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AWWA Webcast

2003 Blackout: Lessons Learned

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The August 15 blackout that disrupted water for nearly six million people in Cleveland and Detroit has alerted drinking water utilities to their critical dependence on the nation's electricity grid.

The massive outage that affected 50 million people in eight states and part of Canada served as a rude, impromptu drill for several water suppliers, underscoring the need for backup generators, a dependable communications network, and a comprehensive emergency response plan to address worst-case scenarios.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is presenting an upcoming Webcast later this month called **2003 Blackout: Lessons Learned**. This is a live seminar you can access from your desktop computer via the Web.

This Webcast will provide information on what utilities face in dealing with unexpected challenges such as a blackout or acts of nature and the role of public officials in making sure utilities are prepared for unexpected challenges. It will also include a panel discussion and you'll be able to submit questions via e-mail for the panelists to address.

The cost for a single registrant is just \$49 for AWWA members and \$69 for nonmembers. After you register you will receive by e-mail a Web address, password, and easy instructions to access the Webcast on October 23.

To register, go to www.awwa.org/education/webcasts/index.cfm. Registration will close at 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 22. No registrations will be accepted after that time.

For more information email online@awwa.org.

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