to identify the specific sources from which it is requesting funding, such as the USDA – Rural Development, Communities Unlimited, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, the Arkansas Department of Commerce, etc. Applicants may select multiple agencies from which to receive funding or ask for a specific amount from each agency. If no agency is chosen, the funding source will default to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

Lastly, the application asks for a signature of the applicant and the applicant's preparer, as well as the date.

The pre-application is available on our website (scroll to bottom of webpage):

<https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/water-development/water-and-wastewater-funding/>

## Application Process

Please submit a completed application by email to [AGRI.wwac@arkansas.gov](mailto:AGRI.wwac@arkansas.gov). WWAC will send an email confirming receipt of the application. WWAC applications are reviewed by committee members on a rolling basis. After members evaluate an application, it is added to the next WWAC meeting agenda. During the monthly meeting, members discuss each application and determine funding recommendations for applicants.

After reviewing the application, WWAC will make a funding recommendation in writing. If the information submitted is not complete or the committee members have questions, WWAC will send the applicant a letter asking for additional information. Once all application requirements have been fulfilled, WWAC will provide a recommendation letter listing the potential funding sources for the project.

Applicants may also submit a Department funding application along with the WWAC pre-application if it elects to pursue funding from the Department.

### **Requested Documents**

The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) explains existing rate structure, existing system, and preliminary estimate costs. Plans and specifications are essentially the layout and design of the project. Although neither are a requirement for WWAC pre-application, they may be requested to assist in funding recommendations.

### **Water Plan Compliance**

Water Plan Compliance (WPC) ensures that projects comply with the state water plan, which provides for the orderly development and management of the state's water and related land resources. WPC applies to both water and wastewater projects, state and non-state funded projects, and any public entity.

To start the WPC process, the applicant or applicant's preparer should complete an Exemption Checklist Form. If the project meets the exemption requirements, an exemption letter will be sent. If the project does not meet exemption requirements, a WPC Application will be sent. The application must be accompanied by a PER.

WPC forms are available on the Department's website and can be requested by email to the coordinator at [josh.burns@arkansas.gov](mailto:josh.burns@arkansas.gov).

### **Contact Information**

For questions about the WWAC pre-application process, please contact Amy Theriac at 501-682-0547 or by email at [amy.theriac@arkansas.gov](mailto:amy.theriac@arkansas.gov).

To learn more about the WWAC process, please visit our website at:

<https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/water-development/water-and-wastewater-funding/water-wastewater-advisory-committee/>.

## **Engineering Branch Updates**

On December 1, 2025, the Arkansas Department of Health implemented some organizational changes that included the programs within the Environmental Health Branch and other programs in the Agency. The Engineering Section has been separated from the Environmental Health Branch and both have moved from the Division for Local Public Health to the Division of Public Health Practice. In the new Division, our office is now the Public Health Engineering Branch. These moves are aimed at providing a more streamlined process for many administrative functions and allow our program activities, including drinking water oversight to be conducted more efficiently.

Glenn Greenway, P.E. has been promoted to a Managing Engineer. Glenn has 40+ years of environmental engineering experience, including 28 years with the Branch as District Engineer and Engineer Supervisor and previously worked at ADEQ, at a consulting engineering firm and in the U.S. Army. Glenn continues to serve as supervisor for Districts 3 (Northeast) and 4 (East) and as Fluoride Engineer in addition to his new duties including overseeing staff efforts to ensure corrective actions are taken by water systems to address significant deficiencies identified during sanitary survey inspections and RTCR assessments.

Steven Fitzhugh has been promoted to an Environmental Health Inspector in the Lead and Copper Rule group. Stephen has served as an Engineering Specialist since 2005 ensuring compliance water monitoring was conducted at water systems across the State. He looks forward to continuing to serve the state through his new position as diligently from a desk as he did behind the wheel of a van.



Andrew Townsley (left) has joined the Branch as an Environmental Health Inspector for Districts 2&8 (Central). Andrew graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's in biology. He previously worked as a Bio Analyst for Eurofins where he did aquatic lab testing. In his free time Andrew enjoys spending time with his kids outside, whether it's at the park, going on a hike, or playing in the snow.

# REPORT OF THE

## Arkansas Drinking Water Advisory and Operator Licensing Committee

Heather Parker-Foster, Training and Certification Officer

This edition of the Update includes a summary of the regular meeting of the Arkansas Drinking Water Advisory and Operator Licensing Committee (Committee) held on October 9, 2025. The meetings were held at the ADH offices and utilizing internet technology.

