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**WEF Announces Additional Dates and Locations for
FEMA / WEF Water Sector Interdependencies Training**

The Water Environment Federation (WEF), in cooperation with the U.S. DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce additional general awareness trainings on water sector interdependencies. Sessions now open for registration are located in Florida, Guam, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Utah.

The continuity of water and wastewater services following a natural disaster or terrorist incident is essential to public health and economic vitality. In order to provide these services, water and wastewater (water sector) utilities are dependent upon other national critical infrastructures such as energy to operate their pumps, transportation to deliver chemicals to properly treat water, and information technology to assist operators run their utilities. Additionally, many of the nations other critical infrastructures are dependent upon the water sector to provide clean and safe water for firefighting or irrigation for agriculture. An awareness of these water sector interdependencies is essential in reducing human and economic hardships following an incident. Those associated with public safety, security, emergency services, water, manufacturing, communications, energy, transportation, agriculture and food, chemicals, and dams will benefit greatly from this opportunity.

To learn more about the training, please proceed to <http://www.waterinterdependencies.org>. (Please note that once you are registered, you will receive a confirmation of acceptance for the training, and the location of the training will be forwarded to you.)

We are working with DHS FEMA to bring this First Responder General Awareness training, entitled "Water Sector Interdependencies" to the states. The approved training course, AWR-202 (<https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/>) is aimed at increasing the awareness of water and wastewater (water) sector interdependencies with other critical infrastructures in order to better equip interdependent sectors in building sustained, resilient local and regional partnerships across critical infrastructures and key resources. These partnerships will align closely with the National Preparedness Framework and with other federal, state, and local guidelines in an effort to provide a comprehensive, consistent response to all hazards and reduce impacts and recovery times.

The WEF Water Sector Interdependencies general awareness training is offered at no-cost to eligible participants. Please respond by selecting the "yes" button below for more information and to register.



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<http://www.waterinterdependencies.org>

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