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## 2020 Water Use Annual Permit Fee Invoices Mailed

The 2020 Water Use Annual Permit Fee invoices were mailed late last week and should arrive to permit holders by October 1st. The 2020 annual permit fee is \$95.00 and was approved by the Environmental Protection Commission on August 20, 2019. Fees are due by December 1, 2019 and will incur a late fee of \$100 if received after that date.

For questions, call Heidi Cline at 515-725-0341 or send an email to [wateruse@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:wateruse@dnr.iowa.gov).

## Consumer Confidence Report Certifications Due October 1

This is a reminder that the certification is due from the Consumer Confidence Report that was due July 1<sup>st</sup> from all community public water supply systems. If you haven't submitted yours yet, please complete and submit it immediately. The certification form was sent to each system with its data on March 11<sup>th</sup>. If another copy is needed, send an email to [ccr@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:ccr@dnr.iowa.gov) and include the PWSID in the request. The completed form can be mailed (DNR, Water Supply Operations Section, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034), or faxed to 515/725-8202 (Attn: Water Supply Operations), or scanned and sent as a pdf to [ccr@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:ccr@dnr.iowa.gov).

## Iowa Drinking Water Rate-Setting Workshops

*Note: This is a reprise of an article we ran on September 13, to include more information. The four workshops still have room, particularly the Newton DMACC location which is a smaller venue and will have more time for more individualized questions. There will be DWSRF staff onsite to answer any specific facility/community questions that participants may have. This is a good opportunity for systems thinking about applying for funding.*

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

**CEU:** 0.6 WT or WD

**Online Registration** <https://www.waterfinanceassistance.com/iowa>

## **EPA Webinar: Updated Power Resilience Guide and Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

*From EPA Water Security Division, 10/2/2019*

“This webinar will provide an overview of some of the new additions to EPA's Power Resilience Guide, including forms to type and request generators and information on planning for long duration power outages. It will also provide an in-depth overview of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), a communication resource that can be valuable resource to water utilities during a power outage.”

Date: Wednesday, October 16

Time: noon – 1:00 CDT

Webinar is free but registration is required.

[Registration](#)

## EPA Webinar: Power Outage Incident Action Checklist and Utility Case Study

*From EPA Water Security Division, 10/2/2019*

“This webinar will provide an overview of EPA's new Power Outage Incident Action Checklist (not yet available online), which includes actions utilities can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from power outages. It covers a range of activities including coordination, generators, fuel, operations, notifications, and documentation. The webinar will also include a presentation from Cape Fear Public Utility Authority on some of its best practices and lessons learned from responding to Hurricane Florence in 2018 and Hurricane Dorian in 2019.”

Date: Wednesday, November 6

Time: noon – 1:00 CDT

Webinar is free but registration is required.

[Registration](#)

## EPA Webinar: Connecting Water Utilities and Emergency Management Agencies

*From EPA Water Security Division, 10/2/2019*

“This webinar will summarize best practices on how emergency management agencies and water utilities can coordinate to effectively respond to natural and man-made disasters. It will also highlight some of the collaborative activities between the Portland Water Bureau (PWB), Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (PBES) wastewater and stormwater utility, and Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM).”

Date: Thursday, November 14

Time: noon – 1:00 CDT

Webinar is free but registration is required.

[Registration](#)

## Iowa DNR WS Staff Speaking Engagements

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.

- October 9, IA-AWWA Region 3, Storm Lake, “DNR WS Update; Manganese testing.” [Registration is available.](#)
- October 10, IA-AWWA Region 2, Mason City, “DNR WS Update.”
- 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.](#)
- January 30, 2020, Iowa Water Quality Association’s Winter Meeting, Des Moines, “Manganese: Emerging Contaminant of Concern and City of Bagley Case Study.” [Information and registration not yet available.](#)

For other professional development opportunities, see the “Training Calendar” at [programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/](http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/).