### October 9, 2025 Meeting

#### Members present:

Sharon Sweeney, Chair, ADH (2026)  
Brad Hammond, P.E., Olsson Engineering (2027)  
Larry Lloyd, P.E., University of Arkansas (2028)

Bryan Smith, Grand Prairie Regional (2029)  
James Whisenhunt III, Hope Light and Water (2030)  
Bruce Curtis, Conway County RWD (2031)  
Lance Jones, P.E., Executive Secretary; ADH

#### Department of Health (ADH) Staff & Guests present:

Reginald Rogers, Attorney, ADH  
Robin Lynch, Administrative Specialist, ADH  
Jack Gregg, Training Coordinator  
Jeremy Rowe, Assistant Director, AETA  
Chris Harris, Director, ARWA  
Mayor Tracy Brick, City of Marion  
Brandon Hall, City of Marion  
Jerome Alford, Bond Engineering, Marion

Brian Nichols, Attorney, ADH  
Deborah Reagan, Attorney Specialist, ADH  
Heather Parker-Foster, Train and Cert Officer, ADH  
Jim Phillips, ARWA  
James Robertson, Guest- ARWA  
Anthony Shockey, Viola Waterworks  
Joel Hewitt, Supervisor, Viola Waterworks  
Keith Johnson, Superintendent, Guest- Mountain View Waterworks for Gary Smith

The meeting was called to order by Sweeney, who then asked everyone to introduce themselves starting with the Committee members, staff, and guests. (See above attendance list). Sweeney then directed attention to the July 10, 2025 meeting minutes and requested any corrections to the minutes. No comments received. Sweeney received a motion from Hammond to approve the minutes; Whisenhunt provided the second and the motion was passed.

#### Old Business

Sweeney stated that, at the previous meeting, there was a request to compile data on the effectiveness of license waivers and the completion rate of the license process. Parker-Foster will compile the data with the standings of past waiver recipients' completion or non-completion of the license process for the next meeting.

#### New Business

Mitchell Elder of Bauxite was called upon to address his High School waiver request and was noted as not present.

Mr. Anthony Shockey with Viola Waterworks answered questions pertaining to his

high school waiver request. Joel Hewitt, water supervisor for Viola Waterworks spoke in support of Shockey and in favor of granting the Distribution I waiver request. Whisenhunt provided a motion to approve the waiver; Hammond provided the second and the motion was passed.

Forrest Phillips was called upon to address his High School waiver request. The Committee was informed that Mr. Phillips had resigned from Prattville Water and would not be seeking a waiver.

Keith Johnson, supervisor for Mountain View Waterworks answered questions and spoke in support of Gary Smith's request to advance from previously approved D1 to D2 licensure exam. It was noted that the public water system requires a D3 license. Whisenhunt provided a motion for a D2 waiver and to include a waiver for the D3 license. Hammond provided the second and motion was passed.

Brandon Hall with Marion Water Dept. answered questions pertaining to his criminal history waiver request. Mayor Tracy Brick, City of Marion and Jerome Alford, Bond Engineering spoke in support of Hall and the waiver request.

Lloyd provided a motion to grant a waiver for testing up to a D3 and a T4; Curtis provided the second and the motion was passed.

Lloyd opened a discussion pertaining to the number of witnesses a person could bring to speak on their behalf. It was recommended that any existing policies should be compiled by staff and reviewed during the January 2026 Committee meeting.

Mr. James Robertson requested his license be reinstated after failing to renew during the previous renewal period and stated that he did not receive renewal notices because he had taken a new job and had failed to update his address with ADH. Robertson answered questions pertaining to the license reinstatement request. Hammond provided motion to approve the license reinstatement; and Whisenhunt provided the second and the motion was passed.

Sweeney re-opened the discussion regarding a review of the current Committee guidelines. Parker-Foster will compile existing guidelines for review at the January 2026 meeting.

Jones opened discussions on the possible need to review water licensing requirements and training requirements. The discussion spoke about the possible need to form a subcommittee to review items in the Rule that may need updates. Jeremy Rowe requested AETA and ARWA be involved in review of license requirements.

### **Committee Reports**

Jones noted that program funding was not affected by current federal government shutdown. The program is currently using 2023 federal SRF funding and the Engineering Branch received the award for the 2025 SRF grants and the full disbursement of PWS supervision grant for the federal year 2025. All combined funds should support the program through the 2027 calendar year. Future program funding planning

was waiting for the federal 2026 budget process to be completed in the U.S. Congress.

Jones reported that staffing levels are steady and the program was in the process of hiring for the last two vacant Environmental Health Inspector positions. He also reported that two Engineer Technician positions and one Geologist position are still vacant along with one newly vacant Engineer Supervisor position. The Environmental Health Inspector positions are for the Lead and Copper Rule group and Central AR Districts.

