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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!

Iowa DNR Virtual Wastewater Treatment Operations Update

Tune in for an update on what's new in the Iowa DNR wastewater program, including operation during a pandemic, proposed rulemaking actions, and the EPA National Compliance Initiative. Also take the opportunity to discuss the conditions of an NPDES permit and how to accurately submit a Discharge Monitoring Report. **Free Virtual Training for 2 hours of Wastewater credit!**

When: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

What Time: 8:30AM to 10:30AM

Registration: To register, email Elizabeth.Feilmeier@dnr.iowa.gov and include the following information: name, operator ID# and contact number.

EPA AIS Webinar: National Minor Components Waiver

Sixth in the series on the American Iron and Steel requirements, this 30 minute webinar will focus on the National Minor Components Waiver. There is a 15 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute Q&A session.

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Time: 1:15 – 1:45 CDT

[Registration](#)

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. Three modules are still available.

- **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.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification site](#). 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/training brochures and registration information.

- October 28-29, [IRWA Fall Wastewater Conference, Peosta](#).
- November 17, [IRWA WW Operator Basics](#), Virtual Zoom training; contact drichardson@iowaruralwater.org for more information
- November 24, 2020, 26th Annual Water/Wastewater Operator's Workshop Online Conference - Wastewater Treatment Track, [registration website](#) and [brochure](#), contact smarsh@iamu.org for more 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](#)

- [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.