

LAS NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAM SPEAKER'S GUIDELINES FOR T.W.U.A. DISTRICT/CHAPTER MEETINGS

Perhaps the most important feature of the District/Chapter meetings is the two hours of operator licensing credit which may be granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to those who attend.

Because of the tremendous importance of the operator licensing credits, and in order to assure their being approved, we must insist that the following guidelines be closely followed:

1. **Topic:** The program topic must be directly related to water and/or wastewater operations and maintenance. It is preferred that it apply to both the potable water and wastewater sectors.

Suitable topics would include problem solving procedures or techniques, various products available to accomplish a particular task, information related to the rules and regulations under which utilities operate, or any knowledge or skill particular to operations and/or maintenance of water utilities facilities or systems.

2. **Length:** The program must be at least ninety (90) minutes in length, in addition to the question and answer period at the end of the prepared program.

3. **Content:** The program must be educational; that is, non-commercial in nature and not directed to a particular product line.

It is believed that you will realize an advertising or promotional benefit from your participation, and that is not objectionable -- although the program itself must be non-commercial.

You are welcome to offer promotional literature, pamphlets, brochures, etc. about your product or services after the meeting.

We believe these guidelines will serve to protect the interests of those who attend for operator certification credit and to preserve the trust placed in us by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

We believe that they will ensure a fair and honest approach by all vendors of products or services to the water utilities industry, and thus will serve to protect you as well.

Thank you again for helping.

Questions may be directed to us as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL

AWWA responds to Haiti Earthquake Disaster

Denver, CO -- AWWA Interim Executive Director Paula MacIlwaine issued the following statement on January 14 regarding Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

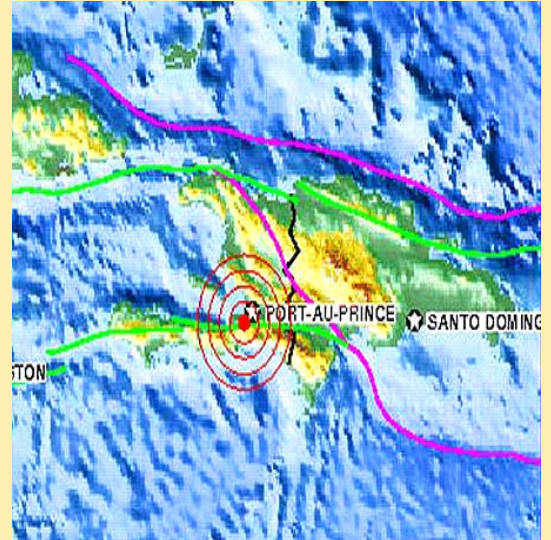
"The American Water Works Association (AWWA) joins the global community in mourning the terrible loss of life in Haiti from Tuesday's devastating earthquake. The many calls and emails that have poured into our offices the past two days testify to the goodness and compassion that define our members."

"Following a disaster of this scale, the rescue and recovery efforts will continue for several weeks. AWWA encourages its members to direct immediate offers of assistance to disaster relief agencies on the ground in Haiti. Monetary donations are most helpful, because the chaos that follows natural disasters makes material donations difficult to manage."

"Water for People, AWWA's charity of choice, recommends Catholic Relief Services and Mercy Corps as effective agencies to receive Haiti disaster relief donations."

"As a water community, we are all keenly aware of the water-related crises the earthquake will introduce. Access to safe drinking water is frequently among the first threats to survivors in impacted areas. The threat of waterborne disease may persist as the emergency response concludes and the reconstruction effort begins. AWWA has received many calls and emails from members offering expertise to help Haitians address water-related issues."

"AWWA is in close communication with federal agencies that are coordinating relief activities in Haiti. As the recovery situation stabilizes and international assistance efforts are organized, we will keep you informed through Streamlines and other communications."





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John Paul Davis, a member of the North Texas LAS chapter, passed away on November 12, 2009. John was employed at the North Texas Municipal Water District as Laboratory Operations Manager. John joined the TWUA NTLAS in January of 2002. He was a frequent attendee of the NTLAS meetings until his illness. He attended the TWUA annual school frequently and as recently as the 2009 school in Corpus Christi. John held two bachelor degrees and had an extensive career in environmental analysis. John will be remembered as a very amiable person with a keen analytical mind and a can do spirit.