Jones provided updates on 3 new Rules from EPA that were published in 2024. He noted that the PFAS and LCRI, are still under litigation with the possibility of a proposed revised Rule for PFAS in the near future. EPA stated their intent to defend LCRI against the legal challenge. ADH plans to file Primacy extension agreements for these Rules until legal proceedings are completed. Under the extension agreements, ADH will continue monitoring and tracking compliance actions for both Rules. ADH plans to move forward with Primacy application for the Revised CCR Rule in the spring of 2026. The conversion of all the Agency rules into the new "Code of Arkansas Rules" gave all agency Rules a new affective date in 2025 and there will not be a need to update the Public Water System Rules to apply for primacy or extension agreements.

The drinking water program continues regular staff training to maintain professional standards and increases knowledge to continue to assist water systems and protect drinking water quality.

Parker-Foster provided an exam report showing the Operator Licensing program administered 192 license exams for the first quarter of SFY 2025, with 61 passing scores and an overall 32 percent passage rate (raw data).

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The 2023 to 2025 license renewal period is complete. As of this date, 384 water licenses have not been renewed. Remaining licenses not renewed include 189 operators associated with a PWS, 89 not associated with a PWS, 4 who paid their fees but have not documented adequate training with 3 of them being documented as ORC's who are signing documents with expired license. Licensing staff works with the District staff to resolve these issues. PSI has reduced testing sites from 14 to 11. WPI conference is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> 2026.

The AETA Update was provided by Jeremy Rowe for the last quarter. The water

division held 31 courses for 241 students. 40 students for ACT 605 Retail Water Provider Board Member training.

ARWA submitted a written report that stated that 116 total hours of training were provided, and a total of 592 students were in attendance from July through September 2025.

## Other Business

Sweeney announced the next Committee meeting date was set for January 8, 2026, at Freeway Medical Tower, in Little Rock, AR. Sweeney received a motion to adjourn the meeting from Hammond with Whisenhunt providing the second and the motion passed.

## WATER OPERATOR LICENSES ISSUED (Issued Since Fall 2025 Newsletter Edition)

LICENSEE NAME	TYPE/GRADE	WATER SYSTEM NAME	ISSUE DATE
ALLEN ERIC	D - II	MOUNTAIN VIEW WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
BARNETT RODERICK	D - IV	BENTON-WASHINGTON REGIONAL PWA	13-Oct-25
BEVER MICHAEL	T - II	SHUMAKER PUBLIC SERVICE CO	05-Dec-25
BLACKWOOD MITCHELL	D - IV	JONESBORO WATER SYSTEM	04-Dec-25
BRANSCUM RYAN	T - II	SOUTHSIDE PUB WATER AUTHORITY	05-Dec-25
BROWN BRADLEY	D - I	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES	19-Dec-25
CARRIS JASON	D - III	SPRINGDALE WATER UTILITIES	04-Dec-25
COLE STEVEN	T - IV	LONOKE WHITE PUBLIC WATER AUTH	19-Dec-25
COLEMAN NATHAN	D - IV	JONESBORO WATER SYSTEM	06-Oct-25
CUMMINS WESLEY	T - IV	N/A	12-Dec-25
DANFORD DUSTIN	T - II	WALDRON WATERWORKS	12-Dec-25
EDENBURN TYLER	D - IV, T - IV	TEXARKANA WATER UTILITIES	20-Nov-25
ELLIS CHRISTOPHER	D - I	DIAZ WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
ERICKSON JOHNATHAN	D - IV	DEQUEEN WATER WORK	29-Sep-25
FOELL WILLIAM	D - II	HUNTSVILLE WATERWORKS	29-Oct-25
FORSTER NATHANIEL	D - I	CAVE SPRINGS WATERWORKS	01-Dec-25
FRUS JOSEPH	D - IV	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES SPRINGDALE WATER UTILITIES	29-Dec-25
FULTON JAMES	T - I	PRAIRIE GROVE WATERWORKS	21-Oct-25
GANDER WILL	D - IV	PARAGOULD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	24-Oct-25
GAVRIELIDES MICHAEL	D - I	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES	07-Nov-25
GLEBER MARK	D - IV	BENTON-WASHINGTON REGIONAL PWA	17-Nov-25
GORE JOSHUA	D - I	TAYLOR WATERWORKS	05-Nov-25
GREEN AIDAN	D - II	NEWPORT WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
GREEN CHARLES	D - IV	CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER	23-Oct-25
HALL BRANDON	T - I	SUNSET WATER ASSOCIATION MARION WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
HALL ZACHARY	D - IV	CONWAY WATER SYSTEM	06-Oct-25
HEILES ELIZABETH	D - IV	CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER	26-Nov-25
HENDRICKSON SAMSON	T - II	REDFIELD WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
HENRY KAYLE	D - IV	FORT SMITH WATER UTILITIES	31-Dec-25
HODGE NICHOLAS	D - I	GENTRY WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25

