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## Drinking Water, Wastewater, Sludge, and Operator Certification Final Rules Approved by EPC

Four Final Rules concerning wastewater, water supply, sludge, and operator certification were approved by the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) at their meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The Final Rules are for:

- Water Supply Rule Cleanup and Modification (Chapters 9, 40, 43, and 49): Bring water supply rules in alignment with a 2020 legislative action that allows public works departments to retain professional engineers; puts more emphasis on construction of water mains; and clarifies well separation distances.
- Wastewater Rule Cleanup and Modification (Chapters 60-64): Update wastewater definitions, add references to federal rules, correct mistakes, and simplify and clarify language.
- Sewage Sludge Rule Cleanup (Chapter 67): Update sewage sludge rules to clarify definitions, bring sewage sludge rules in alignment with federal laws, correct conversion amounts and simplify language.
- Public Wastewater Treatment and Public Water Supply Operators to Add New Grade and Rule Cleanup (Chapter 81): Amend rules to add a new classification grade for public wastewater treatment and water supply operators; clarify definitions, specify operator requirements and remove references to an obsolete grade.

It is anticipated that these final rules will become effective on March 16, 2022. For more information regarding these final rules, please see the DNR's [NPDES Rules](#) page.

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## ASDWA's LSL Inventory Symposium

On Wednesday, February 2nd, ASDWA will kick off the first of an eight-part webinar series to examine an assortment of topics related to lead service line (LSL) inventories. The intent of [ASDWA's Lead Service Line Symposium](#) is to maximize the transfer of

data and information between states, utilities, consultants, technical assistance providers, and drinking water sector partners.

[ASDWA's Lead Service Line Symposium](#) will be held each Wednesday in February (2/2, 2/9, 2/16, and 2/23) and will feature a morning session (from 11:00-12:30 p.m. EST) and an afternoon session (3:00-4:30 p.m. EST). Each session will consist of approximately 45-60 minutes of presentations and panel discussion, followed by 30-45 minutes for questions and answers. The symposium will be recorded and archived on ASDWA's website so please register to ensure access to the archive. The symposium is free to attend and open to all who work in drinking water. Note, ASDWA is unable to provide CEUs for this event.

[Registration and Agendas](#)

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## Iowa Rural Water Association's 47th Annual Conference



There will be several DNR presentations at IRWA's 47th Annual Conference which will include updates on rules, activities, drought impacts and more.

Date: February 21-23, 2022

[Attendee Registration and Information](#)

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## Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) Meetings and Materials

EPA will host two identical virtual meetings (via webinar) on March 16 and 17, 2022, to provide public water systems (PWSs), states, laboratories, and other stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of the UCMR 5 program. The meetings will address: a general introduction to the UCMR program, PWSs subject to UCMR 5 requirements, the analytes to be monitored, monitoring locations and frequency, reporting requirements, ground water representative monitoring plans (GWRMPs), and the laboratory approval program.

[40 CFR \(Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40\) Part 141: Final Rule - Revisions to the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule \(UCMR 5\) for Public Water Systems and Announcement of Public Meetings \(PDF\)](#) (27 pp, 650 K, [About PDF](#))

- [March 16, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m., eastern timeEXITEXIT EPA WEBSITE](#)
- [March 17, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:30p.m., eastern timeEXITEXIT EPA WEBSITE](#)

The number of webinar connections available for the two webinars is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If stakeholder interest exceeds the maximum number of available connections, EPA may schedule additional webinars, with dates and times.

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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.



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