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Provide education and leadership necessary to enhance the effectiveness of Kansas' water and wastewater utilities.

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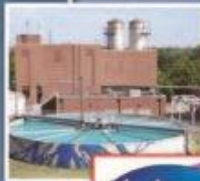
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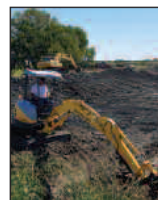
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More than 50 years strong!

**The Kansas Rural Water Association
was originally formed in 1966 –
primarily at the encouragement of
then Farmers Home Administration
to help promote funding for rural
water systems and small towns.**

Organization

KRWA is incorporated as a non-profit corporation by the State of Kansas and has a 501c3 Classification by from Internal Revenue Service.

Association's Board of Directors

KRWA is governed by a 7-member board of directors, elected by membership. Present directors are:

- Paul Froelich, President, City of Enterprise
- Allan Soetaert, Director, Johnson RWD 7
- Patricia Shaffer, Secretary, Butler RWD 5
- Bill Shroyer, Vice-President, City of Sabetha
- Carl Chalfant, Director, City of Washington
- Mike Fulkerson, Leavenworth Cons. RWD 1
- Scott Robertson, Director, City of Hesston

KRWA Board of Directors





KRWA Staff Members . . .

Welcome to Jason Solomon, formerly
with KDHE ... started work with KRWA
on August 20.



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS KRWA

Municipalities	484
Rural Water	
Districts, PWWSDs	257
Associates	225

TECH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Funded through State agencies (KWO & KDHE)

10 Tech Assistants; *3 have 30 years experience with KDHE*

GIS Mapping: 1 staff member

Kansas Department of Commerce – (2018)

KANSTEP position – part-time

KRWA PROGRAM FUNDING

Funded through National Rural Water Association:

3 Circuit Riders

2 Water Rights & Source Water Protection Specialists

1 Part-time Training Position

1 Wastewater Tech

KRWA PROGRAM FUNDING

Funded through State Agencies:

Kansas Water Office: Contract to provide tech assistance on all aspects of operation and management of water systems, water conservation, leak detection, meter testing, etc.

Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment: Assistance to Wastewater Systems by referral



WATER LOSS / LEAK DETECTION

Since 1989, KRWA has logged every water loss and leak detection survey it conducted. Under the Kansas Water Plan funding from 1992 thru December 31, 2018 KRWA conducted 2,098 water loss surveys, locating more than 6.8 billion gallons on an annual basis. This amount of water would have cost systems \$15,845,585.

The Kansas Rural Water Association receives funding through various state and federal agencies. This report on technical assistance provided through the Kansas Water Plan is posted on KRWA's Web site at www.krwa.net

**Also, check the
“Letters” under
“Technical
Assistance”.**

2018 SUMMARY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR

Technical Assistance to Public Water Suppliers

This report summarizes the work by the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) in providing technical assistance to public water systems under Contract No. 37498 (July - September 2017) and Contract No. 43642 (October 2017 - June 2018). The contracts are funded through the Clean Drinking Water Fee and are administered by the Kansas Water Office.

In FY 18, KRWA provided help to 229 cities and 149 rural water and public wholesale water supply districts through these contracts. Many systems required repeat visits. The Association conducted 199 water loss surveys, locating leaks totaling 594.5 gallons per minute or more than 312 million gallons per year with a total production or purchase cost of \$950,605.

