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IDPH announces new Community Water Fluoridation Webpage

From Sarah Petersen, IDPH CWF Coordinator, 10/20/2020

“The Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems announces their new webpage dedicated to water operations to assist in the community water fluoridation practices water operators provide for their community daily. This site will include the most up to date resources on national and Iowa specific information in relation to community water fluoridation. This is meant for all water systems, regardless of whether the system is fluoridated. The link is included [here](#).”

If you have any questions in regards to this webpage, please contact Sarah Petersen, Community Water Fluoridation Coordinator at (515)204-3450 or sarah.petersen@idph.iowa.gov.”

Iowa Workshops: Drought Response and Water Loss for Iowa Water Supplies

Sponsored by DNR, IAMU, and EPA's Water Security Division

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, and the Environmental Protection Agency are jointly sponsoring two free virtual half-day workshops for Iowa water utilities that are focused on drought response and water loss.

The virtual workshops, split over two half-days, are an opportunity for Iowa water utilities to share strategies, lessons learned, and success stories regarding preparedness and response to water shortages and droughts. Participants will have the opportunity to identify practical actions that water utilities can take to proactively build and sustain mitigation measures, as well as response and recovery planning efforts.

Drought Workshop: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 · 9:00 AM – noon CST

Water Loss Workshop: Thursday, December 17, 2020 · 9:00 AM – noon CST

Registration One registration for both days. There is no fee for the workshops.

The virtual workshops will specifically include these topics:

December 16th Drought Workshop:

- An overview of the current drought situation in Iowa
- An introduction to EPA's Drought Response and Recovery: A Basic Guide for Water Utilities
- The opportunity for water utilities to share drought preparedness and response strategies that they have implemented

December 17th Water Loss Workshop:

- Facilitated discussion opportunities on the topics of water shortages, water loss management and water audit strategies
- An overview of free American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Audit software. The [free software](#) is available for download, once the form is completed.

Who Should Participate?

- Drinking water utility operators and managers
- Technical assistance providers
- Water sector associations
- Local, state, and federal government agencies

Continuing Education Credit:

Each half-day session is worth 3 hours of continuing education credit (WT, WD).

Questions about Registration or Workshop: Contact Will Keefer (Horsley Witten Group – EPA Contractor) at 508-833-6600 or wkeefe@horsleywitten.com.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the “Training Calendar” at 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.

- November 17, IAMU Water Operators Conference – Distribution, virtual. “IDNR Water Supply Rules Update.” See the [website](#) for registration information.
- December 16, DNR/IAMU/EPA Drought Workshop, virtual (see above article). [Registration](#).
- December 17, DNR/IAMU/EPA Water Loss Workshop, virtual (see above article). [Registration](#).

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.