



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

## Why are Water Sector ICS/NIMS Webcasts 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. These ICS and NIMS webcasts sponsored by the EPA Water Security Division will help Alaska and Hawaii (and other) 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. A 3 hour ICS webcast will be held on September 5th, 2007, and a 3 hour NIMS 3 webcast will be held on September 6th, 2007.



## 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.



## Why should I participate in the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Webcasts?

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.

## Who should participate in the Water Sector ICS/NIMS Webcasts?

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 participate in these webcasts. There is no fee to participate in the webcasts.

## How do I sign up?

The ICS webcast will be held on September 5, 2007 beginning at 2:30 PM east coast time (EDT). The NIMS webcast will be held at the same time on September 6, 2007. To register, log on to [www.horsleywitten.com/ICStraining](http://www.horsleywitten.com/ICStraining) on or after July 23, 2007 and click on "Click Here for Dates and Locations". Please note you will need a computer with speakers to hear the webcast. Each session will last between 2.5 to three hours in length, and will end with the FEMA certification exam for both ICS-100 (on Sept. 5) and NIMS IS-700 (on Sept. 6). Instructions on completing the exam will be provided during the webcasts.