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FY 2020 IUP's Ready for Public Review

The Fiscal Year 2020 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#)

[Drinking Water SRF](#)

The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Public comments are welcome. Draft project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 in the Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA. The meeting will be held in the 3rd floor South conference room at 10:00 a.m. Participants should check in at the 4th floor DNR reception desk.

Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, May 16, 2019. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their June 18, 2019 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

General Permit 6 Up for Renewal

The Notice of Intended Action for the renewal of General Permit 6 for wastewater discharges associated with well construction and maintenance has been published. The public hearing will be held on May 28th at 2:00 p.m. in the Wallace Building 4th floor conference rooms. See the [website](#) for more information.

EPA Webinar: Planning for and Responding to Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water

From EPA's HABs Newsletter, April 2019

“On April 25th, the Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, hosted a webinar focusing on approaches for managing HABs in drinking water systems. Presentations included the development of EPA’s Health Advisories for Cyanotoxins, EPA’s Support Tools for Managing Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water, Effective drinking water treatment approaches and tools for water treatment plant optimization, and the City of Salem’s lessons learned during and after a cyanotoxins in drinking water event in 2018. Presentations and recording of the webinar are posted on the [website](#).”

Nine Iowa Communities Honored for Commitment to Fluoridation

From IDPH News Release, 5/2/2019

“The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced today that nine Iowa communities have been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation – 50 Year Award from the American Dental Association (ADA), Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for continuously adjusting and maintaining the optimal level of fluoride in drinking water from 1968-2018 to prevent tooth decay. These communities are Allison Water Supply, Atlantic Municipal Utilities, Eldridge Water Supply, Iowa Falls Water Department, Kalona Water Department, Milford Municipal Utilities, Spirit Lake Waterworks and Woodbine Water Department.

“Water fluoridation is a proven method that decreases dental decay. There is benefit for both children and adults; it further helps to drive down costs and unnecessary dental treatment,” said IDPH Dental Director, Dr. Bob Russell.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. Today, 74% of Americans and 70% of Iowans served by community water systems have access to optimally fluoridated water. Even with the availability of other fluoride-containing products, fluoridated water prevents approximately 25% of tooth decay in children and adults.

IDPH supports CDC approved fluoridation programs. The IDPH Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems monitors the fluoride levels of Iowa communities and provides information and assistance to water supply professionals, healthcare professionals, and the public. To see the current fluoridation status of Iowa communities, visit the [CDC website – My Water’s Fluoride](#).”

For further information about Community Water Fluoridation, contact Sara Carmichael-Stanley at sara.carmichael-stanley@idph.iowa.gov or 515/204-3450.