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LICENSEE NAME	TYPE/GRADE	WATER SYSTEM NAME	ISSUE DATE
HUBBARD JAKE	D - IV	GREENBRIER WATERWORKS	29-Oct-25
IRVIN TREY	T - III	LIBERTY - WOODSON / HENSLEY WATER LIBERTY UTILITIES	08-Oct-25
JIMENEZ RAUL	D - I	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES	03-Oct-25
KELLEY CATLIN	D - II	SHUMAKER PUBLIC SERVICE CO	05-Dec-25
LAIRD JUSTIN	T - I	FAYETTEVILLE WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
LOWE JASON	T - III	MURFREESBORO WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
LUZIO ROBERT	D - II, T - III	GLENWOOD WATER DEPARTMENT	20-Nov-25
MARTIN CODY	T - I	HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE WATER	17-Nov-25
MCCREADY DARRELL	D - I	BONANZA WATERWORKS	09-Dec-25
MCDADE BRITTAN	D - I	OZARK WATERWORKS	18-Dec-25
MCKAMIE ROBERT	D - I	LEWISVILLE WATERWORKS	12-Dec-25
MCQUATTERS BRANDON	T - I	FORT SMITH WATER UTILITIES	29-Dec-25
MELLON SEAN	D - I	EUREKA SPRINGS WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
MEREDITH BRADLEY	T - IV	CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER	30-Dec-25
MILLER LEVI	T - IV	MOUNTAIN HOME WATERWORKS	04-Dec-25
MILLER MONTY	D - III, T - I	N/A	11-Dec-25
MORGAN JOSEPH	D - IV	MOUNTAIN HOME WATERWORKS	13-Nov-25
NEUMEIER DAWSON	D - I	CHARLESTON WATERWORKS	12-Dec-25
NGUYEN JEREMY	D - III	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES	23-Dec-25
PAGE MARKUS	T - IV	WYNNE WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
PARKER DUSTIN	D - II	BARLING WATERWORKS	02-Dec-25
PARSONS TAYLOR	D - IV	OAK GROVE WATER ASSOCIATION VAN BUREN WATERWORKS	26-Nov-25
PEARCY AUSTIN	D - III	FORT SMITH WATER UTILITIES	05-Dec-25
POE JOSEPH	T - III	CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER	04-Nov-25
RAGSDALE WHITNEY	D - I	HIGHLAND PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY	05-Dec-25
REED HAROLD	D - III	LINCOLN WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
ROBINSON KENNETH	D - IV	CENTERTON WATERWORKS	04-Dec-25
RUSH DRAKE	D - I	CENTERTON WATERWORKS	04-Dec-25
SAMPLEY ROY	T - IV	OZARK WATERWORKS	18-Dec-25
SCHALES JACOB	T - II	CHEROKEE VILLAGE WATER	01-Dec-25
SKINNER BOBBY	D - IV	ROGERS WATER UTILITIES	17-Oct-25
SMITH CHRISTOPHER	T - I	FORT SMITH WATER UTILITIES	05-Nov-25
STAGGS THOMAS	D - IV	CLARKSVILLE CONNECTED UTILITIES	09-Dec-25
STEVENSON PERRY	D - I	FOREMAN WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
STINNETT RUSSELL	D - III	BENTON WATERWORKS	12-Dec-25
STONER RYAN	D - I, T - I	SUZANO PACKAGING INC, PINE BLUFF	05-Dec-25
TALBOT ALEX	D - II	BENTONVILLE WATER UTILITIES	19-Dec-25
TAPP DUSTIN	D - IV	FOUR MILE HILL PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD	03-Nov-25
THOMAS PHILLIP	D - IV	CONWAY CO REGIONAL WATER	05-Dec-25
THUKRAL RAHUL	D - IV	FORT SMITH WATER UTILITIES	11-Nov-25
RAUGER GRIFFIN	D - III	HOPE WATER LIGHT	12-Dec-25
WALKER WILLIAM	T - IV	BENTON-WASHINGTON REGIONAL PWA	05-Dec-25
WESSEL AARON	D - II	LIBERTY UTILITIES	08-Oct-25
WHITE HUNTER	D - I	LIBERTY UTILITIES	15-Dec-25
WILLFOND LARRY	D - I	WALNUT RIDGE WATERWORKS	12-Dec-25
WILLIAMS JOSHUA	D - IV	SOUTHSIDE PUB WATER AUTHORITY	05-Dec-25
WILLIAMS TIMOTHY	D - I	LAKE VILLAGE WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
WINSETT CECIL	T - IV	SEARCY WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
WOOLSEY JOSHUA	D - I	LINCOLN WATERWORKS	05-Dec-25
YARBROUGH TANNER	D - IV	CITY CORPORATION	12-Dec-25
YOUNG KENNETH	D - I	LIBERTY UTILITIES LIBERTY - WOODSON / HENSLEY WATER	05-Dec-25

