



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Wastewater News

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## Online Trainings for Iowa Small Water Systems

### Online Trainings from the Environmental Finance Center Network - Asset Management for Iowa Small Water Systems: Optimizing Asset Life for Sustained Operations

In this two-part online training series, you will learn about how asset management can benefit your system. Not sure where to begin? We will provide you with the tools you need to get started and will walk you through the process. With limited revenues, aging infrastructure, and regulatory obligations to meet, a comprehensive approach to managing your system is vital. You may have problems related to unknown meter, valve, or hydrant locations. You may not be sure of which asset(s) to replace given limited funds. Asset Management can help you solve these problems, and more.

In Part One, you will learn how to:

- Identify the 5 core components of asset management
- Develop an inventory of utility components
- Identify critical assets for sustained operations
- Set goals for level of service at a sustainable cost

In Part Two, you will learn how to:

- Make decisions about how to operate, maintain, repair, and replace critical assets
- Identify long-term funding strategies for your system
- Evaluate energy efficiency of assets

[EFCN Trainings Website](#)

#### Dates:

Part One: "Introduction to Asset Management"

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 11:00am-12:30pm CST

Part Two: "Optimizing Asset Life for Sustained Operations"  
Thursday, October 1, 2020, 11:00am-12:30pm CST

[Register Online](#) via Zoom meetings

### **Additional Information:**

**Presenter:** Nicholas Willis, Program Manager, Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center

**Training Credit Hours:** Approved for 3 hours of water operator credit by Iowa DNR

**Partners:** Wichita State University, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs; National Association of Development Organizations, Research Foundation; Government Finance Officers Association

**Questions?** Contact [Leslie Kimble](#), Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center

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## **IAWEA Fall 2020 Virtual Wastewater CEU Series**

The Iowa Water Environment Association (IAWEA) is hosting a Fall 2020 Virtual Wastewater Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Series consisting of six online modules in September, October, and November 2020 presenting high quality presentations on a variety of wastewater topics. Participants will receive continuing education credits or professional development hours. Registration options include individual modules, the entire series, and site registrations. Four modules are still available.

- **Module 3, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Thursday, October 1** - focuses on Process Innovations with diverse topics such as MABR, Granular Sludge, UV Testing Innovation, and AnitaMox.
- **Module 4, 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday, October 22** - special flash presentation session. Attendees will hear 7 short presentations on diverse subjects including management topics, security, permit issues, and process.
- **Module 5, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday November 5** - learning through Plant Case Study Lessons.
- **Module 6, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday November 19** - covers the Unspeakables. Those of you involved in preliminary treatment and biosolids handling know what this session is about.

Virtual Series Links:

- [Session Agendas](#)
- [Registration](#)
- IAWEA [Event Website](#)

**Conference Sponsorships are Available** – Sponsorships are priced at \$50.00 and sponsors will be able to upload their logo to be displayed during the sessions. You can register, upload your logo, and submit payment through the conference registration process even if you don't attend the sessions.

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## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification site](#). See the listing on the appropriate date on the Training Calendar for registration instructions. Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week. Use the links provided below to see the conference/training brochures and registration information.

- September 30 and October 1 2020, [IRWA Fall Wastewater Conference, Okoboji](#).
- October 13-15, 2020, [IA-AWWA Fall Virtual Workshop](#). This year's conference is free.
- October 28-29, [IRWA Fall Wastewater Conference, Dubuque](#).
- November 17, [IRWA WW Operator Basics](#), Virtual Zoom training; contact [drichardson@iowaruralwater.org](mailto:drichardson@iowaruralwater.org) for more information

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## 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](#)
- [Up-to-date 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.