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As I hang out with other members of the MWUA - spending time in legislative sessions, in meetings with regulators, in communication with local municipal governing bodies, and in dealings with ratepayers and the general public - it quickly becomes apparent that in many of those group interactions water utilities do not hold an especially high place in the hierarchy of importance. The phrase that comes to mind is: "Out of sight, out of mind".

While from my perspective I certainly don't feel that water utilities are out of sight or mind, I can understand where the lack of understanding originates. Even with Brian Tarbuck in our midst, this is not a sexy, trend-setting industry. Very few people understand what water utilities actually do and face daily. Because of the lack of informed citizenry, when issues arise in which (we feel) water utilities, as public water suppliers, should be given a primary focus, that focus is not there. Many times, MWUA members have to take frantic measures to just maintain status quo, never mind to enhance a water utility position. In addition, many times we are up against well funded special interest groups.

MWUA is attempting to become more visible and accessible. MWUA is developing its strategy for the next few years and examining its mission. In the process, we hope to create an IDENTITY. If we can reach a point where people, without extensive prodding, seriously consider public water suppliers when discussing Maine's water resource issues, that identity will be formed.

At the recent Maine Water Conference, I saw a glimpse of how this could unfold. This water group has actually evolved into an interactive body of environmentalists, regulators, and water utility people that includes public water supply issues in almost every water resource topic. That evolution is, I believe, the result of the efforts of several dedicated water utility personnel to become integral parts of that community. The interaction is exactly the kind that must extend to other groups with which we have dealings.

On another front, MWUA is seeking to develop its IDENTITY by adding the firm of Preti Flaherty to its lobbying forces. It is the intent of the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee and the Board to gain a better conduit to state policy makers through this relationship.

As individuals and individual utilities, you also should take steps to enhance your standing as a public water supplier. Start with the following steps and see if you notice a change. I think it will make you feel better about what you do as well.

- Educate - spread information on your operations whenever you get a chance. Let people know what an umbrella of regulation you operate under and what that means to them. You'd be surprised how many people get interested. (Enthusiasm counts.)

- Keep informed - for starters, send Shirley Churchill an e-mail asking if you could be placed on her weekly legislative e-mail mailing newsletter. You will be amazed what legislation is proposed and how it might impact you. Find out what MWUA is doing to minimize impacts on water utilities and let MWUA know if you ever have a concern about any proposed legislation. (schurchill@augustawater.org).

- Build relationships - talk to your municipalities, don't hide from them (they will find you!). Educate them on your operations, your mandates, and your link to public health.

- Communicate - to begin, let MWUA know how you feel about issues facing you. A survey form will be coming your way. Take a couple minutes to complete it and return it. The strategy and actions of the MWUA depend on your input.

MWUA actually has committees doing all of the above. They offer an excellent chance to network with others. Try one if you haven't already.

Unlike many who, as they are getting along in years, are flattered to be asked for an I.D., that is not the case here. Having a known IDENTITY is much preferred.

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Committee Corner

Water Resources Committee (WRC). The WRC has been conducting a review of the EPA Total Coliform Rule White Papers, has been following and working on the sustainable water use initiative, and in consultation with the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, has been working on a pro-active approach to provide public water supplies with an appropriate place in the hierarchy of uses for ground and surface waters. The Drinking Water Program will be working with the WRC, the State Planning Office, and DEP to flesh out a position. The WRC is working with the Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program and The George Mitchell Center to encourage water suppliers using lakes to develop and use in-lake water quality monitoring as part of their source protection/water quality management program. The WRC coordinated a Source Water Assessment and Protection session at the February Trade Show, and is working with the Education and Operations Committee to develop another round of operator forums focusing on the Disinfection By-products Rule and its ramifications. Summarized by Andy Tolman.

