

EPA PROGRAMS TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2014

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ew York Rural Water Association is pleased to announce to our members that we are the recipient of two EPA Grants anticipated to start June 1, 2014. A brief outline of these programs is below.

Program Title: Training and Technical Assistance for Small Public Water Systems to Achieve and Maintain Compliance with the SDWA

SCOPE OF WORK: Training and technical assistance activities will be directed to small public water systems serving less than 10,000 population including tribal, transient non-community, and non-transient non-community personnel in order for them to achieve and maintain compliance with the SDWA. We will continue to do outreach to the above mentioned entities to inform them of this program and the training and assistance that will be available.

Program Title: Training and Technical Assistance for Small Public-Owned Wastewater Systems (systems that have permitted flows less than 1 MGD) and On-Site Decentralized Wastewater Systems to Improve Water Quality

SCOPE OF WORK: Workshops and follow-up technical assistance will be focused on promoting effective and sustainable utility management and the link to compliance with the Clean Water Act. Workshops will utilize the USDA/EPA Rural and Small Systems Guidebook to Sustainable Utility Management and the Workshop in a Box training resource. NY Rural Water Association will be conducting 3 Effective Utility Management Workshops with multiple systems in attendance. We will encourage the participating communities to include the Operation Specialist, the Clerk and elected official in this event. This will be supported with 44 hours of onsite training/technical assistance follow up. More details on this program will be available in the near future and we will once again use multiple means to inform those eligible to participate in this program.

NYRWA will collaborate with primacy and EPA Region 2 to help identify the needs for our small systems in New York State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Claverack office (518) 828-3155 ext 12 or email me at scalera@nyruralwater.org