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The SRF Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Project program provides wastewater utilities with the opportunity to fund locally directed, watershed-based, nonpoint source projects to address water quality problems. Communities or wastewater utilities interested in applying for an SRF Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Project should note the upcoming deadlines:

December 18, 2020: Deadline hold a pre-application conference call with DNR. The call is mandatory with the purpose of discussing potential projects, getting technical advisors involved early, and going over the application requirements. .

March 1, 2021: Deadline to submit a sponsored project application.

The Sponsored Project application materials for the March application deadline are posted online at: http://www.iowasrf.com/about_srf/2021-sponsored-project-application-packet/

To schedule a pre-application call or for information about the SRF Sponsored Project program contact Lee Wagner, lee.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-725-0992. General information about sponsored projects can be found on the [Sponsored Projects home page](#).

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.

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.