Education & Operations. The Microsoft Excel training sessions held on March 19th were very well attended. We will be holding a Basic Computer Applications course that will cover elements of Windows and Microsoft Office in August. The Office Personnel session will be on June 24 in Caribou and June 26 in Woolwich. The topics this year are Emergency Management and Workplace Violence—staff trainers from MEMA and DHS will be offering solutions for preparing for and coping with a variety of crisis situations. The next Operators' Forum is tentatively scheduled for June. MWUA and NEWWA are planning to bring more of NEWWA's courses to Maine. Over the next several months, we will be working out the details for holding courses at the Jeff Nixon Development Center at the Portland Water District. If you would like to submit ideas for a technical insert, or if you have one already written, please contact Dan Bisson (829-6200) or Joan McArdle, Chair (846-5821).

Legislative and Regulatory Affairs. The legislative public hearings and work sessions are tapering off; here are some of the key items heard to date.

LD 133, An Act to Manage Water Resources, legislation that would have required a permit from the DEP for any water withdrawal in excess of 50,000 gallons per day, was amended with language that would place additional restrictions on water that is transported outside municipal boundaries. The Drinking Water Program was very much involved in the negotiated resolution.

Mary Jane Dillingham, John Williams of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, McNelly, and Jon Van Bourg (representing the Congress of Lake Associations), testified on *LD 707, An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Develop and Implement an Eradication Plan for Invasive Aquatic Plants.* Their testimony advocated notification of and approval from public water systems for the application of chemical control agents on any bodies of water used as public water supplies.

LD 804, An Act to Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act, as proposed, would grant to water districts authority to protect the volume and quality of water within its territory, would allow a district to increase its debt limit through a referendum procedure, would allow liens to secure payment for unpaid bills and would address voting lists and trustee compensation issues. The section concerning source water protection was removed; the remainder of the items are moving forward.

L.D. #967, An Act to Amend the Charter of the Madawaska Water District would create a readiness to serve charge for the district. The bill was amended to require a local referendum in order to enact a readiness to serve charge.

L.D. #1004, An Act to Clarify the Status of Regulated Water Utility Plumbing Permits, as amended, affirms that water utilities are allowed to install metering and backflow devices without a plumbing permit.

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L.D. #820, An Act to Prohibit a Governmental Entity from Endorsing a Political Candidate or a Referendum Issue, would prohibit municipalities, including water and sewer districts, from endorsing campaigns for the passage or defeat of a referendum or political candidates. McNelly and LaCasse testified against the bill, stating that it would eliminate a water district's ability to participate in the process of government and cited the association's past practice of lobbying for the bond issue that includes the 20% match for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grant. The bill was voted out of committee as ought-not-to-pass.

LD #479, An Act to Revise the Funding Formula for the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate, would change the method of determining the fee assessment of utilities for funding of the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate's office. It was noted that 28 districts would have increased assessments if the bill were to pass and the remainder would see a decrease. This bill is dead.

LD 1359, An Act to Establish the Locally Governed Water District Act, would permit consumer-owned water utilities to exercise local control by participating in a pilot project that allows them to opt out of regulation by the Public Utilities Commission with respect to their rates, terms of service and business affairs.

The April Meeting

It was a beautiful day (April 10th) as we gathered at the Bucksport Golf Club for the conference.

Jeff Robinson of Consumers Maine Water's Bucksport Division, and who is also a member of the Town Council, welcomed us to town. He was followed by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Chair, Rick Knowlton, who filled us in relative to all that is happening in the legislative arena.

Nate Saunders of the Maine Drinking Water Program provided a regulatory update.

Jerry Scott of Woodard & Curran presented a very interesting discussion on directional drilling.

PUC staffer, Angela Monroe, focused on Dig Safe issues. It was a valuable dialogue and the exchange of information and ideas should prove to be very helpful to water system operations during this construction season.

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Association Hires Preti-Flaherty

For several months the association has been considering whether to retain the services of a lobbying firm to represent MWUA before the Maine Legislature and state regulatory agencies. There has been much discussion concerning the types of activities the association needs to be monitoring, the issues that need to be advocated for, and the desired outcome. At least two areas have been identified that are of high priority.

