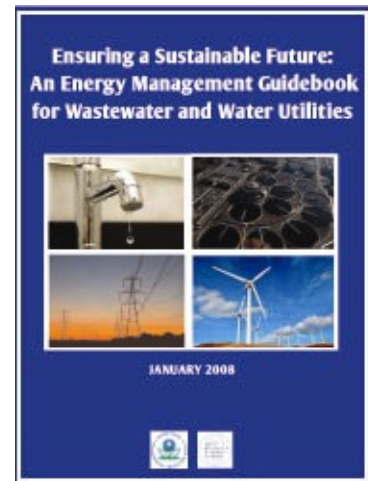


Energy Management Guide and Workshops for Utilities

Background

In order to help water and wastewater utilities effectively manage energy issues, the Office of Wastewater Management issued an *Energy Management Guidebook for Wastewater and Water Utilities* in January, 2008. This guide is based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act management systems approach and takes utilities through a step by step process to assess their energy “footprint”, identify opportunities to use energy more efficiently, establish energy efficiency goals, and monitor and measure progress toward these goals. The goal is to enable utilities to develop a comprehensive energy management system. The Guide also includes information on how to use the *Energy Star Portfolio Manager Benchmarking Tool*.



Energy Management Workshops

In order to assist utilities manage their energy issues based on the Guide, OWM worked with six EPA Regional offices in 2007 and 2008 to sponsor a series one-day workshops around the country, as indicated below.

Region 1	Hartford, Ct. Lowell, Mass.	Dec. 11, 2007 March 8, 2008
Region 7	Kansas City, Mo.	July 22, 2008
Region 10	Worley, Idaho	September 18, 2008
Region 4	Nashville, Tn.	October 14, 2008
Region 5	W. Lafayette, In.	October 29, 2008
Region 9	Sacramento, Ca.	December 16, 2008

Each workshop takes utilities through the various modules of the Guidebook, including a description of the *Energy Star Benchmarking* tool, and also includes a series of interactive exercises for the participants. Other utilities with experience in using management systems to address energy issues have also participated.

The Regions that have hosted workshops are now developing plans for additional outreach and assistance for utilities in their Regions. Workshops in the remaining EPA Regions (2, 3, 6, and 8) are will take place as follows in 2009: Contacts in each Region are also listed.

Region 3	Georgetown, De.	September 9	Valerie Breznicky
Region 8	Denver, Co.	October 15	Laura Farris
Region 6	Dallas, Tx.	November 19	Terry Branch
Region 2	Albany, NY	November 30	Stephen Vida

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