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RE: County-Wide Shared Services Initiative Meeting 8/22/2017

Here is the additional information that was requested from the meeting:

- Water Operator Training Courses ✓
- Water Operator Responsibilities ✓
- Survey for Water/Sewer Operators
- Water Operator Grade Requirements for Coverage on Other Water Systems ✓
- Cross Connection Control Manual (Backflow Prevention Devices)

Our office, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health, is able to provide any relevant training on topics that water operators would like. I will update my water operator contact list and send out training topics and see who would be interested.

Please see the EPA and NYSDOH attachment regarding water operator roles and responsibilities. This is a general overlay of the responsibilities of a water supply operator and is not all encompassing. The larger water systems may have additional requirements not listed on either of these lists that must be taken care of. I understand that general oversight of the water system, its components, distribution, source, and treatment may seem vague, but this is crucial work that must be conducted day to day in order to ensure safe and quality drinking water is being delivered to the customers.

In terms of the higher grade operators covering for systems that require a lower grade operator, it is allowable on a temporary basis. An example could be vacation, illness, trainings, etc. This situation will be handled through our office on a case by case basis. At this time, sharing an operator permanently can only occur if the operator holds the certification for both of the water systems.

Very Respectfully,

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