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A Message From The President of the Board

Recent Accomplishments

As you saw on the front cover, South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems has been named the top rural water association by the National Rural Water Association. This is a remarkable accomplishment for our board and staff, and we should all be very proud. The award was received at NRWA's H₂O-XPO in Louisville, and you can read more about it on page 26.

An individual staff person has also been recognized for his work in the water industry. Jim Zeck was recently recognized by the South Dakota AWWA for his work training operators and raising money for clean drinking water causes. Keep up the good work Jim!

Leadership Seminar A Success

The 6th Annual Leadership Seminar for board members and managers was held in Oacoma November 9-10. The conference spanned two half days and provided training and networking opportunities for decision makers from systems across the state.

This year, the event drew 44 attendees from various rural water systems. You can read more about the seminar and view pictures on pages 10 and 11.

Rural Water Rally February 6-8

I think most of you know the climate in Washington, D.C. is changing, and we need to make sure the voice of rural water is heard. NRWA Director Larry Wasland and SDARWS Executive Director Dennis Davis invite you to attend the Rally to show your support for continued rural water funding.

Your dedication to rural water makes a difference! It is important that we focus our efforts on informing our elected leaders of the needs and concerns of water and wastewater utilities in South Dakota. To make hotel reservations at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, call 202-737-1234.

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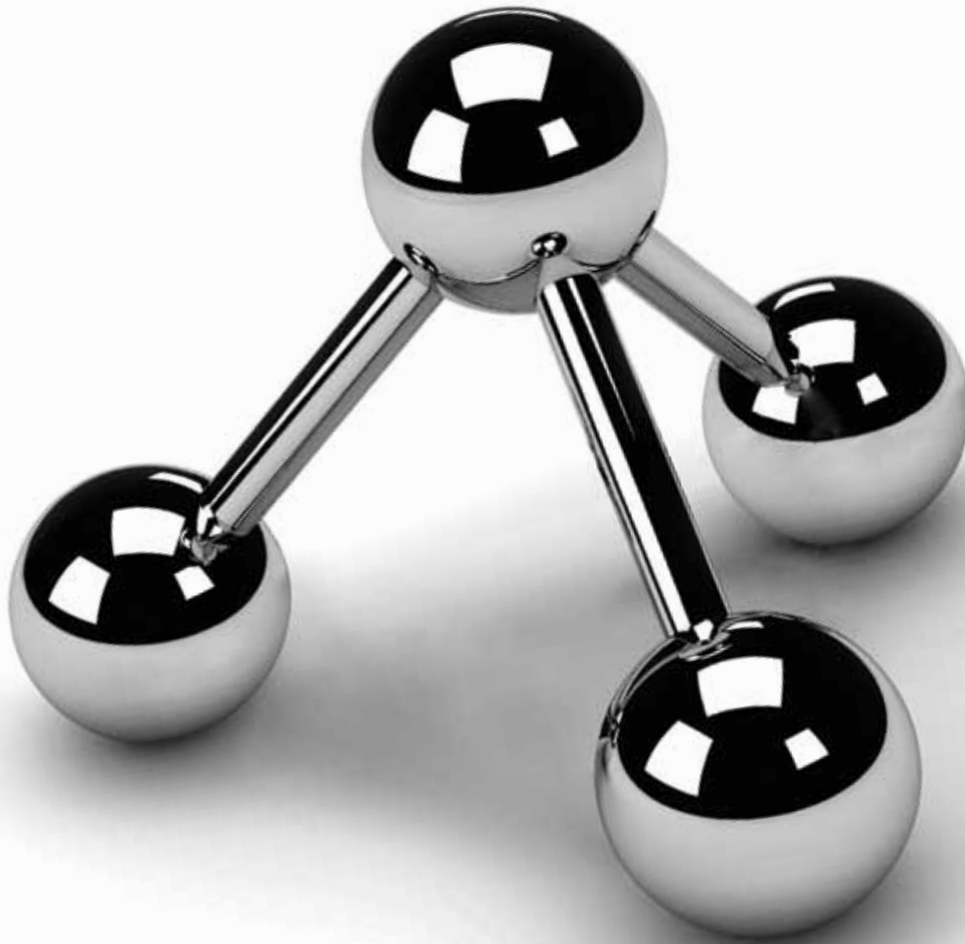
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