Circuit Rider Program
Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

What does this program do?
It provides technical assistance to rural water systems having day-to-day operation, financial, or management issues.

Who are the Circuit Riders?
- Rural Utilities Service has contracted with the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) to provide consultants with experience in managing issues that may arise in the day-to-day operations of rural water systems
- NRWA State Affiliates provide the technical assistance in their states
- A list of current Circuit Riders is available online

Who may apply for this program?
Assistance may be requested by officials of rural water systems or Rural Utilities Service staff.

How may funds be used?
Circuit Riders may assist with:
- Day-to-day operational issues
- Financial issues
- Management issues
- Energy Audits

Who can answer questions?
- Help is always available through your local RD office
- Participating Rural Water Associations also offer assistance and training

What law governs this program?
- The Circuit Rider program is funded by contract between the Rural Utilities Service and National Rural Water Association
- This program is authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled “What Law Governs this Program?” You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at www.rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.