**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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## General Permit 6 Rulemaking: Stakeholder Meeting

The Well Construction and Well Service Discharges General Permit 6 (GP6) will expire on February 28, 2020. Iowa DNR proposes to initiate rulemaking to renew the permit for a third 5-year term. The proposed GP6 is nearly identical to the current general permit except for some clarifications.

The permit renewal process includes asking for comments from individual stakeholders, stakeholder groups and other interested citizens. A stakeholder meeting regarding the renewal is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 24, 2018. The meeting will be held in Conference Rooms 4 East and West on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Free parking is available in the public parking ramp located directly west across the street from the Wallace Building.

Written comments can be submitted until May 31, 2018. Please send your written comments via email to Wendy Hieb at wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov or by US Postal Service to Wendy Hieb, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319.

View the Proposed GP6 as a pdf.

Questions regarding the renewal can be directed to Wendy Hieb at 515-725-8405, wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov.

## EPC Meeting Locations

The Environmental Protection Commission will hold their monthly meetings in Room 116 at the State Capitol, with the exception of the September meeting that will be held in Clayton County. When attending a meeting, allow time to go through the security process at the Capitol entrances.  Visitor parking is available at various lots adjacent to the Capitol.

# Upcoming Deadlines for 2018 Sponsored Projects

Communities or wastewater utilities interested in applying for an SRF Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Project should note the upcoming deadlines:

**June 30, 2018:**  Deadline to contact DNR to schedule a pre-application conference call. The call is mandatory with the purpose of discussing potential projects, getting technical advisors involved early, and going over the application requirements.

**September 4, 2018:**  Deadline to submit a sponsored project application.

The new application materials are now available.

General information about sponsored projects is available on the website or by contacting Lee Wagner, lee.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-725-0992.

# New Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal

From IDPH Listserv, 5/1/2018

"After months of behind the scenes work, the Iowa Department of Public Health is pleased to announce that a new Iowa Public Health Tracking portal has been launched at a new URL.

This new and improved portal will make it easier for users to access high quality data in less time. These data can improve the understanding of hazards and lead to actions that may prevent chronic illnesses.

Some of the features of the new portal include:

- A brand new website at a brand new URL. The Tracking portal can now be accessed at https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/. If you have the former Tracking portal bookmarked or linked to on your website, please update those links with this new site.
- Data Visualizations using Tableau. Tableau is a software product that was used to create the interactive data visualizations to present the public health data.
- About the Data. An 'About the Data' tab has been added to each topic area to provide general information about the data displayed in the Tableau visualizations.
- A New Dataset. Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea data has been added to the portal.
- New resources for portal users. Additional resources have been added to the new site such as "bites" (a data headline) on the landing page of each topic area, training videos, and a News & Updates page to keep you up to date on the latest information from our program.

The Tracking program hopes that you will take some time to visit the new portal and provide us with your feedback so that we can continually improve the site by determining

our portal user information, data, and resource needs.  You can provide your portal feedback at any time at https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/Help/Feedback-Survey."

Please note that PWS data for nine contaminants (since 2000) is included in the portal under the selections Environment/Public Drinking Water.  The data can be viewed in several ways in a specific system (listed by county), statewide, etc., using the tabs.

# EPA's Water Utility Public Awareness Kit

*From WaterOperator.org Newsletter #213, 5/4/2018*

"The U.S. EPA is offering an awareness kit to help utilities improve community resilience by increasing awareness of the value of water utilities, preparing the public for emergencies, and identifying ways to raise support for water utilities. The kit includes an infographic poster, mailers, PSAs and a video you can send to local stations or post on your website."

# IDNR WS Staff Speaking Engagements

Iowa DNR staff in the water supply program areas are scheduled to speak at the following events.  The date, sponsor and event, location, subject, and contact for more information are listed.

- May 23, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Cherokee.  Website for this free workshop; registration is required.  This is a rescheduled event due to inclement weather in April.
- July 9-10, 2018, Ankeny Annual Water Conference, Ankeny on the 9th, Ames Water Plant on the 10th.  "IDNR Update; Chloramination."  Registration and brochure.
- September 27, 2018, SHL Laboratory Symposium, Coralville.

For other professional development opportunities, see the "Training Calendar" at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/.