



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## Quarterly IUP Updates Posted for Comment

The second quarter updates to fiscal year 2018 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#)

[Drinking Water SRF](#)

Public comments are welcome. Draft quarterly project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017 in the Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines. The meeting will be held in the 2nd floor West conference room at 10:00 a.m. Participants should check in at the 4th floor DNR reception desk. Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, August 17, 2017. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their September 19, 2017 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Patti Cale-Finnegan, DNR SRF Coordinator, [patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov).

## Water Operator Salaries Depend Largely on Geographic Location

*From WaterOperator.Org, 8/3/2017*

“Water operator salaries and wages depend largely on where operators live and work, according to [statistics](#) released by the US Department of Labor last year. And even when operators live in the same state or region, salaries can vary depending on if the operator works in or close to a major metropolitan area. Certainly according to these statistics, small town water operator salaries are not competing with those offered by larger metropolitan areas. While top salaries can approach the \$70K - \$90K range at some metropolitan utilities on the West Coast, top salaries in rural or non-metropolitan areas in the same areas are \$10K- \$20K less. And then there are larger regional differences as well. Top-paying states such as California, Connecticut, Nevada, Washington and Alaska all offer annual mean

salaries over \$50K while in many southern states (such as Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky) the average salary range is \$25K - \$40K." [State rankings](#) are available, with Iowa ranking #29.

"Other interesting geographic statistics and trends can be found on this [Data USA website](#) and includes the area of the country with the highest concentration of water/wastewater operators (Arkansas!) as well as areas with the highest paying operator jobs. If you are interested in finding out detailed salary information for your specific state, including current and projected employment numbers, concentration data, area profiles and more, check out this [informative site!](#)"

## IDNR 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.

- August 28-29, 2017, AWWA Fall Short Course, Ankeny. "IDNR Water Supply Update." [Website for brochure and registration](#).
- September 12 - 13, 2017, IRWA Fall Conference, Okoboji. "IDNR Water Supply Update." [Website for brochure and registration](#).
- September 12, 2017, EPA Region 7 Environmental Finance Center (Wichita State), St. Joseph, MO. "Regional Water Finance Forum." [More information](#).
- September 28, 2017, SHL 50th Annual Laboratory Symposium, Ankeny. [Website for brochure and registration](#).
- October 10-12, 2017, AWWA Annual Meeting, Council Bluffs. "LUST Sites and Water Mains; IDNR Water Supply Update; Cyanobacteria." [Website for brochure and registration](#).
- October 10 - 11, 2017, IRWA Fall Conference, Dubuque. "IDNR Water Supply Update." [Website for brochure and registration](#).

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