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## SRF to implement a new "SRF Notice of Funding Eligibility" Letter

The "SRF Letter of Concurrence of Award" has been updated with the intent to provide our customers with a clear understanding of the purpose of the letter and to better communicate the next steps in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding process. One significant change is the terminology being used in the letter. Since SRF is not actually concurring with an applicant's specific contract award, this language has been eliminated and the letter focuses on identifying the SRF eligible costs within the awarded bid.

The revised form will be referred to as the "SRF Notice of Funding Eligibility" and implementation of the form began on September 15, 2020.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to Amy Seyffer at [amy.seyffer@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:amy.seyffer@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515-725-8202.

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## FY 2021 Second Quarter IUP update 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) updates for second quarter of fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021). The Commission took the action on September 15, 2020 during their teleconference meeting.

[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](mailto:theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## IAWEA Fall 2020 Virtual Wastewater CEU Series

The Iowa Water Environment Association (IAWEA) is hosting a Fall 2020 Virtual Wastewater Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Series consisting of six online modules in September, October, and November 2020 presenting high quality presentations on a variety of wastewater topics. Participants will receive continuing education credits or professional development hours. Registration options include individual modules, the entire series, and site registrations. Four modules are still available.

- **Module 3, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Thursday, October 1** - focuses on Process Innovations with diverse topics such as MABR, Granular Sludge, UV Testing Innovation, and AnitaMox.
- **Module 4, 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday, October 22** - special flash presentation session. Attendees will hear 7 short presentations on diverse subjects including management topics, security, permit issues, and process.
- **Module 5, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday November 5** - learning through Plant Case Study Lessons.
- **Module 6, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday November 19** - covers the Unspeakables. Those of you involved in preliminary treatment and biosolids handling know what this session is about.

Virtual Series Links:

- [Session Agendas](#)
- [Registration](#)
- IAWEA [Event Website](#)

**Conference Sponsorships are Available** – Sponsorships are priced at \$50.00 and sponsors will be able to upload their logo to be displayed during the sessions. You can register, upload your logo, and submit payment through the conference registration process even if you don't attend the sessions.

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## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification site](#). 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. Use the links provided below to see the conference brochures and registration information.

- September 30 and October 1 2020, [IRWA Fall Wastewater Conference, Okoboji](#).
- October 8, 2020, IA-AWWA Region 2 Water and Wastewater Operator Conference, Mason City. Registration and agenda to be available soon.

- October 13-15, 2020, [IA-AWWA Fall Virtual Workshop](#). This year's conference is free.
  - October 28-29, [IRWA Fall Wastewater Conference, Dubuque](#).
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## 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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