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DNR Job Vacancy: Environmental Specialist Senior in Private Water Wells Program

The DNR has a vacancy for an Environmental Specialist Senior within the Water Quality Bureau, located in Des Moines, IA. This position will serve as the manager over the Private Water Well Supply program. Duties include developing and managing the statewide environmental program to regulate the permitting and construction of private water supply wells, including well contractor certification rules and program areas.

To see the specific job duties, requirements, and application visit this [website](#) or visit this [website](#) and search by job title.

Job Number: 21-01218

Location: Environmental Services Division, Water Quality Bureau, Des Moines, IA

Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F, with occasional travel

Closing Date: November 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

DNR Office Holiday Closures

From EcoNewsWire, 11/19/2020

All Iowa Department of Natural Resources offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 27. Normal business operations will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

DNR offices will also be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Many DNR services are still available electronically, 24/7 via www.iowadnr.gov.

Reminder – Water Use Annual Permit Fee due December 1

A reminder for water use permit holders that the 2021 annual permit fee is due December 1st. Fee notices were mailed October 1st and reminders on November 1st to permittees. Contact Heidi Cline at wateruse@dnr.iowa.gov with any questions. Manage your permit online with the Water Use application WACOP, denoted by the blue button in the middle of the [Water Allocation and Use Program's webpage](#).

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

The DNR, IAMU, and EPA 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.

Continuing Education Credit:

Each half-day session is worth 3 hours of Iowa 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.

IDPH 2019 Quality Award Recipients for Water Fluoridation

From IDPH CWF Program, 11/19/2020

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced 108 water systems in Iowa have been awarded a 2019 Quality Award for their water fluoridation achievements from the U.S. Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC). The [press release](#) includes all systems that have received the award. In addition, five community water systems have received the 50-Year Award for maintaining continuous community water fluoridation from 1969-2019. Those systems include:

- Forest City Water Supply
- Glidden Water Supply
- Manilla Municipal Service Department
- Osage Municipal Water Supply
- Paullina Municipal Water Supply

The award recognizes communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout

2019. "Iowa water operators make a big impact on the oral health of their community by adjusting the fluoride of their water system to the optimal level for preventing cavities, and we appreciate the public health work they provide to the citizens of Iowa," stated Dr. Bob Russell, DDS, MPH, MPA, CPM, FACD, FICD, Dental Director, Iowa Department of Public Health.

The Iowa Department of Public Health is proud to present these certificates. We greatly appreciate the continued commitment to public health through water fluoridation and the outstanding performance they achieve as a public water system. Any questions should be directed to Sarah Petersen, Community Water Fluoridation Coordinator at 515.204.3450 or sarah.petersen@idph.iowa.gov.

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.

- December 16, DNR/IAMU/EPA Drought Workshop, virtual. 3 hours CEU, WT or WD. [Registration](#).
- December 17, DNR/IAMU/EPA Water Loss Workshop, virtual. 3 hours CEU, WT or WD. [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.