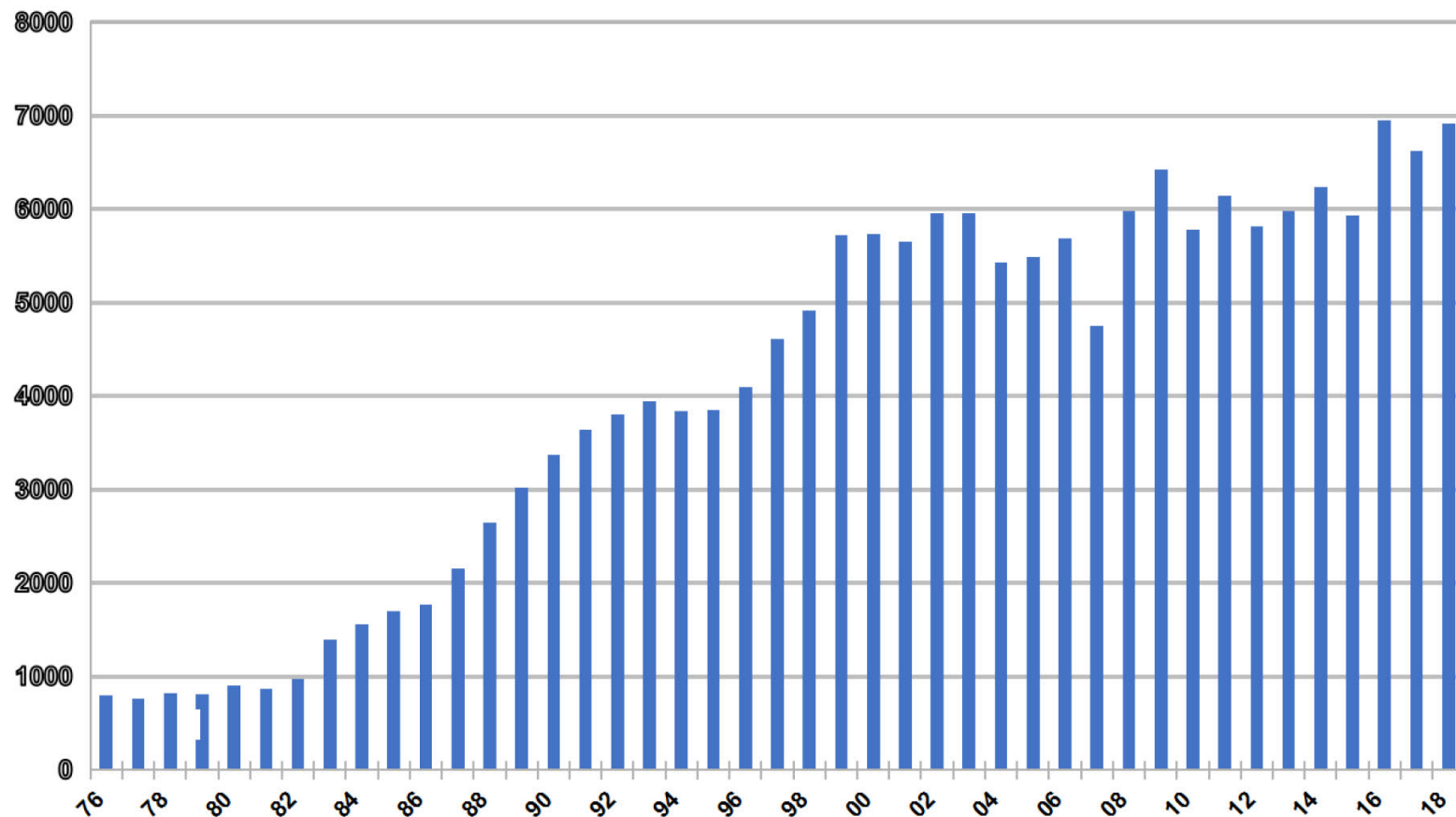


The Technical Assistance to Water Users program, which began in 1992, provides on-site technical assistance to municipalities (cities and rural water districts). The intent of the program is to improve the operations and maintenance of public water supply systems, as well as water conservation planning and emergency response, through on-site assistance.

