

Pee Dee Meeting

Our next Pee Dee Rural Water meeting will be Thursday, March 7 at 10:00 AM at Shuler's BBQ on Hwy 38 in Latta. This is a week later than normal, but the SCRWA Decision Makers conference and the Ferguson Users Group meetings conflict with our normal meeting date.

At the next meeting, we will have a presentation from our very own **Buck Graham** about his new responsibilities at SCDHEC in the **Office of Rural Water**.

In addition, we are honored to have **Dr. Mike Marcus, DHEC Bureau Chief for the State Bureau of Water** to present and discuss the events that have taken place with regard to the water system in **Denmark, SC**. If you are unfamiliar with this situation, I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.

Please encourage small systems and towns that may not normally attend our meetings to attend this one. There are numerous lessons to be learned here for systems of all sizes – but in particular, small towns and small systems. Please call your neighboring towns and systems and have them attend this meeting. It's easy to think something like this can't happen to your system, but it can and being able to understand and deal with it correctly from the beginning is crucial.

We should also have our normal updates from DEHC and USDA – Office of Rural Development as well. I am once again working on getting attendees CEUs for this meeting through SCRWA. I hope to have a positive update at the meeting.

As always, please let me know if there are any topics you would like for us to cover at these meetings. I welcome your comments and suggestions. No prior registration is needed.

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