# Arkansas Water Operator Licensing 2026 Mandatory Training Course Schedule

The most current Mandatory Training Schedule with location information is available at  
[www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng/autoupdates/oper/mandtrngall.htm](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng/autoupdates/oper/mandtrngall.htm)

Mandatory Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Time	City	Location	Presenter
Advanced Water Treatment	3/2/2026	3/15/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Intermediate Water Distribution	3/3/2026	3/5/2026	8:00 AM	Camden/Zoom	AR Env Training Academy 6287 Spellman Rd	AETA
Advanced Water Distribution	3/10/2026	3/12/2026	8:00 AM	Lonoke	ARWA Training Facility 240 Dee Dee Ln.	ARWA
Basic Water Distribution	3/10/2026	3/12/2026	8:00 AM	Fayetteville	Utilities Operations Center, 2435 S Industrial Drive	AETA
Advanced Water Distribution	3/16/2026	3/29/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Basic Water Distribution	3/17/2026	3/19/2026	8:00 AM	Star City	Civic Center, 201 Liberty St	ARWA
Advanced Water Treatment	3/17/2026	3/19/2026	8:00 AM	Lowell	Beaver Water District 301 N Primrose Rd	AETA
Basic Water Treatment	3/24/2026	3/26/2026	8:00 AM	Hot Springs	Amity Water Treatment Plant 125 Randall Rd	ARWA
Basic Water Math	3/24/2026	3/24/2026	8:00 AM	Texarkana	WW Treatment Facility 4000 South State Line	AETA
Applied Water Math	3/25/2026	3/25/2026	8:00 AM	Texarkana	WW Treatment Facility 4000 South State Line	AETA
PWS Compliance	3/26/2026	3/26/2026	8:00 AM	Texarkana	WW Treatment Facility 4000 South State Line	ADH
Basic Water Math	3/30/2026	4/12/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Advanced Water Distribution	3/31/26	4/2/2026	8:00 AM	Maumelle	TBD	AETA
Basic Water Treatment	4/7/2026	4/9/2026	8:00 AM	Little Rock	CAW Clearwater Complex 11 Clearwater Drive	AETA
Applied Water Math	4/13/2026	4/26/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Intermediate Water Treatment	4/14/2026	4/16/2026	8:00 AM	Hot Springs	Amity Water Treatment Plant 125 Randall Rd	ARWA
Intermediate Water Distribution	4/14/2026	4/16/2026	8:00 AM	Texarkana	WW Treatment Facility 4000 South State Line	AETA
Intermediate Water Treatment	4/21/2026	4/23/2026	8:00 AM	Russellville	TBD	AETA
Basic Water Math	4/21/2026	4/21/2026	8:00 AM	Harrison	Creek Side Community Center, 515 S. Pine	ARWA
PWS Compliance	4/22/2026	4/22/2026	8:00 AM	Harrison	Creek Side Community Center, 515 S. Pine	ADH
Applied Water Math	4/23/2026	4/23/2026	8:00 AM	Harrison	Creek Side Community Center, 515 S. Pine	ARWA
Basic Water Treatment	4/27/2026	5/10/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Basic Water Math	4/27/2026	4/27/2026	8:00 AM	Hot Springs	Convention Center -AWW&WEA Conference	AETA
Applied Water Math	4/28/2026	4/28/2026	8:00 AM	Hot Springs	Convention Center -AWW&WEA Conference	AETA
PWS Compliance	4/28/2026	4/28/2026	8:00 AM	Hot Springs	Convention Center -AWW&WEA Conference	ADH
Basic Water Distribution	5/5/2026	5/7/2026	8:00 AM	Harrison	Creek Side Community Center, 515 S. Pine	ARWA
Basic Water Distribution	5/11/2026	5/24/2026	8:00 AM	Internet	<a href="http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/">http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/</a>	AETA
Advanced Water Distribution	5/12/2026	5/14/2026	8:00 AM	Texarkana	WW Treatment Facility 4000 South State Line	AETA

**Please contact the course sponsor to register in advance of the course date, this also includes the ADH Public Water System Compliance Course registration, on their respective course registration website.**

AETA website: [www.sautech.edu/aeta/](http://www.sautech.edu/aeta/)

ARWA website: [www.arkansasruralwater.org](http://www.arkansasruralwater.org)

# **WATER OPERATOR PAPER-BASED EXAM SCHEDULE**

**You must register for the paper-based exam 45 days in advance with a License application filed at least 60 days before the exam.**

To register on the internet, go to [www.healthy.arkansas.gov/water-license](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/water-license), see Step 5.