In 2018, KRWA Conducted 111 days of training for water and wastewater operators

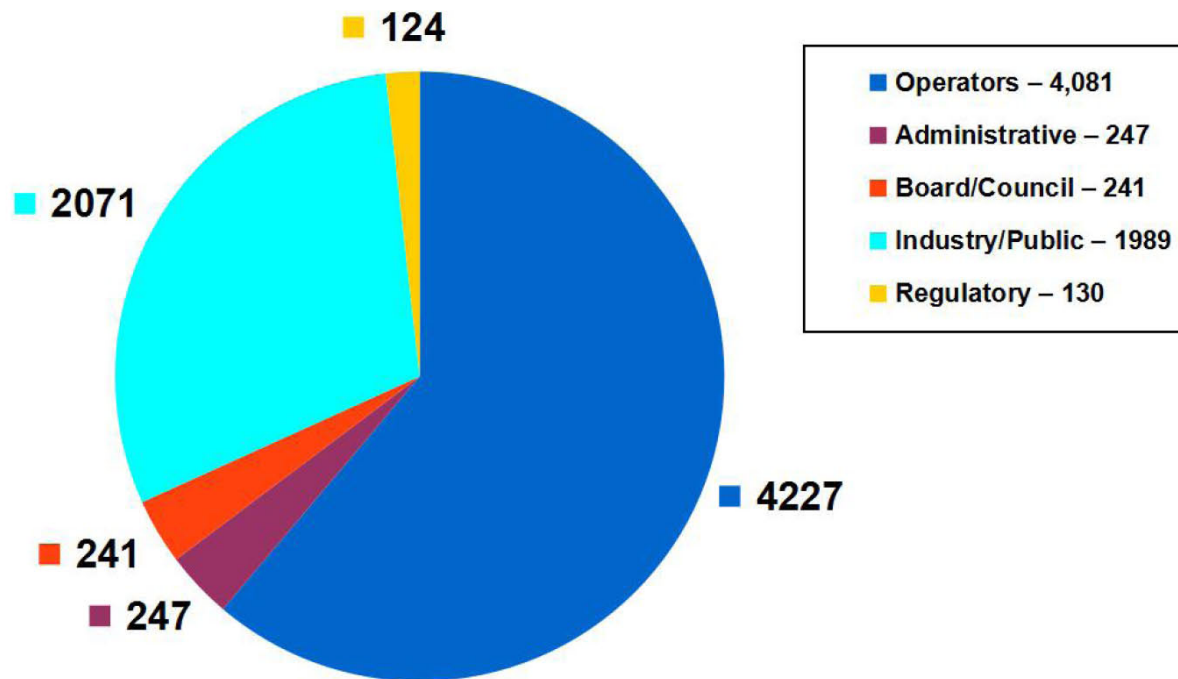


History of Training Attendance - Kansas Rural Water Association: 1976 - 2018



Number of Training Sessions held from 1976 to December 31, 2018: 2759

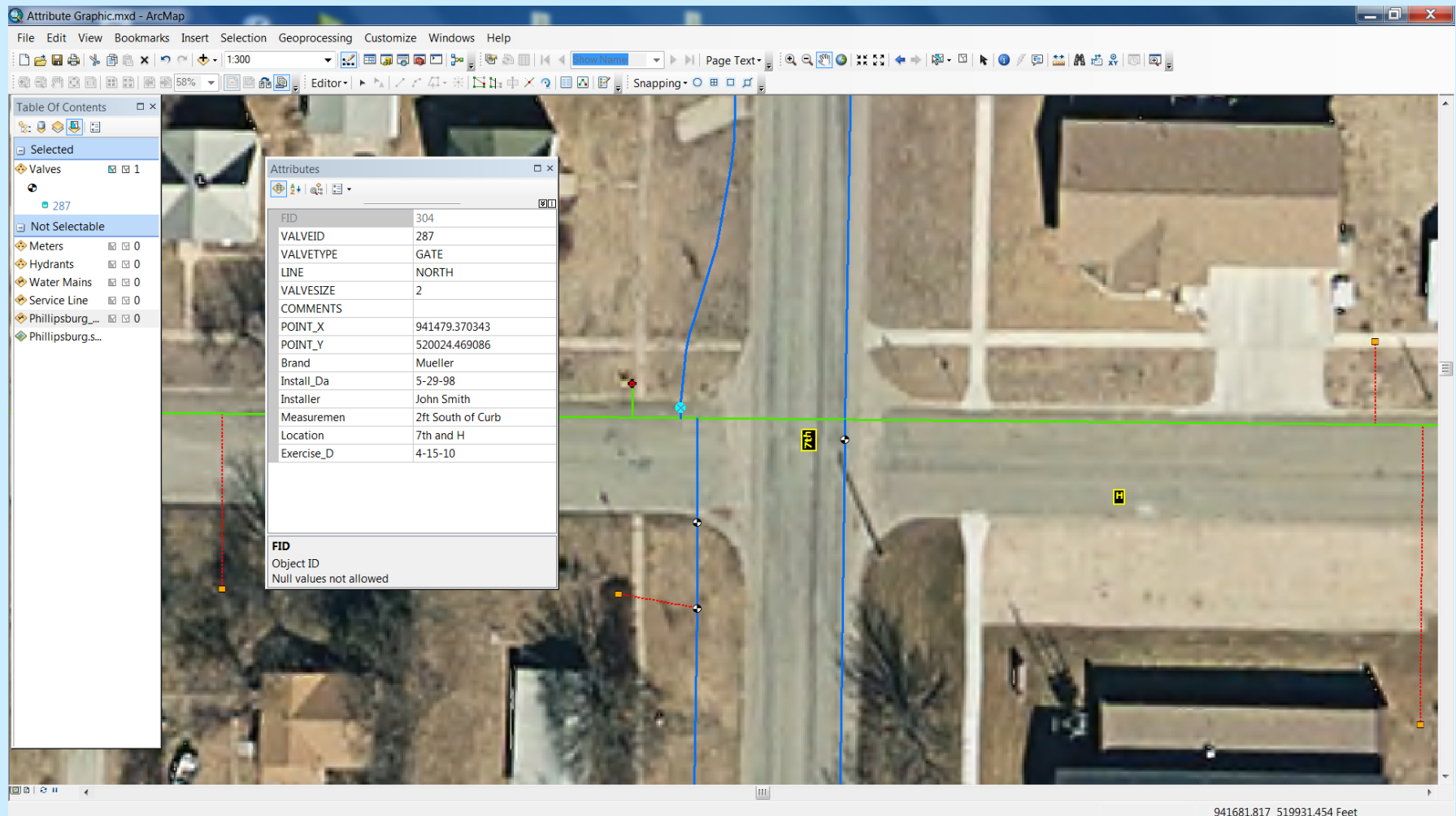
Training by Kansas Rural Water -- Attendance by Category in 2018



Attendance in 2018 -- 6,910 at 111 Training Events

GIS/GPS Mapping – Providing Service & Training

KRWA has mapped nearly 400 water and wastewater utilities





Going Beyond .. Staying Connected .. Helping create websites -- (Jen Sharp)



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Learn more by visiting with Jen Sharp at the Cyber Cafe during the 2010 KRWA Conference, March 30 – April 1 at Century II in Wichita! Meanwhile check out our demo demo.krwa.net

New!

Web Services from KRWA



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Annual Conference at Century II Convention Center, Wichita.

