

KRWA announces two new programs; staff changes

KRWA is pleased to announce that it has undertaken operation of two new programs and also has several new staff to introduce.

Beginning February 3, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has contracted with KRWA to provide a new Emergency Assistance and Operator Training Program on-site emergency technical assistance and training to water supply systems serving less than 3,300 population and that have lost an operator in charge of the system. This program is more fully explained in the article by Greg Duryea on page 36 of this issue. The program is managed by Duryea.

Effective June 1, KRWA began operation of a program

funded through National Rural Water and USDA Rural Development to provide assistance to public water systems in implementing source water protection plans. KRWA is pleased to announce the employment of **Matt Steele** as Source Water Tech. Matt is a 2003 graduate of Kansas State University from Scott City, Kansas. He earned a B.S. in Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BAE) and a secondary major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. He is



Matt Steele
Source Water Tech

also completing a M.S. in Biological Agricultural Engineering this year also at Kansas State University. The BAE environmental curriculum emphasizes soil and water conservation in agricultural and natural systems.

While attending KSU, Matt worked as a Student Hazardous Waste Technician and Pollution Prevention Intern with the KSU Department of Environmental Health and Safety. His technician duties included pickup and bulking of hazardous waste, laboratory safety inspections and on-campus hazardous materials spill response. As the 2001 Pollution Prevention Intern, Matt researched and compiled a

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complete inventory of waste streams for the KSU's Manhattan Campus. Matt is knowledgeable in CERCLA (Comprehension Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act), RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act), Clean Water Act, Pollution Prevention Act, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Policy and OSHA Safe Laboratory Procedures.

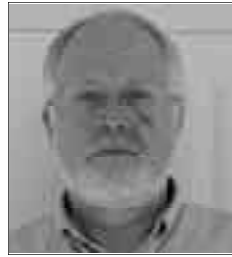
KRWA is also pleased to announce the employment of **Bob Kirby** as Technical Assistant. Bob worked at KRWA as Surface Water Tech from 1999 to 2001. He then returned to work as Utilities' Superintendent at Baxter Springs. At KRWA, Bob will respond primarily to system requests in southeast Kansas. Bob holds a Class IV water and Class IV wastewater certification.



Bob Kirby
Technical Assistant

Pat McCool, formerly the Northeast District Engineer with KDHE, will begin work with KRWA as a part-time employee and consultant to KRWA effective July 1. Pat is widely known in the water and wastewater industries in Kansas.

Pat is knowledgeable with regulations governing not only water and wastewater but a host of environmental issues including point and non-point source pollution. He has worked extensively in the regulatory arena concerning ag waste and management. Pat has been a frequent presenter at KRWA training for nearly 20 years and has authored various articles for *The Lifeline*. Pat graduated from the University of Kansas in 1972



Pat McCool
Trainer & Consultant

with a degree in chemical engineering and masters in environmental engineering in 1976. He is a licensed professional engineer in Kansas.

Carol Steinlage who began work for KRWA in 1986 as administrative assistant has resigned her position with KRWA. She is planning to relocate to the Topeka vicinity to be closer to her family. Carol has been supportive of KRWA's growth and program development. She was a familiar face to many of the Associate Members, cities and RWDs and agencies. KRWA appreciates her tenure of dedicated service.

Kathy Nadeau who was working on the update of rural water district boundaries in conjunction with the Kansas Water Office resigned employment with KRWA effective May 1. The balance of the RWD mapping project is still under contract with KRWA and DASC.

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