All Treatment and Distribution exam grades are eligible for these sessions. The exam session information is subject to change. You should confirm the date and location prior to the scheduled examination period.

<b>EXAM DATE</b>	<b>REGISTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
4/29/2026	3/15/2026	Hot Springs	AWW&WEA Annual Conference Hot Springs Convention Center	9:00 AM
6/4/2026	4/20/2026	Centerton	Centerton Water Office-Training Room Entrance 517 N Main, Centerton, AR 72719	1:00 PM
6/5/2026	4/21/2026	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Water Operations Center 2435 S Industrial Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701	9:00 AM
6/5/2026	4/21/2026	Lonoke	ARWA Training Facility 240 Dee Dee Ln, Lonoke, AR 72086	9:00 AM
6/12/2026	4/28/2026	Camden	AR Environmental Training Academy 6287 Spellman Road, Camden, AR 71701	9:00 AM
6/12/2026	4/28/2026	Clarksville	Clarksville Connected (Operations Building) 710 East Main (Hwy 64 East), Clarksville, AR 72830	9:00 AM
6/12/2026	4/28/2026	Bono	Bono Community Building 241 E College St, Bono, AR 72416	9:00 AM
9/4/2026	7/21/2026	Camden	AR Environmental Training Academy 6287 Spellman Road, Camden, AR 71701	9:00 AM
9/4/2026	7/21/2026	Lonoke	ARWA Training Facility 240 Dee Dee Ln, Lonoke, AR 72086	9:00 AM
9/4/2026	7/21/2026	Mountain Home	Baxter County OEM Training Facility 170 Dillard Rd., Midway, AR 72416	9:00 AM
9/2/2026	7/19/2026	Hot Springs	ARWA Annual Conference Hot Springs Convention Center	9:00 AM
9/10/2026	7/27/2026	Centerton	Centerton Water Office-Training Room Entrance 517 N Main, Centerton, AR 72719	1:00 PM
9/11/2026	7/28/2026	Bono	Bono Community Building 241 E College St, Bono, AR 72416	9:00 AM
9/11/2026	7/28/2026	Clarksville	Clarksville Connected (Operations Building) 710 East Main (Hwy 64 East), Clarksville, AR 72830	9:00 AM
9/11/2026	7/28/2026	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Water Operations Center 2435 S Industrial Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701	9:00 AM

The latest and complete exam schedule information can be viewed on the Internet at:  
[www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng/autoupdates/oper/operexam.htm](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng/autoupdates/oper/operexam.htm)

## **UPCOMING WATER CONFERENCES**

### **Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association The Water Conference**

**April 26 – April 29, 2026 – Hot Springs Convention Center – Hot Springs, Arkansas**

[www.awwwea.org](http://www.awwwea.org)

The 2026 AWW&WEA conference offers up to 16 contact hours of directly applicable water license training credit for full participation in the conference. The conference consists of two (2) full days of training with an exhibit hall of water industry related companies available Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning.

A water license exam session is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 9:00 am, which will require prior registration with the ADH licensing office.

### **American Water Works Association (AWWA) Annual Conference & Expo (ACE)**

**June 21 – 24, 2026 – Washington, D.C.**

[ace.awwa.org/](http://ace.awwa.org/)

The 2026 ACE plans to offer many contact hours of directly applicable water license training credit. The conference consists of three-plus (3+) days of training with a large exhibit hall of water industry related companies available Monday through Wednesday.

The conference offers Certificates of Completion for attending educational sessions that may be used to meet water operator licensing requirements.

### **Arkansas Water & Wastewater Managers Association Water Managers Annual Conference**

**TBD (typically in July)**

[www.arkwwma.org](http://www.arkwwma.org)

The conference is expected to consist of three (3) days of manager focused training. Each day having morning only training sessions. The conference is approved for up to 10 contact hours of directly applicable water license training credit. No mandatory water training courses for exam purposes or license exams are available.

### **Arkansas Rural Water Association 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition**

**August 30 – September 2, 2026 – Hot Springs Convention Center – Hot Springs, Arkansas**

[www.arkansasruralwater.org](http://www.arkansasruralwater.org)

The conference consists of two (2) full days of training. Each day having four (4) training sessions with multiple concurrent training topics offered each session. An exhibit hall with a wide selection of water industry related companies displaying their latest and best products is available. The conference offers up to 16 contact hours of directly applicable water license training credit for full participation.

