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New for FY 2023 - Online Payment Portal for Drinking Water Annual Fee

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Public Water Supply (PWS) fee invoices were mailed July 1, 2022. The annual fee must be received by the Department by September 1, 2022 to avoid a late fee of \$100.00.

Online Payment Portal for Drinking Water Annual Fee

PWSs have the convenience of paying the Annual Water Supply fees online at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/payments. No Form is required as the payment information is provided. The fees can be paid by credit/debit card or electronic check. A service charge of \$1.50 will be charged to all payments. Credit/debit card transactions will have an additional 2.5% fee applied to the transactions. DNR accepts the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

Payments may still be mailed along with the Water Supply fee invoice.

The mailing address is:

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Attention: Water Supply Operations Section

502 East 9th St

Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

State Revolving Fund FY 2023 Intended Use Plan **Approved**

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) approved the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plans (IUP) for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). The Commission took the action on June 21, 2022 during their meeting.

Please see the links below for more information on the IUPs.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

For questions, please contact Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0498 or theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

Grant Awarded to Support Voluntary Testing of Drinking Water for Lead in Schools and Child Care Centers

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) grant awarded the Iowa Department of Education funds to support public schools and child care centers in voluntary testing of drinking water for lead. The priority areas of this grant funding include facilities within low-income areas, facilities with children six years of age or under and facilities built in 1985 or prior to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. Grant dollars can be used for the implementation of testing water for lead, retesting of structures if lead levels are above the state and federal action levels and additional education resources. Applications for voluntary participation from public schools and childcare programs are being accepted in 2022 and on a rolling basis while grant funding is available.

As a part of the required communication plan, sites are encouraged to connect to their local public water supplier. If you have questions about the program or would like to learn more visit <u>educateiowa.gov</u> and search Lead–Water Testing.

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 Lowa 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.