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FEMA Infrared Thermometers Available to Critical Infrastructure Workers through IOWARN

From IOWARN, 6/23/2020

“A limited supply of Infrared thermometers has been made available to utilities that are implementing procedures requiring employees to undergo a temperature scan at the beginning of each work day or desire to have one on hand to confirm an employee’s temperature during the day if they begin to feel ill.

IHSEM provided the thermometers to Iowa Rural Water and IAMU to distribute to Critical Infrastructure throughout the state. Since mask distribution points were already in use, Iowa Rural Water delivered thermometers to these locations in each region.

Infrared thermometers will be available for pickup at specific water/wastewater utilities listed below in each of the six IDNR Regions. Contact the Distribution Point closest to you to arrange pickup. **Procedures for picking up a thermometer are the same as for the masks at each location.** *{See the June 9th edition or the May 11th edition of the DNR WS Listserv for the specific instructions. The .pdf [news release document](#) shown in the article on the IOWARN website also lists the ten sites, locations, contact instructions, etc.}*

Water/Wastewater Utility’s in each region have provided the location and instructions on how to request and pick up a thermometer in a minimal contact manner below. NOTE: If you desire additional masks you may pick up an additional 10 masks (two packs) per employee as well. We encourage you to contact your neighboring communities and pick up a thermometer and masks for them as well. You MUST inform the pickup location which systems you are picking up for if they are Water or Wastewater and how many employees at each.”

FY 2021 SRF Intended Use Plan Approved

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) approved the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended

Use Plans (IUP) for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021). The Commission took the action on June 16, 2020, during their teleconference meeting.

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

For more information, please contact Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0498 or theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

EPA Decides to Not Regulate Perchlorate in Drinking Water

EPA News Release, 6/18/2020

“On June 18, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final action regarding the regulation of perchlorate under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Considering the best available science and the proactive steps that EPA, states and public water systems have taken to reduce perchlorate levels, the agency has determined that perchlorate does not meet the criteria for regulation as a drinking water contaminant under the SDWA. Therefore, the agency is withdrawing the 2011 regulatory determination and is making a final determination to not issue a national regulation for perchlorate at this time.

EPA also performed a new health impact analysis based on recommendations from the Science Advisory Board. The new analysis shows that the concentrations at which perchlorate may present a public health concern are higher than the concentrations considered in the 2011 regulatory determination.

The updated occurrence information and the new health impact analysis are the best available information. Based on this updated data and analysis, EPA is making a final determination that perchlorate is not found in drinking water with a frequency and at levels of public health concern to support a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction through a national perchlorate drinking water regulation.

For more, visit the [EPA perchlorate website](#)”

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the “Training Calendar” at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/

A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks

and interaction with DNR staff.

- [Full list of DNR's online services](#)
- [Current information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.