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Chapter 61 Rule Making: Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Metals

The Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) has amended Chapter 61 to update aquatic life water quality criteria for selected metals. The final rule will become effective November 11, 2020. The adopted amendments to Chapter 61 were published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 7, 2020 as [5226C](#).

The public comments received have been addressed in a public participation responsiveness summary, which may be viewed on the Iowa DNR's [Water Quality Standards webpage](#).

Questions regarding the new water quality criteria can be directed to Katie Greenstein at 515-725-8400 or katie.greenstein@dnr.iowa.gov.

State Revolving Fund FY 2021 Q3 IUP Updates Ready for Public Review

The Fiscal Year 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP) Third Quarter Update for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#)

[Drinking Water SRF](#)

The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Public comments are welcome. Draft project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via conference call. Participants should use the following call-in information to participate: PHONE: 1-413-308-2230 PIN: 532 345 606#.

Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, November 19, 2020. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at

their December 15, 2020 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, at 515-725-0498 or theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

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. We will also discuss NPDES permit conditions and how to accurately submit a Discharge Monitoring Report. **Don't miss this opportunity for 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.

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. Two modules are still available.

- **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

The IDNR Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification Program is aware that conferences, workshops, and in person training was postponed or cancelled earlier this year. However, there is still a plethora of quality online and virtual training being created and offered through our community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification site](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week. Please contact Laurie Sharp at 515/725-0284 with any questions.

Upcoming training opportunities include:

- November 17, [IRWA WW Operator Basics](#), Virtual Zoom training; contact drichardson@iowaruralwater.org for more information
- November 24, 2020, IAMU 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.