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Notice to All Certified Water and Wastewater Operators: Current Iowa Certificate Expiration

Current Iowa certificates for all certified Water Treatment, Water 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 on May 3 and 4.

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.

USDA/AWWA Iowa Small Systems Training: Cybersecurity and Operations/Funding

In a small systems collaboration of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Partnership for Safe Water, four workshops will be held to assist Iowa public water supply system serving fewer than 10,000 people. NOTE: There are two sessions with the same content and two that have different content.

May Training

Session 1: Cybersecurity

Date/Time: May 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – noon

“Participants will learn how to recognize cybersecurity threats, how to complete the self-assessment questionnaire, and utilize the AWWA cybersecurity controls for small systems. Based on the cybersecurity self-assessment and cybersecurity controls for small utilities, participants learn how to identify at-risk areas and how to apply that with USDA to get the funding started. All participants receive dedicated, follow-up technical assistance and helpful documents from AWWA.”

Session 2: Optimizing and Accessing Funding from USDA, including self-assessment to prioritize operations, asset management, source water protection, etc., and how to apply for a USDA low interest loan.

Date/Time: May 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Only one registration is needed for both sessions. [Registration](#)

WD or WT CEUs provided (3 continuing education hours per session); no fee

July Training

Session 1: Setting Effective Rates

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., CDT

Session 2: Optimizing and Accessing Funding from USDA, including self-assessment to prioritize operations, asset management, source water protection, etc., and how to apply for a USDA low interest loan.

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., CDT

Only one registration is needed for both sessions. [Registration](#)

WD or WT CEUs provided (3 continuing education hours per session); no fee

Reminder: Basic Cybersecurity Actions

Here are a couple of simple cybersecurity actions all systems should take.

- Immediately change the passwords any time an employee leaves the employ of the system.
- Keep on top of security patches for the various programs, and install them promptly.

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 with the presentation name in the description. Also included are training events provided by EPA or a federal agency where Iowa CEU are granted, or events sponsored by Iowa DNR. 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.