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## ***DRWA Training Center Now ASSE Certified for Cross Connection Control Certification***

**Milford, DE** – The Delaware Rural Water Association continues to emerge as the State of Delaware's leading association dedicated to providing specialized training not only for its water and wastewater professionals but now it has taken the next step in educating architects, engineers, regulatory and plumbing professionals.

Delaware Rural Water Association is pleased announce that its training center has received national recognition and accreditation from the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), for Cross Connection Control Certification. This nationally recognized **ANSI®** accreditation is designed to provide qualified students a national certification for obtaining a certified backflow assembly tester status not only in the State of Delaware, but throughout the United States.

The Delaware Rural Water Association's goal is to help provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and is committed to ensuring that their efforts continually improve and protect drinking water resources in our country..

### **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL**

A cross connection is a direct or a potential arrangement of drinking water piping that is or can be connected to a questionable source. A common example is a garden hose attached to a sill cock with the end of the garden hose submerged into a bucket of detergent. Other examples may be your home's underground lawn sprinkling system or water treatment unit. Examples of commercial cross connections may be found on carbonated beverage equipment, boilers and process equipment.

In order to maintain a safe and dependable drinking water supply at the highest level possible, backflow prevention assemblies are required where the water may come into contact with a contaminant. It is required by state and local codes that all backflow prevention assemblies be tested at a minimum on an annual basis or as required by your local water utility. Any such testing and/or maintenance must be preformed by an individual that successfully completed a certified course such as the ASSE Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester course. Failure to

comply with this requirement could result in the contamination of your public water supply or perhaps discontinuation of your water service.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about the ASSE Certification Program or any concerns about cross connections, please contact: the Delaware Rural Water Association at 302-424-3792.