This Fall, several key deliverables for the CDPHE Administrative Framework will be ready for review by stakeholders. In Winter 2011, the CBU announced a new partnership with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) to facilitate the development of an Administrative Framework for the Capacity Building Unit’s (CBU) 2015 Training Strategy. The Administrative Framework will define the processes, guidelines and expected outcomes for training activities supported by the CBU and is intended to assist in decision making regarding the allocation of funds and resources for public water system training services in the future.

Since January 2012, the Administrative Framework Task Force and several work groups have been formed to create the deliverables and provide input into all aspects of the project. Four of the work groups that will have draft deliverables prepared for review by stakeholders this Fall are:

1. Need-to-Know Criteria Usage Guidelines
2. Curriculum Pathway and Core Curriculum Management Plan
3. Colorado Water Careers Roadmap
4. Train-the-Trainer Program Design

The Need-to-Know Criteria Usage Guidelines are currently under development. A key component of this work has included an analysis of training topics for each level of Colorado Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Small Water System operators. This work will help ensure that key weaknesses identified by this analysis can be adequately addressed during training provided in Colorado. The Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) Need-to-Know Criteria have been ranked based on Colorado examinee mastery data, Colorado exam pass/fail rates, the Colorado Operator Job Analysis and the CDPHE Failure and Root Cause Analysis Report. The findings were compiled during August and will be available for review this Fall. Usage guidelines are also being developed to assist trainers in using the Need-to-Know Criteria to develop training curriculum.

The Core Curriculum Work Group began reviewing the work of the Need-to-Know Criteria Work Group in August. Several “core curriculum design meetings” were held with stakeholders during August to begin outlining the Curriculum Pathways for Water Treatment, Water Distribution and Small System Operators. Draft deliverables will be prepared for review this Fall.

The Colorado Water Careers Roadmap Work Group and Train-the-Trainer work groups will also have draft deliverables prepared for review this Fall.

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