

CHAT Transcript

From the December 15, 2021 MassDEP conference call with Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators

00:16:15 Ed Kiely, DHCD: edward.kiely@mass.gov

00:18:36 Kathleen Baskin: Information on the Infrastructure Law  
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/fact-sheet-epa-bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-water-infrastructure-funding-states-through-bipartisan-infrastructure>

00:19:22 Kathleen Baskin: Online Training

EPA's Office of Compliance is offering a free webinar on December 16, 2021 as part of EPA's ongoing Technical Assistance Webinar Series: Improving CWA-NPDES Permit Compliance at Small Wastewater Treatment Systems.

See the attached detailed announcement for EPA's next scheduled webinar on December 16, 2021, What To Expect When You Are Expecting an Inspection, featuring Cornell Gayle from US EPA's Region 4 Atlanta, GA office. Read the webinar description attached and/or [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

00:19:26 Denny Dart EPA: Information on the Infrastructure Law

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00:19:39 Kathleen Baskin: EPA has a new website to announce future webinars and archive past webinars at:

<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/technical-assistance-webinar-series-improving-cwa-npdes-permit-compliance>.

It takes some time to get the webinars posted, so check back frequently to find the most recent recordings.

Regarding certificates: Registered attendees receive an automated follow-up email from GoToWebinar 24 hours after the conclusion of the live webinar which includes a link to download a certificate of attendance. Check your inbox or spam folder for this email. Discuss eligibility of continuing education credits with your specific certification authority – sometimes the certification authority requires advanced notice of the webinar to allow credit. EPA does not guarantee credits. Also, certificates are not available for viewing past recorded webinars.

00:19:57 Kathleen Baskin: Online Resources

Compliance Tips for Small Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Plants:

<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-tips-small-mechanical-wastewater-treatment-plants>

See the “Resources for Regulators” section of the ECHO.epa.gov home page under “Help.” The CWA NCI is the first link underneath. <https://echo.epa.gov/>

Then, when you click on the CWA NCI, you get this page: <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/guidance-policy/epa-state-ncis-permit-authorities>

00:25:55 Wendy Leo: In case you did not get the notice from WaterISAC - they sent out " Advisory: Water and Wastewater Utilities Urged to Mitigate Log4j Vulnerability Immediately" Log4j is an open-source, Java-based logging utility widely used by enterprise applications, cloud services, Internet-of-Things, and SCADA systems.

Water and wastewater utility system administrators are encouraged to review the Apache Log4j 2.15.0 Announcement <https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/security.html> and upgrade to log4j 2.15.0 or apply the recommended mitigations immediately. See also

<https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/current-activity/2021/12/10/apache-releases-log4j-version-2150-address-critical-rce>

00:28:23 Mickey Nowak: If anyone has any questions or comments on online training for Massachusetts Operators they can contact Jennifer Lichtensteiger - [jlichtensteiger@neiwppcc.org](mailto:jlichtensteiger@neiwppcc.org) or Mickey Nowak - [mawea1965@yahoo.com](mailto:mawea1965@yahoo.com)

00:30:49 Kathleen Baskin: Email me if you are interested in participating in the coronavirus & WW study: [kathleen.baskin@mass.gov](mailto:kathleen.baskin@mass.gov)

00:32:20 Jennifer Pederson: Could I make a comment on the funding

00:41:23 Jennifer Pederson: You can check this link to see the status of Senate Bill 1669 <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1669>

00:42:29 Mickey Nowak: happy holidays