10 Full Day, Preconference Sessions, 48 Breakout Sessions



Annual Conference, March 26 – 28, 2019, Century II, Wichita

365 Exhibits of Products and Services for Water & Wastewater

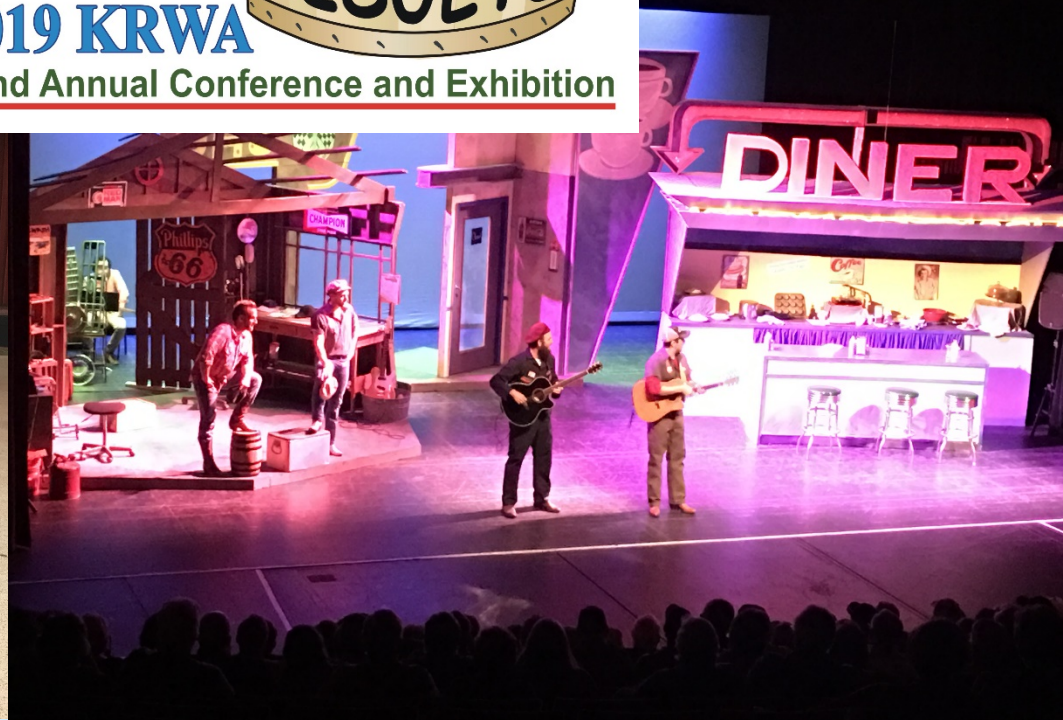


Many exhibits show larger machinery
from backhoes to sewer vacuums



A one-of-a-kind, opening-night Meet & Greet with Barbecue and Social, Games, a band – and more than \$10,000 in prizes





Meals – In 2018, the Wednesday lunch served 1,253 people in 26 minutes!



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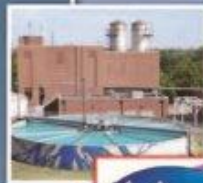
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NEWS

**"An investment in
Knowledge pays the
best Interest."**

Ben Franklin's words still ring true today. So we pick out the most appropriate articles in current events and news regarding the Water Industry both nationally and in Kansas to filter the most pertinent information for you.

BROWSE BY CATEGORY

State Government National News
Environment Law
Technical Financial
Technology Drought & Weather
Human Interest
Weekly KRWA E-News
KRWA Meeting Minutes
Legislative News
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Weekly News - Feb. 11, 2019

02/11/2019 - *Weekly KRWA E-News*

Florence Closer to Securing Lease at Crystal Springs

Florence city leaders last week indicated they are closer to resolving access to their sole source of drinking water at nearby Crystal Springs. Mayor Bob Gayle announced that a new lease agreement is in the process of being finalized. Council members then voted to have a special meeting exclusively for signing that agreement. The city has been leasing land with access to the springs for decades, but that lease was set to expire and city officials ran into problems negotiating terms for a new lease. Some residents had urged the city to use eminent domain to secure access. The special meeting will be exclusively for signing the lease agreement, but the council will set a future meeting to answer residents' questions, Gayle said. "With all the effort that's been put into this, that evening should be set aside just to do the lease," he said. "We can talk about all the rest of it at a meeting, and I won't retract it. We can talk about it very soon thereafter." [\[source\]](#)

Tracy Streeter Joins Burns & McDonnell

In his new role with Burns & McDonnell, Streeter will provide consulting and project development support for water resource agencies and municipalities with public water utilities. "My new role at Burns & Mac will allow me to continue to help folks, not only in Kansas, but in other regions. Everyone should feel more secure that clean, reliable sources of water will be there for generations to come," said Streeter in a press release. He served 33 years in positions related to water resource management, including 14 years as director of the Kansas Water Office (KWO), retiring from that position in December. [\[source\]](#)

