

Thomas F. Johnson - Mississippi

Tom Johnson graduated Mississippi State University in 1966 with a BS in Mathematics. Served in US Army until March 1979, as a Medical Logistician. Entered Graduate School in 1980 at The University of South Carolina in the School of Public Health. Worked for Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, as Director of Central Processing from 1979 to 1984 and then promoted to Director of Logistics, where he worked until August of 1985. Perused a private business until 1987 then moved to Meridian, Mississippi, and took over as Manager/Operator of North Lauderdale Water Association. Received class B water operators' certification in August 1987, and continued to operate and manage 2900 connection system until June of 1996. From 1991 until 1994, Tom served as District Four Director for the Mississippi Water and Pollution Control Operators Association. He operated several smaller systems from 1996 until April of 1997 when he began work for the Southern RCAP as a Management/Operations Specialist in the State of Mississippi. From 1996 to 2000 he served on the Governor's Task Force for Water and Wastewater. The Task Force developed various proposals to improve the operation of water and wastewater systems and submitted them to the Mississippi Legislature for consideration. One of these proposals resulted in the mandatory Board Training that was put into law in 1997. From 1997 until present, Tom has provided technical assistance to several hundred water systems in the state, and starting in 1999 he began presenting the Required Basic Board Management Training to Board Members in Mississippi. In the last five years Tom has delivered this training approximately forty five times to over 400 Board Members. And starting in 2002 he has presented multiple sessions of Advanced Board Training to over 300 board members, operators, and staff of over 200 water systems in the state.