The first, sustainable water use, is an issue that the association has been very involved in recently. The other issue, "municipalization" or the move by municipalities to take over the operation of water districts, has been around for a number of years. However, there seems to be a renewed effort for municipalities to incorporate water (and potentially waste water) districts into their municipal operations. Legislation last session was successful in transferring the assets of the Brewer Water District to the City of Brewer.

Currently, MWUA's position on municipalization is as it was during the Brewer deliberations last session. The association does not advocate one form of ownership over another; however the association does feel that before any entity is allowed to take over the operation of an existing water utility, it should be held to a very high standard as to how they will operate the system. In essence, any change in operations or management of a water utility should only occur if it is in the best interests of the customers.

The association expects to be addressing these issues over the next three to five years. The Directors have followed up on the recommendation of the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee to hire Preti-Flaherty to represent the association. They will assist the association in developing and implementing strategy for addressing these priority issues.

Positions Advertised

Auburn Water District and Auburn Sewerage District

District Engineer Position

The Auburn Water District and Auburn Sewerage District are accepting applications for the position of District Engineer. The Districts are seeking an individual experienced with surface water supplies and the operation and maintenance of water distribution system and drinking water treatment as well as sewerage collection systems. The successful applicant shall be responsible for various engineering designs and studies, and assist in the administration of plant operations, reporting directly to the General Manager. The Districts' operate on a \$2.2 million water budget and \$3.1 million sewer budget.

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Engineering Technician

The Auburn Water District and Auburn Sewerage District are seeking applicants for an Engineering Technician position. This position involves a wide variety of engineering tasks with the focus on computerized design and maintenance of utility infrastructure.

Requirements include a combination of an Associates Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering and one year experience. Must have CAD experience and familiarity with GIS and office computer applications. A Class 2 Maine Water Operator's License must be obtained within 12 months of employment. Starting salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience and abilities. The Districts offer an excellent benefits package.

For either position, submit a resume including three professional references and salary expectations to:

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Receiving Treatment Chemicals

Submitted by: Norman Lavigne, Biddeford & Saco Water Company

Receiving chemical products can represent a significant threat to a water treatment facility, the environment, and/or its occupants. Ever consider the security threat to your facility or the water supply? How prepared is your facility to respond to a chemical spill while receiving a chemical delivery? The following is an outline of comments, suggestions, and protocols offered by several chemical distributors, transportation companies, and member water utilities for receiving treatment chemicals.

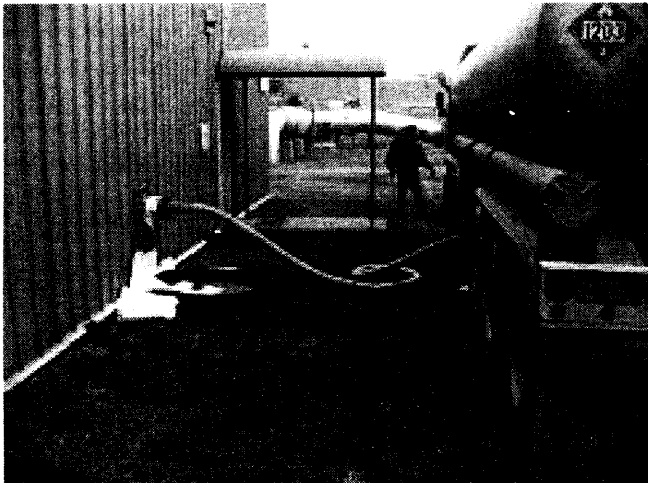


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Ordering Chemical Products:

1. Request a specific delivery day and hours you can receive the product so that adequate staff will be on hand to receive the order.
2. Call the Chemical Distributor's dispatch for the name of the driver expected to deliver the product to your facility. Have a file at your facility of driver photo ID's or request that they email you a photo ID of the driver delivering your product on that day. Have your facility staff confirm the driver identity upon arrival at your facility.
3. Notify local public safety officials of the expected delivery day. They may be part of your Emergency Response Team and may be more likely to have the appropriate individuals available should problems arise.

