

TEXAS WATER OPERATORS COMPETITIONS

These popular operator competitions showcase operator ingenuity, experience, know-how and skills and demonstrate the effectiveness and professionalism among those in the water and wastewater sector.

Texas Water 2012 will feature the Operations Challenge, a comprehensive Wastewater Operators "Olympics" which tests teams on a broad range of skills, including Safety, Pump Maintenance, collection Systems, Laboratory and Process Control Events.

Texas Water 2012 will also feature three Water Operators competitions. See more on page 2 and 3!



Pipe Tapping

The high-energy Pipe Tapping Contest, where utility teams race to make a water tap on a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe;



Meter Madness

The fast-paced Meter Madness Contest, which pits competitors against the clock to assemble a water meter from a bucket of parts; and



Top Ops

The challenging Top Ops Contest, which tests the everyday know-how of water treatment operators in a "college bowl" format.

Take an opportunity to check out all of the Operators Competitions and see our "unsung heroes" of the water and wastewater sectors make their very difficult jobs look EASY!



Operations Challenge

Join us for the 24th annual Operations Challenge competition, the "Olympics" for wastewater operations professionals to showcase their skills in all aspects of operations, maintenance, collections and laboratory, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, 2012 in the OPS CHALLENGE area of the Exhibit Hall.

How do operators and technicians overcome flooding, a sewer collapse, process

failure and other emergencies? Do you ever wonder what transpires behind the scenes during the operation of a wastewater treatment facility? Instead of continuing to take these unsung specialists for granted, come see some of the best wastewater collection and treatment personnel in the state display their skills during Operations Challenge 2012.

Each team is sponsored by a utility. Winners are determined by a weighted point system for five events (collection systems, laboratory, process control, maintenance and safety), each designed to test the diverse skills required for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities, their collection systems and laboratories. The three top teams will represent the Great State of Texas in the WEF Operations Challenge, to be held at WEFTEC in October of 2012. In past years, Texas has been able to send as many as 4 teams to WEFTEC to compete, and has held several national championships. Come over to the OPS CHALLENGE area in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday and Thursday and see these professionals work their magic!



Pipe Tapping

Join us for the Annual Pipe Tapping Contest, a competition of skill in which water operators from across the state work against the clock to open a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe and install a tap. This year's competition will be held on Thursday, April 12 in the PIPE TAPPING area of the Exhibit hall, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The winners will represent the Great State of Texas as they compete in the AWWA Tapping Contest, held at ACE 12, June 2012 in Dallas!

This competition has two divisions, Men's and Women's, and requires strength, speed and agility to drill the pipe and make the tap as quickly and safely as possible. Water flies in this contest! Come over to the PIPE TAPPING area in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday and cheer on your favorite team!



Meter Madness

Join us as water operations professionals from all over the State of Texas compete in the TAWWA Meter Madness Competition, to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in the METER MADNESS area of the Exhibit Hall, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm, to determine the representative from the Great State of Texas to compete in the AWWA Meter Madness competition at ACE 2012 in June 2012 in Dallas. This fun and (VERY) fast competition pits competitors against the clock to see who can assemble a complete, working water meter from a bucket of parts, which MAY have some unexpected extras thrown in!

The Muller Systems Hersey Meter 420 composite positive displacement meter is the official meter of the 2012 Meter Madness contest, and we are very appreciative of all their support. Come over to the Meter Madness area in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday afternoon to check out the fun and cheer on your favorite competitor!

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The Junior Meter Madness Contest

Join us as students from two high school environmental programs, Waco and Irving, compete in the 2nd Annual Junior Meter Madness Contest on Wednesday, April 11, 2012,, in the METER MADNESS area of the Exhibit Hall from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. These young people are studying the water industry and are future water operations professionals, so we are very excited to have them at Texas Water this year!

This will be just the second time they have competed at the state level, and the rules are the same as for the TAWWA Meter Madness competition. The Muller Systems Hersey Meter is sponsoring the competition and has provided practice meters for each of the school programs, and trophies for the 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winners. We really appreciate their support in this second year of competition for our future professionals.

Come by the Meter Madness area in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday morning and see these future professionals at work!



Top Ops

Join us as teams of water operations professionals pit their technical knowledge against each other in the Annual TOP OPS Competition, to be held on Thursday, April 12, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the TOP OPS area of the Exhibit Hall. The winning team will represent the Great State of Texas in the AWWA TOP OPS championship at ACE 2012 in June 2012 in Dallas.

This competition, the “college bowl” of the water industry, draws on the technical and operational knowledge of a two or three person team of water operations professionals to answer questions typically found in certification exams from across North America. The questions cover a broad range of operations and management topics applicable to facility and system operations.

Come over to the TOP OPS area in the Exhibit Hall to watch the competition and see if you can answer the questions yourself!