AWWA Utility Management Standards for Wastewater

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Agenda

1. Water utility concerns
2. Benefits of implementing AWWA utility management standards
3. Properties of an AWWA utility management standard
4. AWWA utility management standards for wastewater
Water Utility Concerns

- Heightened regulatory requirements
- Limited technical assistance from regulatory agencies
- Stakeholder interest in proven utility efficiency and effectiveness
- Tightening budgets and needs to reduce costs without risk to quality
- Closer public scrutiny of tap water quality and health issues
- Greater concern about environmental issues
- Do more with less
Optimization of Utility Operations

- Fosters excellence in water utilities
- Encourages continuous improvement
- Provides confidence to utilities, the public, and regulatory agencies
- Provides a framework for self-evaluation, counsel, and assistance to utilities
- Instills consumers with confidence and satisfaction in their utility services
Properties of AWWA Utility Management Standards

- Designated as “G-series” standards
- Developed by AWWA volunteers: consultants, operators, regulators
- ANSI accredited
- Voluntary standards
- Consistent format
- Guidebooks sometimes available to assist in self-assessment
Utility Quality Management Overview

- Voluntary effort
- For all utility types and sizes
- Self-assessment by operators
- Performance can be verified by peer evaluators
- Above and beyond regulations
- Results oriented:
  -- water quality
  -- public health protection
Benefits to the Utility

“Applying the AWWA utility management standards to our utility operations helps us to manage our utility in a way that guarantees peace of mind.”

• Assures continuity in performance optimization
• Encourages development of standard operating procedures
• Provides means to keep the institutional knowledge
• Introduces tools to maintain safe performance based on good practices and not just good luck
Utility Management Standards for Wastewater

ANSI/AWWA G510-13, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation and Management

ANSI/AWWA G520-17, Wastewater Collection System Operation and Management
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Foreword –

- Introduction
- Background
- History
- Acceptance
- Special Issues
- Advisory Information
- Use of This Standard
- User Options and Alternatives
- Modification to the Standard
- Major Revisions
- Comments
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Body of the Standard –

- Scope (1.1)
- Purpose (1.2)
- Application (1.3)
- References (2)
- Definitions (3)
- Requirements (4)
- Verification (5)
- Delivery (6)
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Requirements (Sec. 4) –

• Compliance with Regulatory Requirements
• Customer Considerations
• Operations Management Practices/Programs
• Real Property Management and Maintenance
• Other specific requirements specific to the standard topic
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Verification (Sec. 5) –

• Documentation Required
• Examples of Documentation
• Human Resources
For more information

- American Water Works Association
  www.awwa.org

- AWWA Wastewater Resource Community
  www.awwa.org/resources-tools/water-knowledge/wastewater.aspx

- Water Environment Federation
  www.wef.org
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