



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Wastewater News

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## Free Training: Iowa DNR Surface Water Treatment - Regulations and Implementation

The Iowa DNR will be offering the free, virtual delivery of our class “Introduction to Iowa’s Surface Water Treatment Regulations and Practical Applications of Compliance Determinations for Operators.”

This will be a hybrid of instructor presentations and virtual small group break out exercises. Excellent for Surface Water Treatment knowledge building and knowledge refresh!

The class will be held on **December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM until 4 PM** with an hour lunch. This class is worth 6 hours or 0.6 CEUs toward the renewal or upgrade of a valid Iowa Drinking Water Certificate.

Registration Link:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/7016c6b0-8f70-4119-a6c8-e1ca556dca95/summary>

Please Contact the IDNR with any questions concerning this training at:

[opcercustomersupport@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:opcercustomersupport@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## EFCN Virtual Workshop - Asset Management for Iowa Small Systems

**EFCN 2-Day Virtual Workshop: Introduction to Asset Management for Iowa Small Systems**

**Time:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am CST

**Registration:** [Register Online via Zoom](#)

**Description:** In this 2-day asset management workshop, you will learn about how asset management can benefit your system. Not sure where to begin? We will provide you with the tools you need to get started and will walk you through the process. With limited

revenues, aging infrastructure, and regulatory obligations to meet, a comprehensive approach to managing your system is vital. You may have problems related to unknown meter, valve, or hydrant locations. You may not be sure of which asset(s) to replace given limited funds. Asset Management can help you solve these problems, and more.

#### **Who Should Attend:**

- Managers, owners, and operators of water systems serving less than 10,000 people
- Decision-makers for water utilities, including mayors, finance officers, utility managers, public works directors, city councilors, board members, tribal council members, and clerks
- Consultants and technical assistance providers serving water systems

**Trainer:** John Colclazier, Program Manager, Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center

**CEUs and Certificates:** While attendees are welcome to attend one or both days, **you must select and attend both days when registering to qualify for CEUs.** If you require a certificate, you must register and attend both sessions individually and participate for the entire duration of the workshop. We cannot provide certificates to individuals watching the webinar as a group.

**EFCN Information:** The [Environmental Finance Center Network \(EFCN\)](#) is a university-based organization creating innovative solutions to the difficult how-to-pay issues of environmental protection and improvement. The EFCN works with the public and private sectors to promote sustainable environmental solutions while bolstering efforts to manage costs.

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## **The State Revolving Fund Asks... Did You Know?**

**The U.S. Government will Transition from DUNS Numbers to New Unique Entity Identifiers on April 4, 2022.**

The U.S. federal government currently uses a third-party website to obtain the numbers that uniquely identify different entities such as city governments, non-profits and corporations. The number is provided by Dun & Bradstreet and is known as a DUNS number.

By April of 2022, entities doing business with the federal government will begin to use a Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) created in SAM.gov. Cities will no longer have to go to a third-party website to obtain their identifier number.

**Current SAM.gov registrants have already been assigned their Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) and can view it within SAM.gov.**

To learn more about this transition and how to obtain your SAM number, go to:

[SAM Number: Unique Entity Identifier Update](#)

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## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through 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 Database](#). 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 concerning operator certification training.