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Notice of Expiration of Current Certificate for Iowa Certified Water and Wastewater Operators

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is notifying all certified Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater operators that their current Iowa certificate will expire on June 30, 2019.

Renewal Applications: Renewal applications will be available as of **May 1st** under each operator's individual details on our [on-line database](#). Notifications will be sent out on May 3-4, via the U.S. mail. We are encouraging operators to renew on-line using a credit card or electronic check.

Continuing Education Renewal Requirements: Continuing education hours are still being reported to the DNR and we are still missing quite a few from February and March classes. If your CEUs do not appear online after April 18th, please contact Beth at Elizabeth.Feilmeyer@dnr.iowa.gov or call 515-725-0463.

For renewal on June 30, 2019, you are required to earn the amount of CEUs required by the certificate(s) you held on April 1, 2017. **Please note:** If you are not required to earn CEUs this renewal period, you still must complete the renewal application and pay the appropriate fee.

Request for Final Approval of Chapters 50-53 and 82 Rules at April 16th EPC Meeting

The 2018 Iowa Acts, House File 2303, signed by Governor Reynolds on March 21, 2018, transferred the State Geologist and the Iowa Geological Survey to the University of Iowa. Prior to the enactment of this legislation, the State Geologist was employed by, and the Iowa Geological Survey was contained within, the DNR. There are multiple references to the Iowa Geological Survey that need to be updated to clarify that the Iowa Geological Survey is no longer part of the DNR. The amendments are being made to the rules so that Chapters 50 to 53, 72, and 82 conform to the 2018 Iowa Acts, House File 2303.

There were no comments received at the hearing or submitted during the public comment period.

To read the agenda item, click on the "[Upcoming Meeting and Agenda](#)" link, scroll to Item 8, starting on page 56 of the .pdf. Please note that the EPC meeting is in Carroll County this month.

Keys to Recruiting Qualified Water Utility Staff

From WaterOperator.org, 4/2/2019

This is a You-Tube video from the Environmental Finance Center at Wichita State.

"This [one-hour video](#) discusses how to recruit and retain a quality workforce for water utilities. The presenter explains the challenges to recruitment and how to market jobs to millennials. Recruiting the next generation requires flexibility, technology know-how, updated marketing strategies, attractive compensation, and rethinking retention."

DNR 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 15-16, 2019. IA-AWWA Spring Short Course, DMACC FFA Center, Ankeny. "Main Break Response: System and DNR Perspectives; IDNR WS Update." [Registration](#)
- April 18, 2019. IGWA Spring Conference, DMACC Newton. "Manganese, Perfluorinated Chemicals, and other Water Supply Issues; Jordan Aquifer." [Registration](#)

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