Security:

1. Verify driver ID and inspect paperwork prior to allowing access inside your facility.
2. All water treatment facilities should remain secured (locked) at all times. If for example, a garage door must remain open, rendering your facility unsecured during the transfer of chemical product, could additional security measures (locks, fencing, walls, etc.) be installed to re-establish or improve security and limit unauthorized access to the facility during such times.

Onsite Communication:

1. Alert all occupants of your facility whenever a chemical delivery or significant chemical transfer is about to commence. Do you have a PA system or other means of contacting all occupants at your facility in the event of an emergency? Would they know how to respond and/or evacuate should an emergency arise?
2. Establish a "receiving zone" during chemical deliveries and limit access to authorized individuals who are specifically involved in the chemical transfer. This could minimize accidental exposure to a chemical product should a spill arise during the transfer.
3. Consider 2 way radio communication (walkie talkies, etc.) for all individuals directly involved in the transfer of chemical product into your facility? This may be especially important if all such individuals may not remain in constant visual and/or audible contact throughout the unloading process.
4. Instruct the delivery driver to remain adjacent to the delivery vehicle (especially with bulk solution deliveries) throughout the chemical transfer so it can be quickly terminated should a problem arise.
5. Consider notifying local public safety officials immediately before and immediately after the transfer of any significant volume of chemical product (especially if they are identified as response officials in your facility Emergency Response Plan)

Product Verifications:

1. Review the packing slip to confirm the "send to" and "bill to" information is correct.

2. Is the product listed on the packing slip what you ordered?
3. Check the UN place card number (on bulk tanker deliveries) to confirm the product is what you ordered.
4. Is a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) included with the paperwork? Is the MSDS's up to date?
5. Before transferring any material into your facility, confirm that adequate storage space is available!
6. Product testing? Collect a grab sample for laboratory analysis such as pH, specific gravity, titration, etc to confirm product identity.

Chemical Identification:

1. Are your chemical storage areas clearly identified within your facility? Consider posting a MSDS on entry doorways into the immediate storage area.
2. A NFPA label is a good general information sign appropriate for posting in the chemical storage area. It helps provide quick, visual, and generalized safety information about chemical products.
3. For bulk tanker deliveries, enclose all hose connection terminals inside a color-coded lock box to prevent unauthorized transfer of product into your facility. Each treatment chemical should have its own lock-box and key.
4. Color code treatment chemical systems. Each specific treatment chemical should have its own designated color. This color code should continue throughout the facility, from the storage location to the point the chemical product is introduced into your treatment stream.
5. Solution lines, as they travel throughout your facility, should indicate the normal direction of flow, and also clearly identify the product contained within at regular intervals.
6. Identify all isolation valves associated with chemical feed systems. Number the valves and reference such valve in the chemical feed system standard operating procedures (SOP's).
7. Where a chemical feed line penetrates a wall and enters another room, clearly indicate on both sides of the wall, where the line came from and goes to.
8. Identify electrical circuit(s) to each chemical feed system, and clearly indicate where such circuit

breakers are located in your facility to quickly isolate electrical energy to the chemical feed system.

If you have an chemical accident or incident:

1. Gather everyone involved with the incident and determine what went wrong.
2. Are additional engineering controls appropriate?
3. Should new standard operating procedures (SOP's) be adopted?
4. Is more training necessary?
5. Turn the incident into a positive for your facility by implementing measures to reduce the likelihood of a repeat event!
6. Share your experiences and what you learn with other facilities.

