



KRWA's 2011 Training Calendar – An Ongoing Development

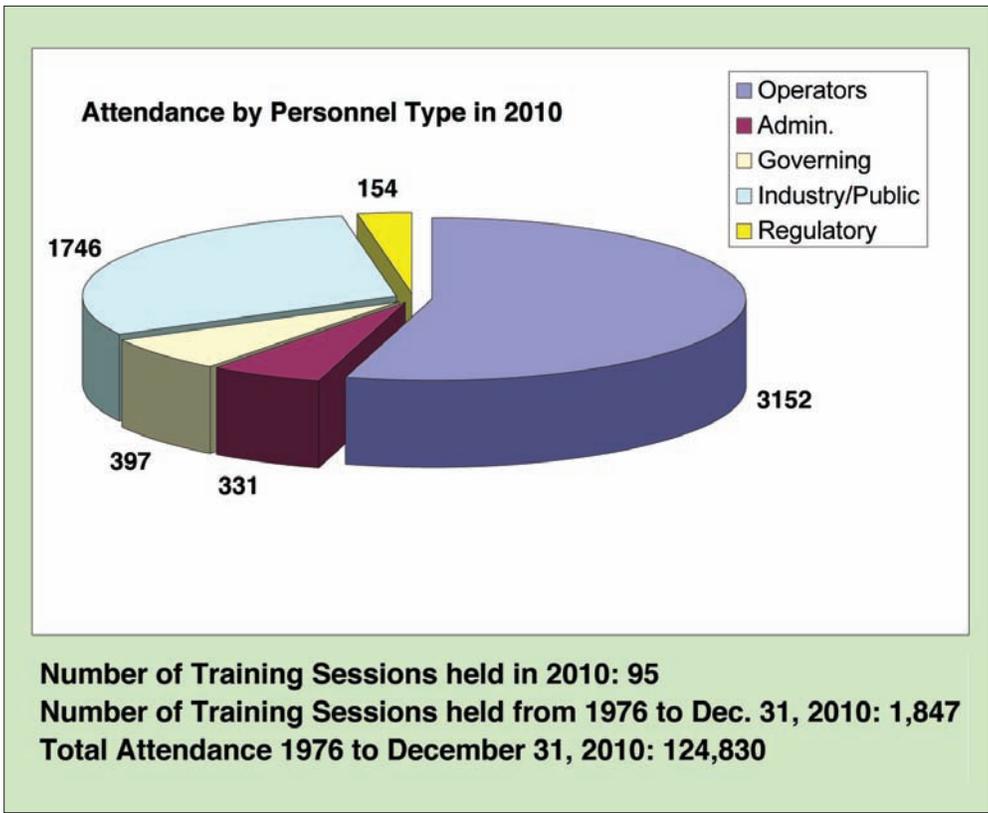
Since 1976 Kansas Rural Water Association has been working to provide the needed and requested training for water and wastewater systems across the state. In 2010 KRWA offered ninety-five days of training, attended by 5,780 operators, board/council members, managers, administrators, industry representatives and agencies. A total of 957 systems were represented at least at one training session during the year. So who is attending the sessions? The attendance breakdown is: 3,152 operators; 397 governing body members; and, 331 administrators and managers this past year. Looking ahead to 2011, what is on the calendar?

The first opportunity to attending a training session after receiving this issue of *The Kansas Lifeline* will be at the 44th Annual Conference and Exhibition on March 29 - 31 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. The conference will offer ten preconference training sessions and forty-eight concurrent sessions. KRWA has worked hard developing a conference training program. A total of eighty-five people will be making presentations during the conference. This year's conference theme is "Help Make A Difference". The training sessions will help people make a difference in their local community and rural water district. The 306 exhibit

spaces provide products and services to help cities and RWDs make a difference. The matter of attending can help others make a difference as everyone shares their experiences during the hospitality events and food functions. Many of the sessions that will be offered at the conference will assist operators in the day-to-day operations of their utilities. A conference program is included in this issue of *The Kansas Lifeline*. I hope you will again review the sessions, plan to attend, and help make a difference.

