An Approved Sampler/Tester is certified by Delaware Health and Social Services for conducting routine water sampling and water quality analyses for chlorine residual, pH, nitrate testing or water quality parameter testing and entering that information into a log book. The Approved Sampler/Tester is not a fully licensed operator and must work under the direction of a licensed operator. Individuals collecting samples under the tap water water monitoring provisions of the lead/copper rule are exempted from this requirement. An approved sampler/ testers certification shall be valid for three (3) years. An individual must attend the AST Basic class and pass a test in order to receive the certification. Attendance at the AST Refresher class and passing the test required for renewal of the certification. The AST trainings do not offer Educational Contact Hours (ECHs).

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ECH's: None Given
Location: DRWA Training Facility
210 Vickers Drive
Milford, DE 19963
Cost: Free - Funded By EPA
Instructor: Keith Harrison, ODW
**About DRWA**

**Mission Statement**
The mission of the Delaware Rural Water Association (DRWA) is to improve the quality of utility services for rural Delaware while protecting our natural resources.

To accomplish this mission and to protect the quality of life in rural Delaware, the Delaware Rural Water Association was incorporated in 1990 as a non-profit association. A volunteer Board of Directors that include water operators, town managers, and supervisors throughout the state of Delaware governs.

**Protecting the Public Health**
DRWA promotes public health protection for rural communities and small municipalities. The Association trains and assists rural and small community water professionals in their efforts to provide quality drinking water to their communities, neighbors, and families.

**Protecting the Environment**
DRWA promotes water conservation and protection through publications and public awareness campaigns. Information and research provided to government officials aid in the development of effective regulations. DRWA is an affiliate of the National Rural Water Association who operates what EPA officials call “the most successful groundwater protection program in the country”.

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**Training**

Specialized training sessions provide water professionals with an opportunity to resolve problems by sharing ideas with state and federal agencies, engineers, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and other water system personnel. Training sessions cover a broad spectrum of needs. Subjects range from water treatment and federal water and wastewater regulations to financial management practices and operator certification. The training allows water professionals to upgrade their skill, improve the quality of their utility’s service, and protect their community’s health.

DRWA’s Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition draws water and wastewater professionals, government officials, manufacturers, and suppliers together in one location, allowing them to participate in specialized training and the ability to learn about the latest trends in technology, government regulations, and system management techniques.

DRWA’s On-Site Training Unit (OSTU) was developed in cooperation with the Office of Drinking Water and funded through an EPA grant. The unit has classroom space, resource materials, and industry equipment. DRWA has traveled around the state to operators who can’t leave their systems to attend training. Hands-on training has been provided for water testing, meter testing, cross-connection, fluoridations, well security and more.

For more classes and information visit us at www.drwa.org