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## Bill Ehm, Administrator of DNR's Environmental Services Division, Announces Retirement

*DNR News Release, August 24, 2018*

“DES MOINES, Iowa – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Environmental Services Division Administrator Bill Ehm has announced his retirement, set for Sept. 20.

Ehm has led the DNR's environmental division for seven years and previously served as a commissioner and chair on the Environmental Protection Commission, beginning in 1989.

“We are extremely grateful for Bill's work and dedication to our department,” said Acting DNR Director Bruce Trautman. “His leadership has opened new doors and taken our environmental work and advocacy to new heights. Bill will certainly be missed as will the impact he's had on our great state.”

Ehm, a resident of West Des Moines and a native of Creston, has also served the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and was a farmer in his hometown of Creston.

“To have the good fortune to lead the great staff of the Environmental Services Division has been a true joy,” Ehm said. “Their dedication to the conservation and enhancement of Iowa's natural resources is matched only by their commitment to serving the public in a positive and proactive matter. I leave a team of leaders of which I am very proud.”

Ehm plans to spend time with his wife, kids and 16 grandchildren, as well as with his parents and their farm in southern Iowa.”

## DWSRF: EPA issues a Final Extension of AIS National Product Waiver for Nuts & Bolts

*EPA News Release, August 24, 2018*

On August 24, 2018, the Final Extension of the Short-Term National Product Waiver for Stainless-Steel Nuts and Bolts used in Pipe Couplings, Restraints, Joints, Flanges and Saddles was signed. This short-term waiver permits the use of non-domestically produced stainless-steel nuts and bolts in bolting-type pipe couplings, restraints, joints, flanges, and repair saddles in iron and steel products for projects funded by the Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

This waiver will sunset on February 24, 2020; upon expiration, the waiver will not be renewed. Based on information provided by some manufacturers, this 18-month sunset period will allow time to increase domestic production. The extension is retroactive to February 18, 2018, when the previous extension expired.

A [copy of this waiver](#) is posted to the EPA website.

Please note that the waiver is short-term and applies to the covered products as long as those products are purchased by the assistance recipient (or representative, i.e., construction contractor) up until the sunset date.

Questions regarding this waiver can be directed to the DNR SRF Coordinator, Theresa Enright, at 515-725-0498 or [theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov).

## **Water Use Annual Permit Fee on September 18th EPC Agenda**

The proposed Water Use Annual Permit Fee is on the agenda for the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) at its September business, September 18, 2018. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Clayton County at the Osborne Welcome Center, 29862 Osborne Road, Elkader. The \$134.00 proposed fee will be presented for approval. The agenda brief is available [here](#) under the current meeting agenda, as Item 8.

## **Iowa Children's Water Festival Teaches Fifth-Graders about Water at an Opportune Age**

The Treatment Plant Operator magazine had an [editorial in the July edition](#) about the Iowa Children's Water Festival (CWF). The CWF, in its 20th year, reaches about 2,000 fifth-graders each year, who come to the DMAACC campus in Ankeny in May for one day where they focus on all aspects of water. "The Iowa Children's Water Festival teaches fifth-graders about water's importance at an age when what they learn stays with them."

## 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 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](#). Space limited to 50 attendees.
- September 27, 2018, SHL Laboratory Symposium, Coralville. “IDNR WS Rules; Roundtable on Ammonia and Nitrite.” [Brochure and registration](#).
- October 10, 2018. IA-AWWA Region 3 Workshop, Western Iowa Tech., Cherokee. “IDNR WS Update.” Brochure and registration available at a later date. Contact Brad Puetz, Sioux City Water Treatment Plant at 712-279-6130.
- October 11, 2018. IA-AWWA Region 2 Workshop, NIACC, Mason City. “IDNR WS Update.” Brochure and registration available at a later date.
- October 16-18, 2018. IA-AWWA Annual Meeting, Grand River Center, Dubuque. “What we can learn from partnership panel; IDNR WS Rules Update.” [Brochure and registration](#).
- October 23-24, 2018. IRWA Fall Conference, Grand River Center, Dubuque. “IDNR WS Update.” [Brochure and registration](#) (agenda is at the bottom of the page)

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