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Second Quarter IUP Updates Approved

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission approved the Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF Second Quarter Intended Use Plan updates for fiscal year 2018. The Commission took the action on September 18, 2017 at their meeting in Des Moines.

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)

[Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

For more information, please contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0498 or patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov.

2018 Water Use Annual Permit Fee Approved by EPC

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission approved the SFY 2018 water use annual permit fee of \$134.00 at its September 18th meeting in Des Moines. The fee bills have been mailed to the water use permit holders and payment is due by December 1st.

The 2017 Value of Water Poll

From WaterOperator.org, September 19, 2017

“Americans view water infrastructure investment as an even greater priority than infrastructure generally, with 82 percent of voters saying that they view the issue as either important or very important. No other issue facing our public officials enjoys such a broad consensus.” Click on the [link](#) to see the 13 slides in the Value of Water presentation, including the polling questions.

National Preparedness Month: Week 3 – Conduct a Utility Risk Assessment using VSAT

From EPA's website

“Drinking water and wastewater utilities of all sizes can use the Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool ([VSAT](#)) to enhance their security and resiliency. Utilities can:

- Identify the highest risks to mission-critical operations
- Find the most cost-effective measures to reduce those risks

VSAT Version 6.0 complies with the water sector risk assessment standard and can offer liability protection under the Department of Homeland Security's Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (SAFETY) Act program. EPA strongly encourages drinking water and wastewater utility owners and operators to use VSAT 6.0 to conduct or update an all-hazards risk assessment.”

National Preparedness Month: Week 4 – Community Preparedness

From EPA's website

“Work with your community to start preparing for emergencies that impact drinking water and wastewater services.

The Community-Based Water Resiliency ([CBWR](#)) Tool (version 2.0) is an easy way to find out how prepared your community is to handle emergencies that impact your water systems and learn about tools and resources that can be used to build resilience.

The self-assessment in the tool is for:

- drinking water and wastewater utilities
- hospitals
- public health and drinking water agencies
- fire
- police
- emergency managers
- elected officials
- concerned citizens

A summary report is provided after the self-assessment with suggestions and recommended resources for increasing resilience. Users can then navigate to the CBWR toolbox, where they can find the best tool for their needs from over 400 tools and resources.”

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.

- September 28, 2017, Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference, Davenport. “Infrastructure Financing; Operator certification and what higher grade classifications mean to cities.” [Website](#).
- September 28, 2017, SHL 50th Annual Laboratory Symposium, Ankeny. [Website](#) for brochure and registration.
- October 4, 2017, Region 3 IA-AWWA Meeting, Cherokee. “IDNR WS Update.” [Website](#).
- 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.
- November 15, 2017, IAMU Water Operators Training Workshop, Ankeny. “IDNR Water Supply Update.” [Website](#) for brochure and registration.

For other professional development opportunities, see the “Training Calendar” at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/.