

WHAT'S UP WITH CUPSS?



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Welcome to CUPSS

Asset management helps utilities improve system sustainability and cost effectiveness. CUPSS provides all the tools required for drinking water and wastewater utilities to implement an asset management program and develop effective asset management plans.

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We'd love to hear from you! Submit your stories, technical questions, and asset management questions to cupss@epa.gov

CUPSS News

Happy New Year!

The CUPSS Team is kicking off 2016 with several new updates and upcoming events to share!

CUPSS Version 1.3.9

The Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS) has been upgraded! CUPSS Version 1.3.9 is now available on the CUPSS website. Enhancement to the software includes an Asset Plus Costs report. The new report allows users to view asset details and the associated O&M costs for the selected assets. As a result, users develop a snapshot of the total costs of assets for the current year and previous years.

Remember that you can safely download the new version without losing any of your existing data. Additional information on the new enhancements will be shared during the CUPSS Community Call in February and the CUPSS Train-the-Trainer webinars in March and September.

Download the new version of CUPSS at:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/learn-about-check-program-small-systems-cupss-software>

If you have any questions about upgrading to the new version, please email: cupss@epa.gov

New! CUPSS Website

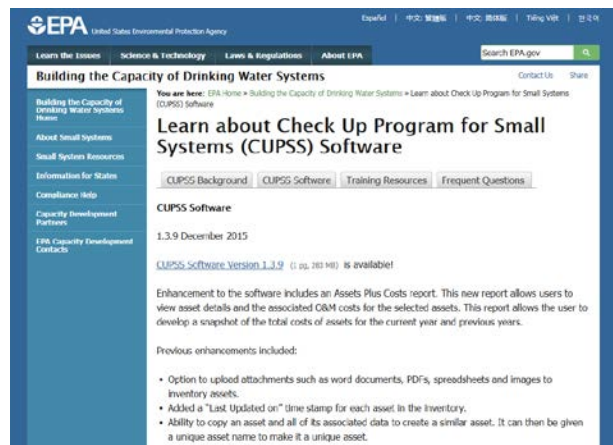
The new and improved CUPSS website is now LIVE! The website is divided into four main pages: CUPSS Background, CUPSS Software, Training Resources, and Frequent Questions.

The website can be viewed at:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/information-check-program-small-systems-cupss-asset-management-tool>

Check out the new Capacity Development and Operator Certification website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity>



CUPSS Coordinator

There have recently been some changes in CUPSS leadership at EPA!

Susanna Bains has taken the role of CUPSS Coordinator within the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) at EPA. Susanna has spent the past year working on trainings, enhancements, and technical assistance for CUPSS, and plans to continue to find ways to further promote asset management for small systems in 2016.

As part of these efforts, EPA is re-convening an Asset Management Workgroup. This workgroup began in 2012 to identify best practices that states could use to encourage asset management implementation at drinking water systems. The workgroup developed two products: 1) State Asset Management Initiatives and 2) The Reference Guide for Asset Management Tools. In 2016, the workgroup will build on this work to identify ways states and TA providers can promote asset management to local decision makers.

If you are interested in participating in the workgroup or have any additional questions regarding asset management activities, email bains.susanna@epa.gov for more information.

CUPSS Champion



Now taking nominations for the next CUPSS Asset Management Champion!

Know of someone who has done remarkable work in using or promoting CUPSS or other asset management tools?

We're taking nominations for the next CUPSS Asset Management Champion! This person will be highlighted in the next "What's up with CUPSS?" newsletter. So send in your nomination today to cupss@epa.gov.

Upcoming Events

CUPSS Community Call

The next CUPSS Community Call will be held on:

February 10th, 1:00-2:00 pm Eastern Time

Topics for the call will include an introduction to the new CUPSS Asset Plus Costs report, and a presentation on asset management and CUPSS implementation at tribal systems. More information to follow!

To register, click here:

<http://login.icohere.com/registration/register.cfm?reg=2358&evt=cupss21016>

Train-the-Trainer Webinar Series 2016

EPA will host the CUPSS Train-the-Trainer Webinar Series twice in 2016. This 6-hour presentation, separated into three 2-hour sessions, consists of comprehensive training on how to use the CUPSS software. It includes an overview of each module (accompanied with screenshots), followed by hands-on exercises on how to use the modules. To participate in this training, participants will be asked to log in from their own computer. Those who complete the assignments given after each session will receive a CUPSS Certificate of Completion and be added to the CUPSS Trainers Directory. Save the dates listed below (all times are displayed in Eastern Time), and more information on registration will follow.

March 1st, 8th, and 15th, 1:00-3:00 pm ET

September 14th, 21st, and 28th, 1:00-3:00 pm ET

Interested in viewing the most recent Trainers Directory? It is now posted on the "Resources for CUPSS Trainers" page on the website:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/resources-cupss-trainers>

How can I obtain a copy of CUPSS?

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