

Program Collaboration Resources

- [Program Collaboration: Using Teamwork and Program Staff Expertise and Authority to Assist Small Systems \(PDF\)](#) (15 pp, 840K) (EPA 816-F-12-006, October 2012) Features creative, practical collaboration among state programs to effectively assist small systems with compliance challenges.
- [Funding Collaboration: Maximizing the Impact of Project Funding to Increase Compliance and Enhance Public Health \(PDF\)](#) (18 pp, 1MB) (EPA 816-F-12-007, October 2012) Highlighting innovative approaches to funding drinking water infrastructure projects through coordination and careful targeting of funding sources to derive the most benefit for each dollar spent.
- [Capacity Development & Operator Certification Collaboration: An Essential Partnership to Promote Small System Capacity \(PDF\)](#) (9 pp, 520K) (EPA 816-F-12-008, October 2012) Featuring collaborative activities between the Capacity Development and Operator Certification programs to help determine gaps in operator skills and knowledge, promote operator training and improve system performance.
- [Table Top Exercise: Collaborating Across State Drinking Water Programs to Support Sustainable Systems](#)
Exercise to enhance understanding of state Drinking Water Program roles and to emphasize the importance of collaboration between programs.
- DWSRF factsheets
 - [DWSRF Program Overview \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Using DWSRF Set-Aside Funds for Operator Certification \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Using DWSRF Set-Aside Funds for Capacity Development \(PDF\)](#)
- [Analysis of the Use of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Set-asides: Building the Capacity of Drinking Water Systems \(PDF\)](#)(126 pp, 3 MB) Analysis of states usage of drinking water state revolving fund set-asides in 2015.
- [Using Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity to Improve System Security - Suggestions for States \(816-F-07-010\)](#)
Suggestions for States regarding using technical, managerial, and financial capacity to improve system security.

Capacity Development Resources

<http://water.epa.gov/type/drink/pws/smallsystems/index.cfm>

- [Re-Energizing the Capacity Development Program: Findings & Best Practices from the Capacity Development Re-Energizing Workgroup \(PDF\)](#) (35 pp, 1MB) (EPA 816-R-11-004, April 2011) This document summarizes the work and findings of the workgroup.

Operator Certification Resources

<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/information-states-about-certifying-operators-drinking-water-systems>

- [Desk Guide for Reviewing State Operator Certification Annual Reports](#)
This Desk Guide was developed to provide EPA Regional Operator Certification Coordinators with a clear and effective tool to review state operator certification program annual reports with a nationally consistent process. The guide also provides sample emails and memos for internal and external communication related to the reviews.