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U.S. EPA Sponsors Free Access to WaterISAC Security Resources

Washington, D.C. - Information on infrastructure protection strategies and all hazards threats is vital to the security of drinking water and wastewater utilities. The importance of this information is reflected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterISAC's offer of 12-months of free access to WaterISAC's Pro service.

This opportunity is available to staff of drinking water and wastewater utilities of all sizes, water association employees, state environment and homeland security agencies, and circuit riders. These personnel may sign up at www.waterisac.org.

"The offer of free access is one that every utility should take advantage of," said Patty Cleveland, Trinity River Authority of Texas's Northern Region Operations Manager. "The information is integral to risk management and planning."

WaterISAC was established in 2002, as a nonprofit water-sector organization in support of infrastructure protection. The national drinking water and wastewater associations appoint WaterISAC board members.

WaterISAC Pro's secure online library contains more than 2,000 white papers, best practices, three different chem/bio contaminant databases, vulnerability assessment tools, research reports, and more.

"The resources on WaterISAC Pro help utilities prepare for all hazards and develop response and recovery plans," said Robert Walters, Assistant Manager at Davidson Water in North Carolina.

WaterISAC Pro also hosts free webinars on current topics such as lessons learned from natural disasters, emergency response planning and insider threats. Upcoming webinar topics include training on the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) scheduled to take place throughout the month of April.

"WaterISAC is a rich source of information that my staff uses to support our mission to help protect water infrastructure," David Terry, the State of Massachusetts's Drinking Water Program Director. "The WaterISAC team is attuned to our needs and the nature of the threat environment facing drinking and wastewater utilities."

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