

## KMU to Host Virtual Water Operator Certification Training in January

KMU is pleased to be offering a virtual training series to assist small to mid-sized water utilities focusing on the topics of water loss, system optimization and accessing funding. This FREE virtual workshop series will be eligible for 5 hours of water operator certification credit through KDHE, and attendance of all three sessions is mandatory. This workshop will be held each day from 10:00–11:45 AM, January 19-21, 2021. This workshop series will cover the following topics:



- Water Loss Control
- Water Loss Challenges for Small Systems
- Defining Non-revenue Water
- Using AWWA's Water Balance and Free Water Audit Software
- Understanding Production and Customer Metering Losses (Apparent Losses)
- Controlling Leakage (Real Losses)
- Calculating your losses and controlling them
- Optimization and Accessing Funding
- Overview of the AWWA Partnership for Safe Water Programs
- How to conduct a self-assessment in order to optimize your operations
- General Management/Administration, Finance, Asset Management, Source Water Protection and Distribution System Operations
- How to apply for low interest funding through the USDA

Course participants will learn how to complete a system-wide self-assessment of five core areas of everyday operations. Based on the assessment, participants identify a priority area of improvement that may be eligible for USDA funding, learn how to develop a short project plan, and then learn how to contact/connect with USDA to get the funding process started. All participants receive dedicated, follow-up technical assistance and helpful documents from AWWA.

For more information about this free workshop or to register, visit the KMU events page [here](#), or contact Katie Miller for questions at [kmiller@kmunet.org](mailto:kmiller@kmunet.org).