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June 18, 2024, meeting with DOH

Attendees: Bill Bernier, Office of Drinking Water: Joe Barbee, Office of Drinking Water: Arnica Briody, Office of Drinking Water: Tiffany Miller, Washington Certification Services-BAT program: Kathy Caldwell, City of Snohomish: Wednesday Smith, City of Kirkland: Alex Gobble, Belfair Water District: Jeff Kobylk, City of Edmonds: Bob Hubbert, SPU: Maya Giddings, NE Sammamish Sewer & Water District: Don Leland, STOP INC: Lexie Krupske, RPZ Flow: Tyler Buss, City of Bellingham: John Anderson, Sammamish Plateau Water District: Courtney Shilling, Skagit PUD: Forest Bailey, City of Tumwater: Brianna Kennedy, City of Bothell: Kristi Lucht, City of Vancouver: Gabriel Olivas, Phoenix Landscape Maintenance: Gary Brown, Cedar River Water & Sewer: Iliya Andreev, City of Redmond: Indee Girven, Kitsap PUD: Jim Monaghan, Washington Water Service: Josh Nicholas, City of Monroe: Chris Sutton, Backflows Northwest Keely Hogan, Soos Creek Water & Sewer: Mike Lee, City of Bellingham: Carla Snyder, Coal Creek Utility District: Sheila Zahnow, AAA Backflow Testing: Mike Craig, Mt. View-Edgewood Water Co.: Paul Molisani, EcosConnect LLC: Amy Tongsgard, Snohomish County PUD No 1:

After a bit of trouble with our link being expired, Wednesday pulled us out of the fire and everyone was able to join the meeting. Oh brother, it's always something!

We started the meeting with Bill who introduced his team: Joe, Arnica, and Tiffany. He let us know that there is one more position coming - soon to be filled so keep a look out. The position has not been posted yet but is in the works.

If you old-timers remember, there was a large book published in 1999 describing numerous backflow incidents around the country. There have been folks asking why that isn't being done any more. Well, now there is a plan!!! The Office of Drinking Water will be updating their website soon with the latest version. Keep in mind, all the private identifiers will be removed, but the situational facts will be in place. Someone suggested during the meeting that after each incident there should be a follow-up on what should have been done to prevent and/or how to correct before/during the event. Bill liked the idea and asked anyone that has thoughts or ideas to please contact him.

Please find attached Bill's 2023 Annual Summary Report-summary power point. 😊 It was a great turn out and we appreciate everyone's interest and valued input.

Coming up we have the annual field trip scheduled at the Everett Water Filtration Plant on July 17th. Please note, there are only **13** spots available. If you would like to attend, please send Kathy Caldwell an email at caldwell@snohmishwa.gov requesting a spot. Names will be randomly picked, and the team will reach out to those selected.

Finally, the executive team has been working hard to finalize the details for the 29th Annual Cross-Connection Control Seminar in October and we hope to have a great line up for you. This year we are back in the south at the La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham in Tacoma, Washington. More conference details to come, so for now **SAVE THE DATE**.

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29th Annual Cross Connection Control Seminar

When

October 16, 2024, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Tacoma
1425 E 27th St
Tacoma, WA 98421

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Backflow Assembly Testers (BAT), Cross Connection Control Specialists (CCS), Water Quality Program Administrators, personnel who are responsible for cross connection control, and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of water quality and cross connection control

DESCRIPTION

Presentations will be made by professionals from the Department of Health, administrators of Cross Connection Control Programs, members of Washington Certification Services, and individuals from the manufacturing and service industry.

Participating vendors will include:

- Manufacturer's Reps
- Computer Software
- Parts & Services
- Organizations such as The State Department of Health, Washington Certification Services & Washington Environmental Training Resource Center

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

0.6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are pending from Washington Certification Services. Certified water operators are required to provide their certification number(s) for proper credit.

Note – to receive 0.6 CEU's, attendees must:

- Attend the entire seminar.
- Need to have their CEU cards stamped at the end of each session.