



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Wastewater News

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## Reminder: Electronic Permit Notification is Available on WWPIE

Persons interested in individual NPDES and operation permits in Iowa can register, save searches, and receive email notifications on draft and final permits in the the [Wastewater Permit information Exchange \(WWPIE\) database](#). Registered users can opt to receive email notifications when individual permits are drafted or finalized in a specific search area, so users can be notified of new draft permits or can track permit issuance. For sign up instructions, refer to the WWPIE Registration and Notification Instructions on the [NPDES Databases webpage](#) or view the FAQ document in WWPIE.

Questions regarding WWPIE and electronic notifications can be directed to Courtney Cswercko at [courtney.cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:courtney.cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## Integrated Planning Communities Workshop for Small to Medium-Sized Municipalities

The Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) in partnership with U.S. EPA are hosting a 90-minute workshop to provide small to medium-sized municipalities with the information needed to get started with integrated planning. The goals of this workshop are to review action items that can help municipalities get started with integrated planning, introduce municipalities to introductory information aimed to help communities take action, and to participate in small breakout sessions to think through key questions to answer at the beginning stages of getting started. There will be an opportunity to ask questions in the small breakout sessions. Speakers will include Robyn DeYoung, EPA; Evan Kirk, UNC Environmental Finance Center; and Louis McMahon, Lakewood, OH.

The workshop will be hosted as a Zoom webinar on Wednesday April 20, 2022, from 2:00-3:30 PM EST.

The target audience is small to medium-sized communities/municipalities (under 60,000 people) that are interested in getting started with integrated planning and hold an NPDES permit for at least one of the following: combined sewer systems, sanitary sewer

system overflow, Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), MS4 (stormwater), or other Clean Water Act obligations.

For more information on the workshop or to register, please use the following links:

[Event Website](#)

[Event Registration](#)

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## Registration Open for Advanced Industrial Stormwater Training

Mark your calendars and register to attend one of the upcoming "Advanced Topics in Industrial Stormwater Management" online training opportunities. This spring, the Iowa Stormwater Education Partnership (ISWEP) is offering two training sessions to meet demand for stormwater management training.

Industrial and commercial facilities with "stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity" are required to obtain permits, typically known as General Permits #1 and #3. The new advanced training sessions have been developed to expand on specific requirements for General Permit #1 holders in Iowa.

### First Session - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Training for Airport Staff

- The first of the advanced stormwater training sessions will help airport facility staff understand their permitting requirements, the major elements of pollution prevention plans, and how to implement best management practices. **The two hour training session will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.**
- Who should attend?: Airport personnel including managers, mechanics and maintenance staff and others involved with any activities that could pollute stormwater. This training can satisfy airport employee staff pollution prevention training requirements listed in General Permit #1.
- Presenters and topics include:
  - David Knoll, Iowa DNR Field Office: "Permit Requirements for Airports in Iowa"
  - Pat Sauer, ISWEP: "Stormwater Pollution Prevention Highlights"
  - Paul Moritz, City of Ankeny (retired) and Jay Pudenz, McClure Engineering: "Airport Stormwater Best Management Practices"
- To register, click here: <https://iowastormwater.org/event/stormwater-pollution-prevention-training-for-airport-staff/>

### Second Session: General Permit #1 Monitoring and Sampling Requirements

- The second advanced training opportunity will focus on the inspection and maintenance requirements for General Permit #1 facilities. **The two hour training session will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.**
- Who should attend?: Company managers, site supervisors, environmental managers and staff involved with implementation of stormwater pollution

prevention plan inspection and maintenance requirements, consultants, contractors, and others.

- Presenters and topics include:
  - Brian Lee, Iowa DNR Field Office: "Overview of Inspection and Maintenance Requirements"
- To register, click here: <https://iowastormwater.org/event/implementing-general-permit-no-1-inspection-and-maintenance/>

Both advanced training sessions will be conducted through an online webinar. Within the webinar format, participants will have ample opportunity to interact with presenters and get their questions answered. The training is organized by ISWEP ([iowastormwater.org](http://iowastormwater.org)) and co-sponsored by the Iowa DNR.

For questions or more information, contact Tiffany Wilson Lillard at 515-724-2394 or [twilsonlillard@iowastormwater.org](mailto:twilsonlillard@iowastormwater.org).

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## Operator Certification: Upcoming Conferences and 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.

Upcoming Conferences include:

- **IGWA Spring 2022 Conference** - April 29, 2022, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, virtual webinar. [Event Website](#)
- **IAWEA Region 2 Spring Meeting** - April 14, 2022 at the NIACC Muse-Norris Conference Center in Mason City. [Event Website](#)
- **IAWEA Region 3 Spring Conference** - April 14, 2022 at the Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City. [Event website](#)
- **IA-AWWA 2022 Spring Short Course** - April 25-26, 2022 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. [Event Website](#)
- **IAWEA Region 6 Conference** - May 4, 2022 at the Terry Trueblood Park Lodge in Iowa City. [Event Website](#)
- **IA-AWWA Region 5 Annual Meeting** - May 10, 2022 at the DMACC Newton Campus in Newton. [Event Website](#)
- **IAWEA 2022 Annual Conference** - June 8-9, 2022 at the River Center in Davenport. [Event Website](#)

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.