No mandatory water training courses for exam purposes are offered during this conference. License exams are scheduled Wednesday, September 3, 2026, at 9:00 am, which requires prior registration with the ADH licensing office by July 19, 2026.

# Major Monitoring, MCL, Treatment Technique, & Licensing Violations

Community & Non-Transient Noncommunity Public Water Systems, July – September 2025

## 3rd Quarter 2025

ADC EAST AR REGIONAL	Dmon 9	LAKE VIEW MUNICIPAL WATER	PN 7
ALMA WATERWORKS	TMCL 9	LAKESHORE ESTATES WATER	Bmon 8, 9
ANTOINE WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9	LAKESHORE ESTATES WATER	PN 8
ANTOINE WATERWORKS	PN 7, 8, 9	LEISURE HILLS MHP	OperLic 7, 8, 9
ANTOINE WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9	LEISURE HILLS MHP	Bmon 7
AUSTIN WATERWORKS	Bmon 7	LESLIE WATERWORKS	OperLic 9
AUTUMN ACRES MHP	Bmon 7, 8, 9	LESLIE WATERWORKS	Bmon 9
AUTUMN ACRES MHP	OperLic 8, 9	LOCUST BAYOU WATER ASSN	Bmon 9
BASIN VALLEY WATER SYSTEM	PN 7	MARION WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9
BATTS-LAPILE WATER ASSN	Dmon 9	MARVELL RURAL WATER ASSN	Bmon 8
BEARDEN WATERWORKS	Bmon 8	MARVELL WATERWORKS	Bmon 8
BLACK OAK WATERWORKS	Bmon 7, 8	MOCKINGBIRD HILL WATER	Bmon 8
BLUEBIRD WATER, LLC	Bmon 9	MONTGOMERY CO REGIONAL	DBPR 7, 8, 9
BONANZA WATERWORKS	TMCL 7, 8	MOUNT IDA WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9
BOWSWER WATER ASSN	Bmon 9	MOUNTAIN PINE WATER	Bmon 8, 9
BRADLEY CO RURAL WATER	Bmon 7	MURFREESBORO WATER	Bmon 7
BRIARCLIFF WATERWORKS	Bmon 9	NAIL-SWAIN WATER ASSN	Bmon 7, 8, 9
CASA WATER DEPT	DBPR 7, 8, 9	NE YELL COUNTY WATER ASSN	DBPR 7, 8, 9
CHICOT JUNCTION WATER	DBPR 7, 8, 9	ODEN-PENCIL BLUFF WATER	DBPR 7, 8, 9
CLARENDON WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9	OLA WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9
CLARENDON WATERWORKS	PN 7, 9	PARKDALE WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9
CLARENDON WATERWORKS	Bmon 9	PARKDALE WATERWORKS	PN 9
CLEVELAND CO RURAL WATER	OperLic 9	PENDLETON-PEA RIDGE WATER	Bmon 8
CONWAY CO REGIONAL WATER	DBPR 7, 8, 9	PICKENS WATERWORKS	Bmon 7, 8, 9
COTTON PLANT WATERWORKS	Bmon 7, 9	PICKENS WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9
COTTON PLANT WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9	PICKENS WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9
DANVILLE WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9	PORTLAND WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7
DECATUR WATERWORKS	PN 7	POTTSVILLE WATERWORKS	Dmon 8
DEER WATER ASSN	Bmon 9	RATCLIFF WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9
DELIGHT WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9	REYNO WATERWORKS	Bmon 7
DELIGHT WATERWORKS	PN 7, 9	SUBIACO ACADEMY WATER	DBPR 7, 8, 9
DERMOTT WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9	SUBICO CITY WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9
DERMOTT WATERWORKS	PN 7, 8, 9	SYLAMORE VALLEY WATER	Bmon 7
EAST NEWTON CO WATER ASSN	OperLic 7, 8, 9	WALNUT RIDGE WATERWORKS	Bmon 7
EL DORADO WATERWORKS	DBPR 7, 8, 9	WARD WATERWORKS	OperLic 7
FOUKE WATERWORKS	Bmon 7, 8	WEST HELENA WATERWORKS	GWRmon 7
FOUKE WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9	WILMAR WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9
FOUKE WATERWORKS	OperLic 7, 8, 9	WILMOT WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7
GARLAND WATERWORKS	GWRTT 7, 8, 9	WILSON GUN SHOP #2	Bmon 8, 9
HAPPY FEET LEARNING CENTER	Bmon 7	WINTHROP WATER ASSN	Bmon 9
HARMONY GROVE WATER ASSN	DBPR 7, 8, 9		
HARMONY WATER ASSN	DBPR 7, 8, 9		
HOSANNA HEIGHTS WATER	Bmon 7, 8, 9		
HOSANNA HEIGHTS WATER	GWRmon 7, 8, 9		
HOSANNA HEIGHTS WATER	OperLic 7, 8, 9		
HOSANNA HEIGHTS WATER	PN 7, 8, 9		
HWY 64 WATER ASSN	Bmon 8, 9		
HWY 64 WATER ASSN	PN 8		
JACKSONPORT WATERWORKS	Bmon 7		
KELSO-ROHWER WATER ASSN	GWRTT 7, 8, 9		
KELSO-ROHWER WATER ASSN	Bmon 8		
LAKE VIEW MUNICIPAL WATER	Bmon 8		

