



Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency

39th annual

Collection System Operators Conference

January 23-25, 2013

LOCATION: Marriott Northwest, Brooklyn Park (formerly Northland Inn)
7025 Northland Drive North



*Duluth flooding, June 2012
(Look for multiple presentations on this topic.)*

Breakout sessions

- Manhole/pipe rehabilitation
- Emergency response
- Inflow/infiltration
- Sewer cleaning
- Locating services
- Retirement
- Safety

Employee relations and management

- Stormwater
- Lift stations/monitoring systems
- Products and services
- SA/SB/SC/SD exam refreshers
- Pump operation/maintenance
- Critical infrastructure
- Lift station tour

Conference at-a-glance

Registration 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday – January 23		Thursday – January 24		Friday – January 25	
8:00 a.m.	General session with keynote speaker	8:30 a.m.	Vendor exhibits begin	7:30 a.m.	Operator's breakfast
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflow/infiltration • Locating services • Stormwater • Pump operation/maintenance • SA/SB exam refresher • SC/SD exam refresher 	9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products and services • SA/SB exam refresher • SC/SD exam refresher 	8:00 a.m.	Keynote speaker
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Lunch; vendor exhibits end	9:00 a.m.	Certification exams (exams end at 1:00 p.m.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer cleaning • Safety • Manhole/pipe rehabilitation • Retirement
1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflow/infiltration • Lift stations/monitoring systems • Stormwater • Employee relations and management • SA/SB exam refresher • SC/SD exam refresher 	12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer cleaning • Lift station tour • Emergency response • Critical infrastructure • SA/SB exam refresher • SC/SD exam refresher 	12:00 p.m.	Classes adjourn (no lunch)
4:00 p.m.	Classes adjourn	3:30 p.m.	Classes adjourn	To receive 16 contact renewal hours, you must attend the entire 2 ½ days and sign the attendance sheets at the end of every session you attend.	

Exhibitor information

Vendor exhibits will be held **Thursday, January 24, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** Exhibit set-up begins at 7:15 a.m. Information is available here and on the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us> (click on *About MPCA* and find *MPCA training* under Resources).

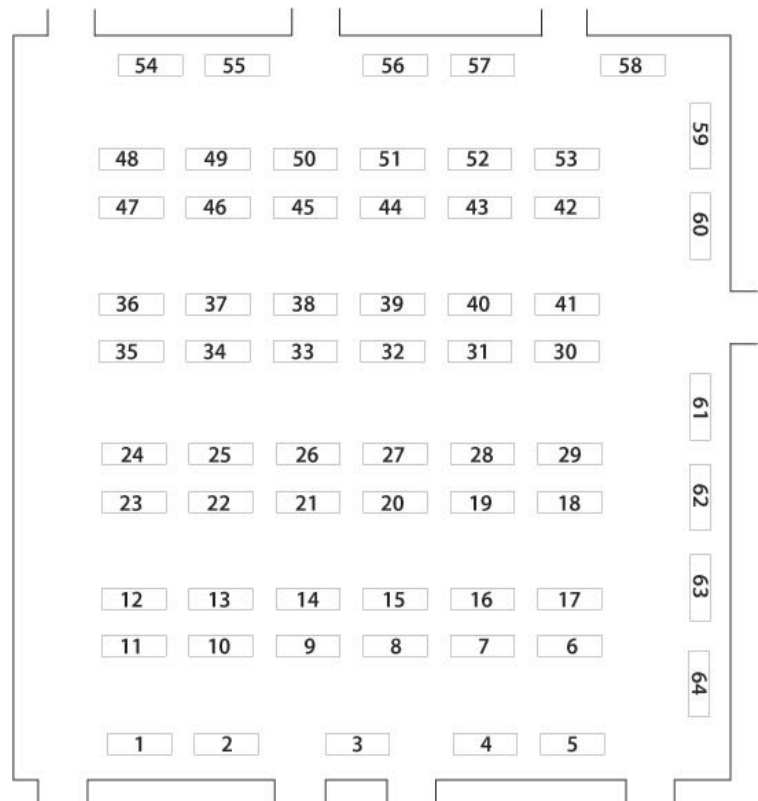
For exhibitors registering and paying by January 10, the cost per booth is \$300 **plus one door prize**; after January 10, registration cost is \$325 **plus one door prize**.

