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DNR Applications Offline on February 9, 2022

At noon on Wednesday February 9th, 2022 the DNR IT staff will shut down the production Oracle server. Once the server has been taken offline, the following application will not be available or will not have access to the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS):

Applications that will be unavailable:

- Direct Report
- Opcert Web
- Lab to State
- SDWIS
- Water Container (including Operator Certification)

These applications will not be able to retrieve data from SDWIS:

- Facility Explorer
- IaWells
- PWTS
- Water Use
- Wwisard

They will then replace the current server with the new server. This process is expected to take 3 to 4 hours. Directly after the new server is made available, Water Supply program staff will test to ensure that the new server is working correctly. Applications should be available again on Thursday, February 10.

EPA Region 7 Announces Virtual Public Listening Session March 3 on Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities

From the EPA Website

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 announces an upcoming virtual public listening session on the Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities (Lead Strategy), so communities and stakeholders can provide their comments on the Agency's plan.

Ongoing exposures to lead in the environment present a health risk to too many people nationwide. Very low levels of lead in children's blood have been linked to adverse effects on intellect, concentration, and academic achievement. The draft Lead Strategy lays out approaches to strengthen public health protections, address legacy lead contamination for communities with the greatest exposures, and promote environmental justice.

"Underserved and overburdened communities are often disproportionately exposed to lead, which can cause lifelong negative effects," said **Carlton Waterhouse, deputy assistant administrator, EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management**. "Today, we are inviting all communities exposed to lead and other stakeholders to share their perspectives, so that EPA can ensure that our Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities is as comprehensive as possible."

"We look forward to hosting this listening session to engage with as many of our Heartland communities as possible as we prepare the national Lead Strategy," said **EPA Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister**. "Protecting all citizens from the dangers of lead exposure, especially children and our most vulnerable populations, is a top priority for EPA."

EPA Region 7 will hold a virtual listening session on March 3, 2022, from 6 to 9 p.m. CST. Registration is required to attend the event. Registration links to each regional listening session can be found on EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities#opportunities. Interpretation and disability access support will be provided. Virtual public listening sessions will be held in all 10 of EPA's Regional offices.

During this event, registered members of the public will have an opportunity to share their comments on EPA's draft Lead Strategy with EPA senior officials and managers. *Those interested in speaking may sign up for a three-minute speaking slot at the time of registration.*

Members of the public who are unable to attend the March 3 event are encouraged to attend any of the 10 listening sessions or to submit comments via the docket at: www.regulations.gov (Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762) until **March 16, 2022**.

For details on the draft Lead Strategy, virtual listening sessions, or how to provide public comments, please visit: www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities.

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.