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SFY 2019 Q2 Intended Use Plans Available for Review and Comment

The fiscal year 2019 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) Second Quarter Update 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](#)

The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Public comments are welcome. Draft quarterly project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018 in the Wallace State Office Building, [502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA](#). The meeting will be held in the 5th floor East 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 16, 2018. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their September 18, 2018 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

Iowa Dept. of Revenue Issues Proposed Water Service Excise Tax (WET) Rule Making, Invites Comments

From IAMU Informer, Jul 25, 2018 09:32 am

“The Iowa Department of Revenue has issued its proposed rules for the state’s new Water Service Excise Tax (WET). You may review the rules at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/3896C.pdf>.

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2018.

Comments should be directed to:

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Citizen Academies Teach About Critical Water & Wastewater Issues

From WaterOperator.org, Newsletter #218 for July 17, 2018

“While some water systems host open houses or group tours periodically, citizen academies offer a more intensive learning experience for residents. This experience can leverage a deeper understanding, and support, from the local community for the important and often underappreciated work operators do to protect public health. Residents, in turn, get a rare behind-the-scenes opportunity to learn about water and wastewater issues first-hand and experience how a water utility operates in real-time as it overcomes today's challenges.

Citizen academies come in all sizes and shapes. Spartanburg Water in South Carolina hosts a [6-week interactive series](#) at the public library with sessions on source water, water quality and asset management as well as field trips to local plants. In Scottsdale, Arizona, a [5-week course](#) takes participants inside the water facility to view demonstrations of daily operations, lab work and water main repairs. In Indiana, the town of Carmel organizes a [Citizens Utility Academy](#) that provides insight into the responsibilities and operations of not only water & wastewater, but also trash, recycling and hazardous waste disposal.

The benefits to water systems are numerous. Citizen academies offer utilities the opportunity to connect with their residents in such a way that these residents become informal ambassadors for the utility. In a sense, this connection creates trust between the utility and citizens. In addition, these academies can inspire residents to volunteer to serve on advisory boards or utility committees, or otherwise serve as a liaison between the public and the utility.

Interested in exploring the possibility of a citizen's academy for your water system? This [website](#) from the University of North Carolina School of Government includes a "how-to" program component guide as well as case studies and other resources."

USEPA Offers Online Water & Wastewater Utility All-Hazards Bootcamp Training

EPA is currently offering an online [training course](#) designed for water and wastewater employees responsible for emergency response and recovery activities. The course walks through a scenario with Our Town Utility staff, lets one hear from water sector representatives, and tests one's knowledge on prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

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, 2018, AWWA-IA Section Fall Short Course, Ankeny. "IDNR WS Update; Discussion of Events at Creston/SIRWA Panel; Nitrification in Distribution Systems." [Brochure and registration](#).
- September 11–12, 2018, IRWA Fall Conference, Okoboji. "IDNR WS Update." [Brochure and registration](#) (agenda is at the bottom of the page)
- September 19, 2018, American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA), North Liberty. "Membrane Applications in Iowa and Regulatory Considerations." [Brochure and registration](#); scroll to the 9/19 North Liberty training. Space limited to 50 attendees.
- September 27, 2018, SHL Laboratory Symposium, Coralville. "IDNR Rules; Roundtable on Ammonia and Nitrite." [Brochure and registration](#).
- October 23-24, 2018. IRWA Fall Conference, Dubuque. "IDNR WS Update." [Brochure and registration](#) (agenda is at the bottom of the page)

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