Training sessions for spring, summer and fall of 2011 will include the mainstays such as cross connection

control, competent person in trench safety, confined space and the electrical maintenance series. KRWA has conducted emergency planning and tabletop exercises over the past couple of years. The tabletop exercises have been very helpful to systems in understanding the importance being prepared for an emergency. Systems have requested more of these sessions. With the assistance of Kansas Department of Health and Environment, plans are being made to offer an Emergency Tabletop Exercise in each of the KDHE districts again this spring or early summer. Operators have also enjoyed and gained valuable information with the Hach training sessions. KRWA will again offer two separate,

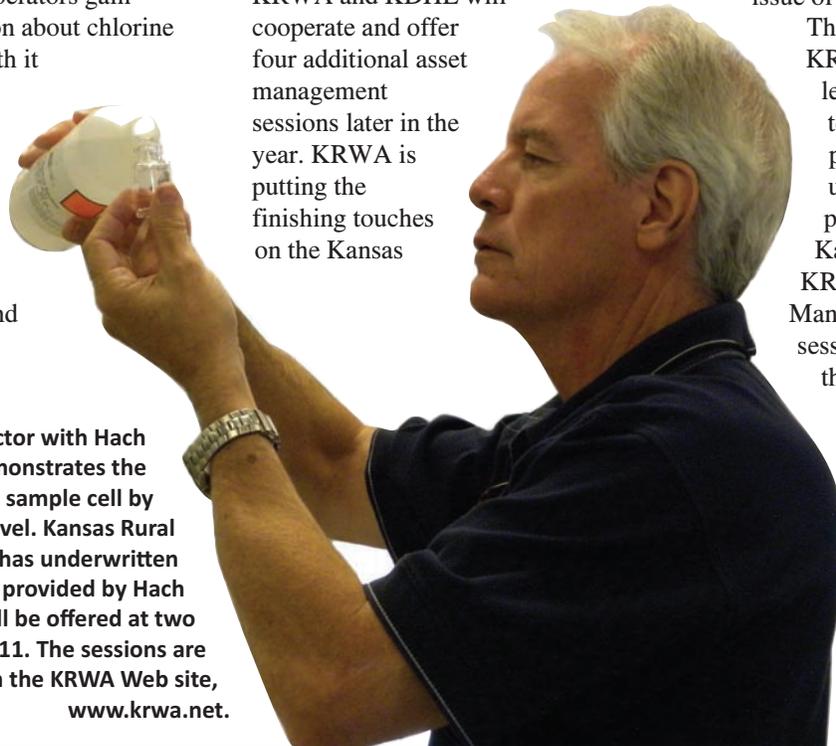


three-day Hach Technical Training sessions in 2011. Operators have requested, and KRWA hopes to sponsor training by Chlorinators Incorporated. The topics, Chlorine and Chlorine Safety, have been critical to help hundreds of operators gain accurate information about chlorine and how to deal with it safely. KRWA in cooperation with Kansas Department of Health and Environment will offer the KanCap – Board and

Council training sessions across the state. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will introduce a new asset management manual during the 2011 KRWA Conference titled, "AM KanWork". KRWA and KDHE will cooperate and offer four additional asset management sessions later in the year. KRWA is putting the finishing touches on the Kansas

Management Leadership Program; the program will be introduced soon after conference. The program will consist of four, non-consecutive days of training. This program was discussed in more detail in the November 2010 issue of *The Kansas Lifeline*.

The mission statement of KRWA is, "To provide leadership, education, and technical assistance to public water and wastewater utilities to enhance the public health and to sustain Kansas' communities". As KRWA begins to offer the Management Leadership sessions the goal is to provide the needed skills for those who will be leading the systems of Kansas into the future. KRWA is always looking for new ideas or topics that will meet the educational needs of public water and wastewater systems in Kansas in all aspects of the business of water.



Jim Schuth, instructor with Hach Company, demonstrates the proper way to fill a sample cell by keeping it at eye level. Kansas Rural Water Association has underwritten numerous sessions provided by Hach Company. They will be offered at two locations in 2011. The sessions are listed on the KRWA Web site, www.krwa.net.

