

Ohio Emergency Response/ Recovery Exercise for the Water & Wastewater Sector



December 14th, 2016 • Department of Public Utilities,
Division of Sewerage and Drainage Headquarters • Columbus, Ohio

The cities of Columbus, Dayton and Ottawa, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), Montgomery County, Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (OHWARN), the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) and Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and the U.S. EPA are co-sponsoring the **Ohio Emergency Response/ Recovery Exercise for the Water and Wastewater Sector**, an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise supporting the water sector in Ohio. This is a one-day exercise that will enhance the ability of drinking water and wastewater utilities, response partners and other interdependent sectors (e.g., energy, emergency services, public health and other large water users) to prepare for, respond to and manage the consequences associated with a major disaster.

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 • 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The exercise will be held at the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Directions and additional information will be provided for all registrants.

There is NO registration fee to attend the exercise.

Exercise Goals and Objectives

- Increase awareness of interdependencies between the water sector and other sectors, including energy, emergency services, public health services and the private sector in general.
- Identify gaps in available resources that would be needed during response/ recovery of a large scale event and how resource typing can be incorporated into existing procedures to improve resource sharing.
- Identify trigger points and overall processes for requesting aid and responding to requests between the levels of government from the local up to the federal level.
- Increase awareness of OHWARN and walk through how its operational plan is coordinated with other response partners.



CONTACT HOURS WILL BE PROVIDED

Photos: FEMA

Exercise Format, Audience, and Scenario

This tabletop exercise will be presented in a no-fault environment allowing for a roundtable discussion. No field activities will occur. The scenario and associated questions and topics will be provided in advance to all participants. Participating organizations may include area water and wastewater utilities; water sector associations; private sector industries; county, state, and federal departments and agencies; and others interested in water issues. The scenario examines the impact of a supercell outbreak on the drinking water and wastewater utility infrastructure across a wide geographical area of Ohio.

To Register and for More Information

To register for this event, please visit the registration website at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ohio-emergency-response-exercise-for-the-water-and-wastewater-sector-tickets-27048625166>. Space is limited! For additional information, please contact Sarah Moore (City of Columbus) at 614-645-2413 / slmoore@columbus.gov, David Riley (Ohio EPA) at 614-644-3497 / david.riley@epa.ohio.gov or Kevin Tingley (EPA) at 202-564-4619 / tingley.kevin@epa.gov.

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