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Reporting Chlorine Residuals and Other Self-Monitoring Results

Many water systems have self-monitoring testing and reporting requirements included in their water supply operation permit. These are based on the type of treatment and the amount of water produced or purchased. When recording and reporting these results, please use the value exactly as it is shown on your instrument. For example, when measuring chlorine residuals with a colorimeter on low range, the result will include two places after the decimal, such as 1.84 mg/L. Report that value. Do not round the value when it is reported on the MOR (monthly operation report). If there are any questions about what to report, please contact your local DNR Field Office.

DNR Operator Certification Program Recognized with ABC Award

From ABC News Release, 3/19/2018

“DES MOINES – March 19, 2018 - The Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) is pleased to announce that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Operator Certification Program has been awarded the 2018 Certification Program Award. Chuck Gipp, Director of the Iowa DNR, and Laurie Sharp, head of the Program, accepted the award at a special ceremony held at the Iowa DNR.

The Iowa DNR Operator Certification Program was selected for their tradition of integrity, stakeholder involvement and outreach, consultation and implementation with industry Model Standards, and leadership and interaction with ABC. “Iowa has always been a leader in the maintenance of a strong, industry-driven Drinking Water and

Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification Program,” said Gipp. “This is rooted in our state’s understanding that a competent, properly trained operator is the single most important factor in the protection of our public’s health, the environment and Iowa’s water infrastructure.”

Through Sharp’s leadership, the Program has developed an online operator database connected to the State Drinking Water Information System, set up an online exam process at their field and central offices, implemented 5-year Iowa operator certification strategic plans, and continues to improve operator training and continuing education processes.

“Over the past decade, the Iowa Program has been recognized by its peers as a pioneer in embracing innovation throughout its history,” said Paul Bishop, ABC President & CEO. “It continues to be a leading example for state and provincial programs throughout North America.”

The Certification Program Award is presented to an ABC member certifying authority in recognition of outstanding contribution toward establishing or advancing the certification of environmental professionals.”

DNR Staff Updates

WSO: Beth Feilmeier has begun work as an administrative assistant in the Operator Certification program, replacing Marissa Shriver. Her phone number is 515/725-0463 and email is elizabeth.feilmeier@dnr.iowa.gov.

FO1 (Manchester): Matt Calvert and Brenda Streicher are new Environmental Specialists in FO1.

FO6 (Washington): Ben Stracuzzi is a new Environmental Specialist in FO6.

PWS Rules Package Approved by Commission

The rule changes to 567—Iowa Administrative Code Chapters 40-44, 81, and 83 were approved by the Environmental Protection Commission at their March 20th meeting. The rules package, which includes the federal Groundwater Rule, Lead and Copper Rule – Short-term Revisions, Revised Total Coliform Rule, and many analytical methods changes, as well as changes to state rules including construction standards, operator certification, environmental lab certification, and other changes, was published in the [Iowa Administrative Bulletin](#) on January 17, 2018, as a Notice of Intended Action.

There were no comments received during the public comment period. There are two changes to the rules: the inclusion of two sentences that were inadvertently omitted

pertaining to the 5-year records retention period for membrane filtration plants under the Groundwater Rule, and the correction of an analytical method number. Those two items are included with the rest of the amendments in the final adopted and filed rules, which will be published in the [Iowa Administrative Bulletin](#) on April 11, 2018, as Adopted and Filed.

Fourth Quarter SRF IUP Updates Approved

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission approved the Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF Fourth Quarter Intended Use Plan updates for fiscal year 2018. The Commission took the action on March 20, 2018 at their meeting in Des Moines.

- [Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

For more information, please contact Tiffany Wilson Lillard, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0261 or tiffany.wilsonlillard@dnr.iowa.gov.

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.

- April 9-10, 2018, IA-AWWA Spring Short Course Workshop, Ankeny, "IDNR WS Update." [Website](#) for brochure and registration.
- April 18, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Cherokee. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.
- April 24, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Oakland. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.

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