If you haven't done so yet, consider formalizing your chemical receiving procedures. Develop a unique checklist for each chemical product you typically receive. On the checklist, include your utility accounting information such as purchase order number, who placed the order, quantity ordered, etc. Identify both general and specific personal protective equipment requirements for the chemical product. Include emergency phone numbers for quick reference. Note any problems or concerns encountered during a delivery for discussion at your next safety meeting.

Call for Articles!!

If you have an article you would like to appear in this Operations Insert, please submit for consideration to Dan Bisson of the Education and Operations Committee. The focus of this insert is to deliver beneficial information on operations of municipal water systems and share your knowledge with the Association. The article should be between 750 and 1200 words and photos are encouraged. Daniel Bisson, CDM, can be reached at (207) 829-6200 or e-mail at bissondp@cdm.com.



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June Office Session

Emergency Management & Workplace Violence: *Successfully Coping with Crisis Situations*

The annual June Office Session is scheduled for the last week in June. On Tuesday, June 24 the session will be in Caribou at the Caribou Motor Inn and on Thursday, June 26 in Woolwich at the Taste of Maine Restaurant. Each session will run from 8:30am to 1:30pm and include a luncheon.

Lynette Miller of the Maine Emergency Management Agency will speak on creating an emergency management plan, communicating with the public and the media and developing partnerships to successfully help your utility cope in crisis situations. Lynette is the principal agency spokesperson for MEMA and has a 12 year career working with federal, state, and numerous organizations in all phases of emergency planning. Kate Carnes, from the Department of Human Services Education and Training Unit, will focus on identifying difficult or dangerous people and some of the coping skills and techniques for dealing with a crisis in the workplace. Kate has worked for DHS since 1979 and currently serves as the Director of the Staff Education and Training Unit.

A certificate for 3.0 training contact hours will be provided to all participants. The registration fee is \$30.00 per person. Registrations are due by June 17. All interested office personnel are encouraged to attend. For further information or registration materials, please contact the MWUA office.



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Maine Water Utilities Announces Technology Workgroup

Many utilities in Maine have purchased expensive software and advanced hardware to help solve day to day problems. These systems include billing systems, meter reading equipment, underground sensors, global positioning systems and even Microsoft Office software.

Sometimes utilities find themselves wrestling with what to do with this technology once they have it. Does it do everything it promised? Does it actually save time? Is the utility using it to its fullest extent?

A group that has wrestled with these technology fields has met four times in the last six months to discuss their experiences. As people discussed individual experiences, it became clear that technology can often cause problems of its own. For example, employees who do not see the benefit of technology can resent it and slow down its acceptance. Implementing a new technology without consulting with the people who need to use it can result in expensive experiments that don't produce desired results. Finally, utilities often purchase technologies that they can't keep up with.

What does this mean to you? The technology workgroup is available to help you with your technology questions. Whether it's help with software, trying to figure out what GPS receiver to buy, or questions about electronic mapping, this group can offer advice. Look for future articles and items of interest that you might be able to use to help you in your daily routine.

Technology Work Group Members

Mike Morey	Augusta Water District
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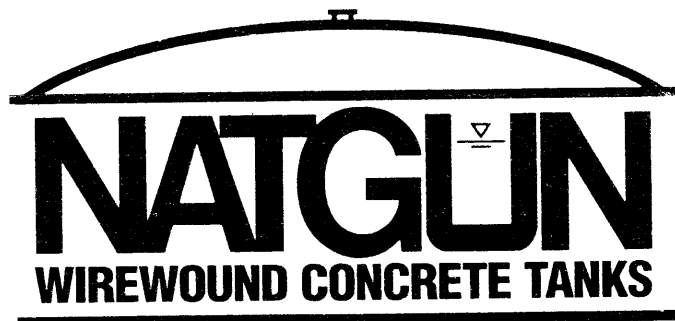
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June Meeting

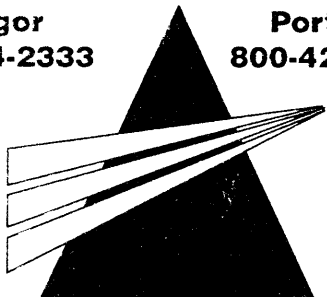
June 11-12 in Dover-Foxcroft Features Timely Topics

The June meeting will provide an excellent forum to discuss issues that hit close to home.