All booths have eight-foot tables. The hotel charges extra for electricity; you must contact them directly at 763-971-5563. Use the diagram at right to pick your top three booth choices; write them on the registration form.

Products and services

On Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., exhibitors will give short presentations to showcase products or services.

To participate and reserve a time slot, contact Jim Connelly at 612-618-0024 (jim@elliottequipco.com) or Kelley Janes at 507-359-8279 (kelley.janes@ci.new-ulm.mn.us).



Keynote presentations

Wednesday general session

Christopher Rousseau, senior engineer with Minnesota Power in Duluth, will talk about Minnesota Power's battle with the flood of 2012. How does a power company respond to outages when streets are flooded, unpassable or washed away? What challenges did employees face trying to get the lights back on in Duluth? How might lack of electricity affect your facility? Listen as Mr. Rousseau explains the challenges.

Friday operator's breakfast session

The National Eagle Center in Wabasha will be at the breakfast on Friday morning with a bald eagle to discuss how our environment is affecting our eagle population.



Hotel

The **Marriott Northwest** (formally Northland Inn) has reserved a block of rooms at a special conference rate of \$120.20 (includes tax) until **January 8, 2013**. Call **763-536-8300** or **1-877-303-1681** to make reservations. Mention the conference to get the special rate.



Registration Questions?

Contact Emily Armistead at 651-757-2073 or 1-800-657-3864 or emily.armistead@state.mn.us.

Collection System Operators Conference Registration 2013

Required information – print clearly

Legal name _____

Business/employer _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Special lunch needs: (check day and describe) ☐ Wed ☐ Thur

- ☐ Sign me up for **SA/SB Exam Refresher** (Limit 30)
☐ Sign me up for the **Lift Station Tour** (Limit 40)
☐ **Sign me up to present at the Products and Services session**

	Postmark by 1/10/13	Postmark after 1/10/13	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <i>Exhibitor fee + 1 door prize</i>	\$300	\$325	
Exhibitor booth choice	1.	2.	3.

Payment

Check or government P.O. # _____
made payable to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Mail registration with check/PO payment to:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ATTN: Fiscal - 6
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

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Person taking class _____

Fax registration with credit card payment to 651-205-4594.

Highlights

Contact hours and attendance

During the conference, a number of operators state they must leave early. The MPCA cannot award contact hours unless the operator is in attendance. Contact hours are individually awarded based on each operator's daily arrival and departure time. Operators not attending the full conference may need to attend additional training to gain adequate renewal hours. You must attend the entire conference to earn 16 contact hours.

Lift station tour

There will be a lift station tour on Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The tour is limited to 40 participants. Register by checking the box provided on the registration form.

Pump workshop

Quality Flow Systems will be conducting a pump workshop on operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting pumps.

Vendor and professional organization exhibits

The vendor and professional organization exhibits are scheduled for Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Vendors will also provide short presentations on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SA & SB exam refresher

To attend this refresher session you must preregister by checking the appropriate box on the registration form. The limit is 30 participants. There is no additional charge for this session. Don't forget to bring your calculator and study before coming to class.

SC & SD exam refresher

This two-day refresher will help you prepare for the SC & SD exam, but you must also study on your own before the conference! Don't forget to bring your calculator to class.

Certification examinations

Certification exams will be offered Friday morning from **9 a.m.–1 p.m.** Eligible operators intending to take the exam must complete and mail an exam application and application fee on or before January 10. Exam applications are available at: www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-wwtp8-00.pdf. Questions? Contact Dianne Navratil at 651-757-2599, 1-800-657-3864 or dianne.navratil@state.mn.us.

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