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IStorm 2020 - Iowa's Premiere Stormwater Conference and Exhibition

Details:

- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to Thursday, October 29, 2020
- 7:30 am - 4:15 pm
- Virtual Conference, 319-855-2955
- [Conference Agenda](#)
- [Registration](#)

What is IStorm 2020?

IStorm 2020 Virtual Conference and Exhibition is a new, comprehensive event for all aspects of the stormwater industry. Attendees can expect presentations on MS4 implementation, floodplain management, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater design and planning.

Who should attend?

The conference merges ISWEP's green infrastructure conferences and annual stormwater summit into one experience applicable to municipal employees, elected officials, engineers, landscape architects, floodplain managers, watershed and conservation staff, sediment and erosion control professionals, and many others.

Can I get professional development credit?

Entire conference is eligible for a total of 9.5 professional development hours (PDHs). All sessions will be recorded and available for registrants to view for six months after the event has ended.

Why is this conference being held virtually?

Due to the uncertainty with COVID-19, the IStorm planning committee made the difficult decision to conduct the conference online for the safety of attendees and our staff. However, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with Whova, a virtual conference platform company, to provide attendees with an interactive, engaging event that mimics the in-person experience. Attendees will be able to pose questions directly to

speakers, interact with exhibitors, watch live demonstrations, create their own Zoom hangouts, and even meet virtually for lunch and pub trivia!

EPA AIS Lunch and Learn Webinar: AIS Certification Letters

Please join EPA on July 29th at 1PM CST for the third 30-minute Lunch and Learn webinar covering the American Iron and Steel requirements. This webinar will cover AIS Certification Letters. There will be a 15 minute presentation followed by a question and answer session. Please see the [webinar flyer](#) for more information and registration link. Registration is required.

Water and Wastewater Workers Week

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recently signed a proclamation designating August 16 to 22, 2020 as Water and Wastewater Workers Week. This week is set aside for cities and towns to honor those workers in the water and wastewater industry for their daily environmental work in keeping Iowans and the Iowa environment safe and healthy.

The proclamation states:

- Whereas, the state of Iowa's surface and ground waters are a treasured natural resource, and
- Whereas, the water and wastewater workforce of Iowa have dedicated themselves to applying environmental science to enhance drinking and recreational waters of Iowa; and
- Whereas, their applied environmental science-based practices continue to be a vital element in improving the quality of life and preserving and protecting public health in our state, and promoting sustainability in our way of living:

Now, Therefore, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 16-22, 2020 as WATER AND WASTEWATER WORKERS OF IOWA WEEK in Iowa, and urge our citizens to recognize the valuable role clean water plays in the lives of all Iowans.

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](#)

- [Up-to-date 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.



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