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Good News from EPA about Iowa's Drinking Water Program

From Corey McCoid, Supervisor, DNR's Water Supply Operation Section

Compliance rates of Iowa's Drinking Water program were recently compared against the national averages. The data indicates, based on compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, that Iowa has one of the nation's best drinking water programs. Non-compliance rates and the duration for which a public water supply remains out of compliance are less than half the national average.

"The data suggests Iowa is among the most efficient in the nation at timely addressing priority PWSs," according to Scott Marquess, EPA Region 7 Enforcement.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Water Supply staff would like to recognize the cooperation and assistance the public water supply operators provide in implementing the requirements of the SDWA. Iowa's drinking water program would not be what it is without all your expertise, support and efforts in providing safe drinking water. Thank you.

Grant Opportunity: Local Iowa groups can receive financial assistance to launch clean water campaigns

From DNR's EcoNewsWire, 7/12/2018

"DES MOINES — Beginning July 12, Iowa groups looking for help implementing innovative, regional and locally led Clean Water Awareness and Education Campaigns can apply for funding from the Iowa DNR Watershed Improvement Section.

Through a grant program, the DNR looks for proposals that clearly demonstrate an ability to put in place innovative, targeted, impactful and sustainable Clean Water

Awareness and Education Campaigns.

The DNR seeks to award grants to eligible local entities to develop and implement locally led Clean Water Awareness and Education programs. Educational campaigns will improve public knowledge of and promote actions to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. The DNR seeks projects that will use innovative methods for reaching diverse audiences and stakeholder groups.

Campaigns must be achievable in the grant's 18-month timeframe and within the funding amount requested.

Applications are due by close of business Aug. 31. Successful applicants will be awarded contracts likely beginning Nov. 20, 2018, and ending May 15, 2020 (18 months).

These grants were developed after the DNR contracted with the University of Northern Iowa to survey Iowa's residents in 2015 to measure their knowledge of water quality and identify potential behavior changes. This is the next step in the Nonpoint Source Management Plan. (For more details, see Objective 2.5 of Goal 2 of Iowa's [Nonpoint Source Management Plan](#) and the [results of the survey](#)). The survey will be repeated when grant-based educational campaigns are completed to track progress.

For more information and grant application materials, visit iowadnr.gov/watershed. Contact Steve Konrady, DNR, at 515-725-8388 or Steven.Konrady@dnr.iowa.gov with your questions.”

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 27, 2018, SHL Laboratory Symposium, Coralville. "IDNR WS and WW Rules Update; Lab Cert Database" [Brochure and registration](#).

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