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DNR Staff Update

- Tiffany Wilson Lillard resigned from DNR as of September 5th. She has been an environmental specialist in the SRF program for nine years.
- Jason Christopherson, PE, is an environmental engineer in the WS Engineering Section, who began his duties on August 23rd. His prior work experience includes private consulting and most recently, work as an engineer in DNR's Air Quality Bureau.
- Justin Pettit, PE, is an environmental engineer in the WS Engineering Section, who began his duties on August 23rd. His prior work experience includes private consulting and most recently, work as an engineer in DNR's Wastewater Engineering section.

Iowa Drinking Water Rate Setting Workshop Series

Your water rates are the most important source of revenue for your water system. Are your rates sufficient to cover the cost of providing water service today and into the future? And are your rates structured in a way to best meet the priorities of your community? This free workshop will explore several important aspects of water system finance, including how to structure appropriate rates for your community, how to plan for the future, how to measure financial health, and how to find available loans and grants.

Anyone involved in the financial management of your water system is invited to attend, including board members, town managers, budget and finance staff, utility managers, and operators. The workshop is geared towards small water systems. We welcome multiple attendees from the same community.

Presenter: Glenn Barnes, Director, Water Finance Assistance

Cost: No charge for the workshop itself; lunch on your own. The workshop series is offered through an agreement with DNR to promote the financial component of capacity development.

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Locations: Note that the same content will be presented at each workshop. Registration is required and space is limited.

- Tuesday, October 15: North Liberty Water Treatment Facility, North Liberty
- Wednesday, October 16: Newton - Des Moines Area Community College Campus, Newton
- Thursday, October 17: Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Ankeny
- Friday, October 18: Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Ankeny

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[Online Registration](#)

Imagine A Day Without Water: October 23, 2019

To educate people about the value of water and water infrastructure, more than 1,100 water systems and associations nationwide are expected to participate in the 2019 "Imagine a Day Without Water," which is slated for October 23rd. Various activities and ways to participate are available on their [website](#).

EPA's SepticSmart Week: September 26-20, 2019

Under the heading of source water protection, SepticSmart Week is an annual event focused on educating homeowners and communities on the proper care and maintenance of their septic systems. See the [website](#) for information and resources.

Iowa DNR 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.

- September 17-18, IRWA – Okoboji, "MO River Flooding & Drinking Water Experience; Manganese testing; DNR WS Update." [Information and registration](#).
- October 9, IA-AWWA Region 3, Storm Lake, "DNR WS Update; Manganese testing." [Registration not yet available](#).
- October 10, IA-AWWA Region 2, Mason City, "DNR WS Update." Registration not yet available.
- October 15-16, IRWA – Dubuque, "MO River Flooding & Drinking Water Experience; Manganese testing; DNR WS Update." [Information and registration](#).
- October 22-24, IA-AWWA Annual, Ames, "The Good, the Bad, and the Really Ugly – 2019 Flooding Experience; DNR WS Update." [Information and registration](#).
- November 19-21, IAMU Water and Wastewater Operator's Workshop, Des Moines, "Southwest Iowa Flooding Event; Manganese testing." [Information and registration](#) coming soon.

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