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#### SFY 2023 Intended Use Plans Available for Public Review

The State Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plans (IUP) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are now available for public review and comment. The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their June 21, 2022 meeting.

\*\*NOTE\*\* These Intended Use Plans apply to the base SRF Program funding and <u>do not</u> include spending plans for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. Stakeholder engagement opportunities will be announced later this month for BIL planning and separate BIL IUPs will be issued for public review and comment this summer. More information can be found on the <u>Infrastructure Bill Funding Opportunities</u> webpage.

The State Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) are available at the following **locations.** Draft project lists are also available for review.

- Clean Water SRF
- Drinking Water SRF

**IUP Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be held to record public comments regarding the SFY 2023 CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs. Public comments are welcome.

- Date and Time: Thursday, May 12, 10:00 11:00 am
- Google Meet information:
  - Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/zum-nuzp-ddp">https://meet.google.com/zum-nuzp-ddp</a>
  - Or dial: (US) 1 615-965-4655 PIN: 975 705 527#
- Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, May 19, 2022

Questions and written comments should be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov">theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov</a> or 515-725-0498.

#### IA SRF Releases FAQ and website on BIL Implementation

The lowa SRF Program has developed an Infrastructure Bill Funding

Opportunities webpage on the www.iowasrf.com website dedicated to keeping SRF borrowers, partners and the public informed of the latest Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) implementation plans. The webpage currently offers a Frequently Asked Questions document, EPA resources including EPA BIL Implementation Memo and the recently released OMB guidance for Build America, Buy American (BABA).

This website will serve as host for the most up-to-date information on lowa's funding opportunities from the BIL as well as stakeholder engagement opportunities.

Please visit the <u>Home Page at www.iowsrf.com</u> and click on Infrastructure Bill Funding Opportunities for more information. Questions regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law can be directed to <u>water-infrastructure@dnr.iowa.gov</u>.

#### **EPA Announces Three New Actions To Address PFAS**

From the ASDWA & EPA Websites

On April 28, EPA announced three actions the Agency is taking to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). All three actions were included in EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap.

- 1. A New Testing Method Will Help Detect PFAS in Water. This new method can screen for organofluorines (molecules with a carbon-fluorine bond, such as PFAS) in water at the one part per billion level. EPA notes that this method tells the user that organofluorines are present within the sample, but it does not identify which ones, nor does it quantify them all with the same level of accuracy.
- 2. New Permitting Direction Will help Reduce Discharges of PFAS to our Waters. Included in this memo are instructions for monitoring provisions, analytical methods, the use of pollution prevention, and best management practices to address discharges of PFAS. The Agency also plans to release guidance to states to address PFAS in NPDES permits in the future.
- 3. New Protective Levels Will Help Support Healthy Fish and Aquatic Ecosystems. EPA released a pre-publication for Draft Aquatic Life Criteria for both PFOA and PFOS. The Agency notes that states and tribes may use these criteria to develop their own water quality standards, issue permits to address PFAS discharges, and assess the impact of PFAS pollution. Once published in the Federal Register, the public will have 30 days to provide comments.

To read the full EPA Memo, click HERE

### The Newark Experience with Lead Service Line Replacement

On Tuesday, May 17th, from 2:30-4:00 EDT, ASDWA will be hosting a webinar on Newark's Experience with Lead Service Line Replacement. Please join us as we host this webinar and panel discussion with those who have spearheaded the plan to remove all lead service lines from Newark, NJ. Speakers will include:

- Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Patricia Ingelido, Director or Linda Ofori, Assistant Director of Division of Water Supply and Geoscience, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- · Kareem Adeem, Director Department of Water and Sewer Utilities, Newark, NJ
- Sandra Kutzing, Vice President Discipline Leader Distribution System Water Quality at CDM Smith.

<u>Registration</u> for this webinar is now open. The webinar is open to the public and will be recorded and available for later viewing.

## 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 <a href="Lowa DNR Operator Certification Database">Lowa DNR Operator Certification Database</a>. Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

**Upcoming Conferences include:** 

- IAWEA 2022 Annual Conference Event Website
  - June 8-9, River Center, Davenport
- IRWA, Resiliency and Sustainability Workshops <u>Event Website</u>
  - May 17, Clay County Regional Events Center, 800 W 18th Street, Spencer
  - May 19, Nevada Public Library, 631 K Ave, Nevada
- Environmental Finance Center, Asset Management for Iowa Small Systems
  - o June 7 | 9:00 AM 3:00 PM CDT | Coralville
  - June 8 | 9:00 AM 3:00 PM CDT | Atlantic

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