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Current Iowa Certificate Expiration: Notice to All Certified Operators

Attention All Certified Drinking Water Treatment, Drinking Water Distribution and Wastewater Operators:

Current Iowa certificates for all certified Water Treatment, Distribution and Wastewater operators will expire on June 30, 2021.

On April 16, 2021, renewals were posted under each operator's individual details in the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Renewal notifications will be sent out via the US Postal Service the 3rd and 4th of May.

We encourage operators to renew online using a credit card or electronic check. Submission of payment online instantaneously renews a certificate.

Continuing Education (CEU) Renewal Requirements:

Continuing Education hours are still being reported to the IDNR. If your CEUs do not show up online after May 1st, please contact Elizabeth Feilmeier at 515-725-0284 or Elizabeth.feilmeier@dnr.iowa.gov.

For renewal on June 30, 2021, you are required to earn the amount of CEUs required by the certificate(s) you held on April 1, 2019. If you are not required to earn CEUs this renewal period, you still must renew your certificate by paying the appropriate fee.

IDNR Employees who are Certified Operators:

If you are an IDNR employee who is required to be a certified operator, payment will be required in order to process your renewal(s). Please see your supervisor concerning eligibility of reimbursement for this expense.

WRF releases the CLASIC tool for stormwater and green infrastructure costs and benefits

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) has released the [Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs \(CLASIC\) tool](#), which utilizes a life cycle cost framework to support feasibility and planning of stormwater infrastructure. CLASIC is a free tool that helps stormwater professionals, community planners, and local decision-makers understand and weigh the estimated costs, reductions in runoff and pollutant loads, and co-benefits of various planning scenarios as they consider stormwater management projects. [Register](#) for an EPA webinar, scheduled for May 26, that will demonstrate the free CLASIC tool and provide answers to frequently asked questions.

The CLASIC tool is fully interfaced with GIS and links with national databases that can be applied at a community level. Users have the option to automatically upload data from national databases (e.g., census, national land cover database, PRISM climate database, digital elevation models, etc.) or to upload their own data sets. The tool allows users to build and compare multiple stormwater infrastructure options and enables simulation of various climate scenarios. Users can select from a variety of green and/or gray stormwater practices, like rain gardens, infiltration trenches, permeable pavement, green roofs, storage vaults, wet ponds, and stormwater harvesting.

The CLASIC tool allows users to prioritize specific social, environmental, and economic co-benefits, such as building energy efficiency, mental health impacts, or groundwater flow increase. Users can also set targets for variables like pollutant reduction, runoff reduction, or cost. The CLASIC outputs are displayed in an immersive set of charts, graphs, and tables that can be analyzed, printed, and shared.

The creation of this tool was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD) through the grant opportunity "National Priorities: Life Cycle Costs of Water Infrastructure Alternatives" (EPA Grant Number: R836173).



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