William Devoe, from the law firm of Eaton-Peabody, will discuss the Maine Tort Claims Act and what it means for water system operations. He will be followed by a roundtable presentation focusing on municipalization. Panel participants are well qualified to present their views of the issues as they have either been there, are there or don't want to go there. The discussion will review some of the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of system structure and will then focus on the specific details of what is behind this concept. There will be specific advice for those who may be facing the municipalization issue and time will be spent discussing what strategy the association should adopt to address municipalization.

On Wednesday, many of the members will either golf or fish and on Wednesday evening there will be a cookout at the camp the association is staying at. Lodging at that camp is available for Tuesday and Wednesday evening on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the office to reserve a space at the camp. Other accommodations that are available in the area are listed on the meeting notice.

Greg Reed, of Bangor Water District, has offered to coordinate golf at one of the local courses. Please contact him at 947-4516, ext. 371.

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ACCOMMODATIONS: Overnight accommodations are available: Covered Bridge Motel & Restaurant @ 564-2204, Peakes Kenney Motor Lodge @ 564-0700, Bears Den Restaurant & Cabins @ 564-8733, Dexter Motor Lodge @ 924-3500, Trebor Inn-Guilford @ 876-4070, and the Brewster Inn-Dexter @ 924-3130. There are also camps and camping available upon request.

PROGRAM

8:30AM – 9:00AM Registration with coffee, juice and assorted pastries
 9:00AM – 9:10AM Welcome to Dover-Foxcroft
Owen Pratt, Town Manager
 9:10AM – 9:20AM History of Dover Foxcroft Water District
Walter Field, Superintendent
 9:20AM – 10:00AM Business Meeting
 Regulatory Update
 Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Update

Casual attire is requested

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

10:00AM – 10:45AM “Water Utilities – Do You Know Where You Stand?”
 Maine Tort Claims Act
William Devoe, Esq.; Eaton Peabody
 10:45AM – 11:00AM Break
 11:00AM – 11:45AM Roundtable Discussion on Municipalization
Moderator: Jeffrey McNelly; participants: Scott Clukey, Brewer Water Department, Scott Minor, Augusta Water District, Mike Nadeau, South Berwick Water District, and Chris Crovo, Portland Water District (formerly Lewiston Water Department)
 11:45AM – 12:00NOON Wrap-Up Questions and Answers
 12:00NOON Buffet Luncheon

A tour of the water treatment plant will be available to attendees who desire so. Golf Courses in the area are Dexter Municipal Golf Course (924-6477); Foxcroft Golf Club (564-8887); Katahdin Country Club (943-2686); and Piscataquis Golf Club (876-3203). Contact Greg Reed for more details on golf at 947-5416, x371.

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 Registration for MWUA June 11-12, 2003 Membership Meeting

Pre-registration requested by June 6, 2003.

Name: _____

I require lodging for ____ # nights. (Contact J. McNelly to confirm accommodations.) ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday
 I plan to be at the cookout Wednesday evening (June 11). I would like ____ lobster ____ steak (incl. qty., i.e., 1,2,3 each).

You will be billed after the session based on cost per person.

I plan to attend the business meeting and technical session on Thursday (June 12) ____

Please check if you plan to attend as we need a count for the caterer.

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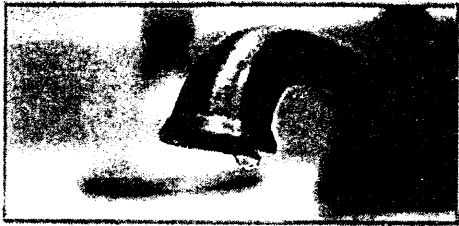
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