

DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS AND WATER LOSS WORKSHOP FOR WATER UTILITIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Free Hybrid Indiana Drought Preparedness and Water Loss Workshop

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 · 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM Eastern

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sponsoring one-day in-person workshop focused on drought preparedness and water loss for water utilities in Indiana at MADE@Plainfield located at 1610 Reeves Road in Plainfield, Indiana 46188. Participants can also participate virtually via Zoom.

Workshop Registration: Please register to participate in-person or remotely using the following links:

- In-Person: <https://indianadroughtworkshop.eventbrite.com>
- Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfuytpjlsH9T0s2PcCjpwWrTx02Dyi4bx>

Workshop Overview

The workshop is an opportunity for Indiana water utilities and subject matter experts to share strategies, lessons learned and success stories regarding preparedness for drought and water shortages.

Participants will have the opportunity to identify practical actions that water utilities can take to proactively build and sustain mitigation measures, as well as preparedness, response, and recovery planning efforts. The following are the topics that will be covered as part of the workshop:

- Indiana drought situation overview, including current planning efforts and early warning systems
- An overview of the 2015 Indiana Water Shortage Plan.
- An overview of how to create a Drought Response Plan and an introduction to EPA's [Drought Response and Recovery: A Basic Guide for Water Utilities](#)
- State and federal funding opportunities overview
- Case studies and best practices related to droughts, as well as related to water conservation and water efficiency
- An introduction to water loss and leak detection
- American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Audit software overview and interpretation discussion

Who Should Participate?

- Drinking water utility operators and managers
- Technical assistance providers
- Water sector associations
- Local, state, and federal government agencies

Earn Drinking Water Operator Contact Hours! An application will be submitted for Indiana drinking water operators to earn contact hours for their participation in the workshop.

Registration or Workshop Questions: Contact Will Keefer (Horsley Witten Group – EPA Contractor) at 508-833-6600 or wkeefner@horsleywitten.com.

Free AWWA Water Audit Software: Free AWWA Water Audit software that will be discussed during the workshop is available for download at <https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resource-Topics/Water-Loss-Control>. Participants are encouraged to participate in an optional session from 4:30 - 5:00 PM Eastern to receive subject matter expert assistance in interpreting water audit results.



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