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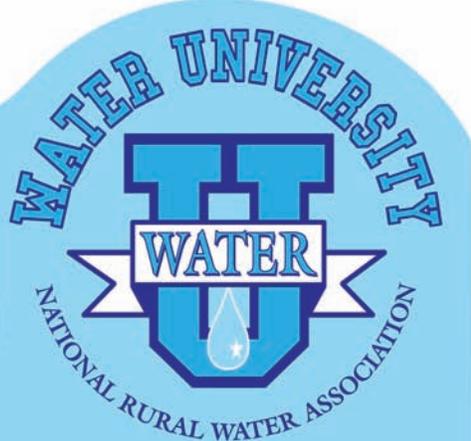




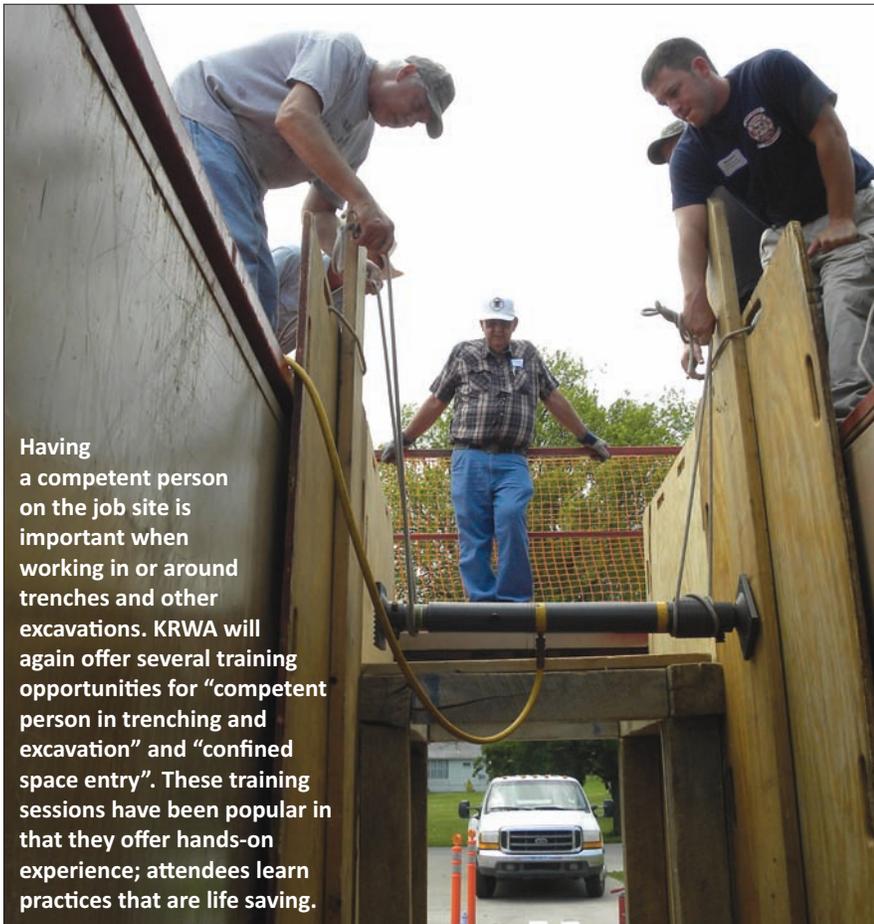
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Having a competent person on the job site is important when working in or around trenches and other excavations. KRWA will again offer several training opportunities for "competent person in trenching and excavation" and "confined space entry". These training sessions have been popular in that they offer hands-on experience; attendees learn practices that are life saving.

KRWA will continue to provide one-on-one technical assistance to all systems, as we also want to help make a difference.

KRWA training planning is never ending. If you have an idea, topic, location, or just want to visit about a training session, please contact me at jim@krwa.net. We will do everything possible to accommodate your request. Please visit the KRWA Web site training calendar to view the training sessions that have been scheduled and to register for those sessions. Hope to see everyone at the 2011 KRWA Annual Conference; the pre-conference sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

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