



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## DNR Staff Update

Mike Sullivan, DWSRF Environmental Specialist, has been promoted to Environmental Program Supervisor of the Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section in the Land Quality Bureau. He will begin his new duties in the near future.

## New Community Water Fluoridation Coordinator for IDPH

Sarah Petersen started her role as Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) Coordinator at the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) on May 1st. She has more than 7 years of experience working in public health as a dental hygienist and is looking forward to working with the DNR and local water operators to ensure Iowans are receiving the optimal level of fluoride in their water systems.

Please contact Sarah with any questions or concerns that you may have in regards to CWF. She is currently working on a resource guide for water operators to ensure they have the most up-to-date information on CWF at their fingertips, so be on the lookout for that soon.

To systems that supplement fluoride: Please continue to send your monthly operation reports (MORs) to [MOR@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:MOR@idph.iowa.gov).

For questions, contact Sarah at [sarah.petersen@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:sarah.petersen@idph.iowa.gov) or (515)204-3450.

## Annual WS Operation Fee Bill in the Mail

The annual Water Supply Operation Fee bills were mailed today, and are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee is \$25.00 for transient noncommunity systems. For nontransient noncommunity and community systems, the fee is \$25.00 or 11.42 cents per capita per year, whichever is greater. The amount of fees collected statewide is capped at \$350,000, as it has been since 1995. The money is used to match federal grants which support the public water supply program.

## Iowa Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report for 2019 Available

The State of Iowa Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report for 2019 is available on this [website](#). Under the 1996 reauthorized Safe Drinking Water Act, the DNR is required to publish an annual report of the status of its public drinking water program and to submit the report to EPA by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The report was compiled by the staff of the DNR, using data collected in 2019 from all active public water supplies in the state. The report contains a summary of the program, a description of the requirements that systems must meet, the year's violation statistics, and the list of the systems with each health-based standard or major monitoring or reporting violation incurred during the year.

The photographs in the report are from Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund projects, primarily those that were completed or inspected during the year. The maps depict the public water supply system universe in Iowa and the locations of the systems that incurred the violations of health-based standards and the major monitoring and reporting violations. The maps are also separately listed on the website.

Iowa had 1,855 active public water supply systems in 2019. Of those systems, 95.5% were in compliance with all health-based drinking water standards, and 82.8% were in compliance with all major monitoring and reporting requirements. There were no waterborne disease outbreaks or deaths attributed to the drinking water at any active public water supply in Iowa during the year.

## New Factsheet on Water Quality Management in Buildings

*From ASDWA Update, 6/23/2020*

"The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in partnership with ASDWA (Association of State Drinking Water Administrators) released a new factsheet, [Using Water Quality Monitoring Data for Your Building Water Management Program](#).

This 7-page factsheet was jointly developed with the ASTHO and outlines how to monitor water quality in facilities to prevent the growth of *Legionella* and other opportunistic pathogens. It discusses important basic water quality monitoring parameters, including temperature, pH, turbidity, and disinfectant residual. The document is meant to help water management program teams understand the water quality at the building point-of-entry so they can establish the water quality baseline for the building."

## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the "Training Calendar" at [programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/](http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/) Training events where Iowa DNR staff will make

presentations are listed below. See the listing on the appropriate date on the Training Calendar for registration instructions.

- July 9, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CDT, Iowa DNR FO4 Virtual Rules Webinar, 2 continuing education hours WT, WD
- July 28, 9:45 a.m. - noon CDT, Flood Resilience Webinar for IA and MI Water and Wastewater Utilities, 2 continuing education hours WT, WD, WW
- October 2020, IA-AWWA Virtual Fall Conference, “Iowa DNR WS Rules Update.” Watch the Calendar for the registration information when it becomes available.

## **A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

- [Full list of DNR's online services](#)
- [Current information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.