



**VOLUNTEER CHAPTER**

# ABPA NEWS

AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

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**WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE VOLUNTEER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION?**

As stated in our initial meeting, the goals of the Tennessee chapter will be to develop standards, create awareness and help with educational efforts along with others in our field that have a common interest in protecting drinking water from contamination through cross connections.

ABPA helps its members find solutions to cross connection problems by keeping them up to date on new developments, acting as an information clearinghouse, providing technical assistance, educational opportunities, and public information ideas. Our local chapter has been formed to provide those same services in a local forum.

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Our next meeting will be on May 26, 1993 at 10:30 AM. It will be held at Madison Suburban Utility District, outside Nashville, in Madison, TN. If you need directions contact Becky Thompson at (615) 868-5400.

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Included in our next meeting will be a technical session done by Larry Stinnett of Knoxville Utility Board. This session will include information about how, when and where to use backflow prevention on Fire Systems.

**TECHNICAL TIP**

If a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer relief valve discharges intermittently in a "splitting" action during no-flow conditions, the probable cause is a pressure fluctuation (water hammer) from the supply. The corrective action for this condition is to eliminate or reduce the pressure fluctuation.

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**WANTED**

**New Members**

The Volunteer Chapter of ABPA wants to get the word out. That this is a statewide organization. We want to involve people from all areas of the state. If you know of anyone that should be involved, please bring them to our next meeting.