

Monica Wurtz Joins KRWA Staff

The Kansas Rural Water Association is pleased to announce that Monica Wurtz is joining the KRWA team.

Monica Wurtz brings an impressive resume and experience to the KRWA staff. She earned an Associate of Science degree from Cloud County Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Science from Kansas State University. She has more than seven years of experience in working with environmental regulations, four of those years in drinking water quality regulations. Immediately after college, Monica began work at US EPA in Kansas City where she served as the Public Water System Supervisor Program State Coordinator for Kansas. She also interpreted the Safe Drinking Water Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and provided guidance and outreach to public water systems in order to improve compliance with federal regulations and protect public health. She is a national expert



on two federal drinking water regulations – the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) Rule and the Long Term 2 (LT2) Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. At EPA, Monica was also project manager for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act on Tribal Lands, a program intended to regulate

the drinking water facilities serving tribal reservations in Kansas.

Monica also worked for the Water Emergency Response Group and the Region 7 Response Support Corps deployed during the 2008 Iowa floods; she performed more than thirty assessments of drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities to assist them in recovering from the disaster.

Monica is familiar with many water and wastewater systems in Kansas. She is an excellent presenter as demonstrated with her participation at the 2007, 2008 and 2009 KRWA conferences. She also provided training to hundreds of water system operators at fifteen training sessions facilitated by KRWA in 2007 and 2008 and she provided one-on-one assistance to operators completing their Initial Distribution System Evaluation.

Since relocating to rural Aurora, KS approximately sixty miles northeast of Salina, Monica has worked at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Environmental Field Services based in Salina. There she performed inspections of complex solid and hazardous waste facilities to determine compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations.

“Kansas Rural Water Association is pleased that Monica Wurtz is joining the KRWA staff team,” says Elmer Ronnebaum, KRWA General Manager. “Monica’s experience with both water and wastewater regulations, emergency response, the FEMA Incident Command System, her familiarity with personnel at the federal, state and local government levels and a host of other work experience adds to KRWA’s capacity to provide training and technical assistance to meet the needs of Kansas utilities. Monica has an outstanding capacity to explain complex materials and concepts to individuals and groups – and yet be understandable,” he adds.

Monica can be reached directly by email at monica@krwa.net. Monica began work with KRWA in mid-October.

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