



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## DNR Staff Update

Phyllis Maskarina, Administrative Assistant 2 in Field Office 2 in Mason City Office, has recently retired after approximately 17 years in FO2.

## Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa Week: August 16 - 22

Governor Reynolds has signed a proclamation proclaiming August 16-22, 2020 as "Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa 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.

  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**  
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

**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:

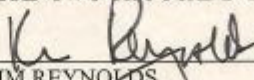
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 16-22, 2020 as

**WATER AND WASTEWATER WORKERS  
OF IOWA WEEK**

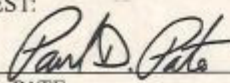
in Iowa, and urge our citizens to recognize the valuable role clean water plays in the lives of all Iowans.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES  
THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## IA Section – AWWA Webinar: Small System Workshop on Optimizing Performance & Accessing Funding to Improve Small Systems

This free workshop is intended for small water utility systems located within the state of Iowa, made possible through a Small Systems collaboration of the American Water

Works Association (AWWA), the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Partnership for Safe Water.

For more than 20 years, AWWA and the Partnership for Safe Water has helped utilities learn how to operate efficiently with comprehensive programs developed by utilities, for utilities. At the heart of the Partnership is the self-assessment process. Utilities have effectively used self-assessments to identify needs and performance-limiting factors. These needs are then addressed in the form of an action plan that aids in the continuous improvement effort towards optimized operations. Attend this introductory workshop to learn how supervisors and operators can access USDA improvement funds, and how the Partnership helps utilities optimize systems today and in the future.

**Dates:** Monday – Tuesday, July 27-28, 2020

**Time:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. each day

### [Registration](#)

CEUs provided

## **EPA AWIA Webinar: Risk and Resilience Checklist and Lessons Learned**

EPA has a webinar that will address both the small system risk and resilience assessment checklist and one technical assistance service provider's experience.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 28

**Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT; optional Q&A from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

[Registration](#) *Please note: attendees can only listen with computer audio and will not be able to call into the webinar using a phone line.*

## **EPA AIS Webinar: AIS Certification Letters**

EPA has a new webinar on the American Iron and Steel requirements for DWSRF projects. This third webinar in the series will cover AIS Certification Letters. There will be a 15 minute presentation followed by a question and answer session. Registration is required.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 29

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. CDT

### [Registration](#)

## **EPA Webinar: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Water Sector**

“Participants will learn about the Climate-Resilient Water Utilities initiative developed by EPA to increase resilience to extreme weather events. The webinar will also feature the Water Research Foundation's efforts to help utility managers understand and assess climate-related risks and opportunities and incorporate them into strategic planning.

This webinar will:

- Share information about the EPA's free risk and resilience resources for water utilities, including resources to plan for extreme weather and tools to assess risks of extreme weather;
- Discuss how EPA's tools can be applied to water utilities of all sizes; and
- Hear from water sector experts implementing programs to enhance resilience to extreme weather events.”

**Date:** Wednesday, July 29

**Time:** noon – 1:00 p.m. CDT

### [Registration](#)

## Federal Register Notice: EPA’s Decision to Not Regulate Perchlorate

In the July 21, 2020, Federal Register, the Environmental Protection Agency officially announced its withdrawal of the 2011 determination to regulate perchlorate in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Federal Register [Final Action](#) notice is 13 pages, in .pdf.

## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the “Training Calendar” at [programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/](http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/) Training events where Iowa DNR staff will make presentations are listed below. See the listing on the appropriate date on the Training Calendar for registration instructions. Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

- July 28, 9:45 a.m. - noon CDT, “Flood Resilience Webinar for IA and MI Water and Wastewater Utilities,” [registration](#), 2 continuing education hours WT, WD
- September 28-29, 2020, IRWA Fall Water Conference, Okoboji. “IDNR Water Supply Rules Update.” See the [website](#) for the brochure and registration information.
- October 2020, IA-AWWA Virtual Fall Conference, “Iowa DNR WS Rules Update.” Watch the Calendar for the registration information when it becomes available.
- October 26-27, IRWA Fall Water Conference, Dubuque. “IDNR Water Supply Rules Update.” See the [website](#) for the brochure and registration information.

## 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.



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