



# Water Sector Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training

## Why is Water Sector ICS/NIMS Training being offered?

Feedback from utilities, states, EPA regions, and other stakeholders indicates that water sector-specific ICS and NIMS training remains a priority need for 2007. This new 1-day ICS and NIMS workshop sponsored by the EPA Water Security Division will help water and wastewater utilities to better understand ICS, integrate with other first responders within an expanding ICS structure, and implement NIMS concepts and principles that will help utilities provide mutual aid and assistance to one another.



## What is ICS?

ICS, or the Incident Command System, is a standardized, on-scene, all hazard incident management concept. ICS allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

## What is NIMS?

NIMS, or the National Incident Management System, is a consistent nationwide template that enables all government and non-governmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. NIMS requires all agencies to use ICS when responding to incidents.

## What topics will be covered at the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Training?

The ICS/NIMS training will cover:

- ICS basics
- Unified and Area Command
- The six principles of NIMS
- Mutual Aid and Assistance



## Why should I attend the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Training?

First, it is vital to understand ICS, as this incident management system is the national standard for responding to any incident anywhere in the U.S. Second, using ICS is required by NIMS. Third, understanding NIMS is an important step for establishing utility mutual aid networks. Finally, FEMA IS-100 (Introductory ICS) and IS-700 (NIMS, An Introduction) certifications will be available to all participants. In some locations, CEUs will also be offered.

## Who should attend the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Training?

Small, medium and large water and wastewater utilities, water sector trainers, state drinking water primacy agencies, state wastewater permitting agencies, and federal workers with an active role in water sector emergency response should attend this training. There is no fee to attend this training.

## What are the dates for the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Training?

Please log on to <http://www.horsleywitten.com/ICStraining> for a complete listing of locations and dates, to view a detailed agenda, and to register for a workshop.