**Violations KEY:** Bmon = Bacti Monitoring; BMCL = Bacti MCL; CCR = Consumer Confidence Rule; Dmon = Disinfection By Product Rule Monitoring; DBPR=Disinfection By Product Rule MCL or Treatment Technique; GWRmon=GWR Monitoring or Reporting; GWRTT=GWR Treatment Technique; PN = Public Notice Rule; Tmon = SWTR Major Monitoring; TMCL = SWTR Treatment Technique; SWTR= Various SWTR treatment requirements; RMCL = Radiochemical MCL; FMCL = Fluoride MCL; IMCL=Inorganic Chemical MCL; SMCL = Synthetic Chemical MCL; OperLic = Operator Licensing; 7 = July 2025, 8 = August 2025, 9 = September 2025.

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### AWW&WEA District Meetings

DATE	TIME	CITY	LOCATION	SPONSOR
<b>March 2026</b>				
5	5:30 PM	TBA	TBA (Rebecca.Burkman@lrwa.com)	Central District, AWW&WEA
5	6:30 PM	Fort Smith	Western Sizzlin (5200 Townson Ave)	Western District, AWW&WEA
11	8:30 AM	Rogers	Center for Non-Profits (1200 W. Walnut)	Northwest District, AWW&WEA
12	11:00 AM	Russellville	City Hall (203 S. Commerce Ave.)	AR Valley District, AWW&WEA
12	4:30 PM	Pleasant Plains	Tadpole's Catfish Barn (6201 Batesville Blvd.)	North Central District, AWW&WEA
12	5:00 PM	Caldwell	Catfish Island (5319 AR-1 N)	Eastern District, AWW&WEA
12	6:00 PM	TBA	TBA	Southeast District, AWW&WEA
19	11:30 AM	Jonesboro	Ron's Catfish (3213 Dan Ave.)	Northeast District, AWW&WEA
26	6:00 PM	Camden	The River Woods (650 Terminal Rd. SE)	Southwest District, AWW&WEA
<b>April 2026</b>				
			No Meeting Scheduled	Eastern District, AWW&WEA
2	5:30 PM	TBA	TBA (Rebecca.Burkman@lrwa.com)	Central District, AWW&WEA
2	6:30 PM	Fort Smith	Western Sizzlin (5200 Townson Ave)	Western District, AWW&WEA
8	8:30 AM	Lincoln	American Legion Building (104 E. Park St.)	Northwest District, AWW&WEA
9	11:00 AM	Russellville	City Hall (203 S. Commerce Ave.)	AR Valley District, AWW&WEA
9	4:30 PM	Pleasant Plains	Tadpole's Catfish Barn (6201 Batesville Blvd.)	North Central District, AWW&WEA
9	6:00 PM	TBA	TBA	Southeast District, AWW&WEA
16	11:30 AM	Jonesboro	Ron's Catfish (3213 Dan Ave.)	Northeast District, AWW&WEA
23	6:00 PM	Smackover	201 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Southwest District, AWW&WEA
<b>May 2026</b>				
			No Meeting Scheduled	Northwest District, AWW&WEA
7	5:30 PM	TBA	TBA (Rebecca.Burkman@lrwa.com)	Central District, AWW&WEA
7	6:30 PM	Fort Smith	Western Sizzlin (5200 Townson Ave)	Western District, AWW&WEA
14	11:00 AM	Russellville	City Hall (203 S. Commerce Ave.)	AR Valley District, AWW&WEA
14	5:00 PM	Crawfordsville	Wyatt's Cafe (Main St. & Old Hwy 64)	Eastern District, AWW&WEA
14	4:30 PM	Pleasant Plains	Tadpole's Catfish Barn (6201 Batesville Blvd.)	North Central District, AWW&WEA
14	6:00 PM	TBA	TBA	Southeast District, AWW&WEA
21	11:30 AM	Jonesboro	Ron's Catfish (3213 Dan Ave.)	Northeast District, AWW&WEA
28	6:00 PM	Arkadelphia	Parks & Rec Center (2555 Twin Rivers Dr.)	Southwest District, AWW&WEA