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New IDNR Water Quality Bureau Petition for Waiver Form

A new fillable form to request waivers has been developed and is available for use. This form was developed in response to recent legislative action regarding the term "Waiver". House File 2389, signed into law by Governor Reynolds on June 25, 2020, replaced the terms "Waivers and variances" and "Waiver or Variance" as cited in the Iowa Code with the term "Waiver".

The new form can be used to request waivers (previously called variances) for any program area within the Water Quality Bureau (NPDES Permits, Wastewater Engineering, Water Supply Engineering, Water Supply Operations, etc.). The form can be accessed on the [NPDES Application forms](#) webpage.

IAWEA 2021 Small Community Virtual CEU Series

The Iowa Water Environment Association (IAWEA) is pleased to offer a virtual CEU series. This virtual CEU series is designed to offer meaningful technical content related to small communities across the State of Iowa. Three modules will be offered on January 19th, February 2nd, and February 16th. Each module will be held 10AM – Noon and each will be worth 0.2 CEUs or 2 PDHs to attendees.

If you are interested in attending one or more of this series, please register at the following link: <https://iawea.regfox.com/2021-iawea-small-community-virtual-ceu-series>.

If you have questions about the virtual CEU series, please contact Matt Wildman at mwildman@hrgreen.com.

[IAWEA 2021 CEU Webinar Schedule & Agenda](#)

IAWEA 2021 Virtual Maintenance Conference

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 IAWEA Maintenance Conference will be conducted online on January 26-27, 2021. More information on the conference and online registration is available at:

<https://iawea.regfox.com/2021-iawea-maintenance-conference>

If you have questions about the virtual CEU series, please contact Bob Ranson at branson@marshalltown-ia.gov

[IAWEA 2021 Maintenance Conf Program](#)

46th Annual IRWA Conference

The 46th Annual Iowa Rural Water Association Conference will be held in Des Moines on February 23 and 24, 2021. The theme of the conference is "Best of the Best – I Feel the Need; the Need to be Up To Speed". More information on the conference and online registration is available at:

http://www.iowaruralwater.org/events_annual_conference.html

For questions, please contact Cathy Law at 641-787-0330 or email at claw@iowaruralwater.org

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.

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.