Oklahoma Town Wins Best Tasting Water in the Nation

Tahlequah Public Works Authority, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, claims the 2019 title of America's best tasting drinking water at the 20th Anniversary of the Great American Water Taste Test, held last week, in Washington, D.C. as part of the [NRWA Rural Water Rally](#). Douglas County Utilities, Montana System of Minden, Nevada won the Silver Medal with City of Clay Center of Nebraska receiving the Bronze Medal. Rounding out the top five were Rathbun Regional Water Association, Inc. of Centerville, Iowa and City of Sumas of Washington. These five water systems competed against 42 total entries from across the country, including [WaterOne](#) of Johnson County, which won the Kansas competition during the [KRWA annual conference](#) last March. [\[source\]](#)



KRWA Training Calendar

Feb. 19-22: McPherson
Cross Connection - Backflow Prevention

Feb. 20: Salina
Distribution System Operations, LCR and RTCR

Feb. 27: Parsons
Surface Water Treatment: Production, Sampling & Technologies

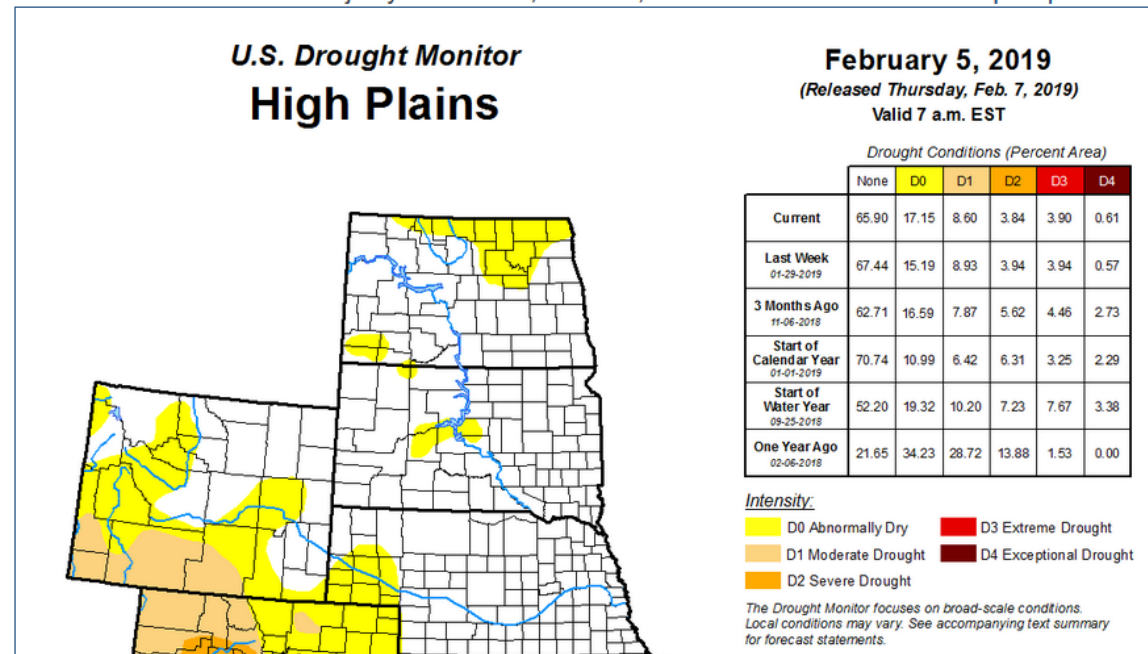
Mar. 6: Mayetta
Surface Water Treatment: Production, Sampling & Technologies

Mar. 26, 27 and 28: Wichita
KRWA Annual Conference & Exhibition



Drought Monitor

The Kansas drought map remained "clear" for only a few weeks, as a small patch of abnormally dry conditions has been depicted on the latest U.S. Drought Monitor, in Cheyenne County, in the northwest corner of Kansas, after expanding across northeastern Colorado and the Nebraska Panhandle, where little precipitation has been observed for the last couple of months. The "D0" or "abnormally dry" classification is used for areas showing dryness but not yet in drought. Not much precipitation is expected this week for those areas. The majority of the state, however, remains well above normal for precipitation for the last 60 days.





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