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Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa Week

Governor Kim Reynolds has signed a [proclamation](#) declaring August 21-27, 2022 as Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals of Iowa Week.

The DNR would like to recognize all the Iowa Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment professionals that are dedicated to improving the quality of life and preserving and protecting public health in our state.

We encourage you to share the proclamation with your local media, city councils, and other stakeholders, and to take this opportunity to thank the water professionals in your community for their dedication to keeping Iowans and the Iowa environment safe and healthy.

Clean Water Act 50th Anniversary Photo Contest

ACWA and EPA Office of Water are excited to invite you to participate in an upcoming activity that highlights the importance of the Clean Water Act as we prepare for its 50th Anniversary!

We are asking for photos of the water bodies that you interact with. Any US citizen or permanent resident living in the US or territories over the age of 13 can submit photos for consideration, excluding current federal employees, interns/fellows/externs, or their partners and/or children. ACWA will accept photo submissions between August 9 and August 31.

The photos will then be posted on ACWA's website and people can vote on their favorites—the winning photos will be used to promote the CWA anniversary. The top three images will also receive a cash prize! The grand prize winner will receive a \$500 Amazon gift card. Second and third place photos will each receive \$250 Amazon gift cards. Winners will be announced in early October.

You can find more information and submit your photos [here](#).

If you have questions about the contest, please contact [Kara McCauley](#).

Upcoming Training - Iowa American Water Works Association Annual Conference

The Iowa American Water Works Association Annual Conference on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 to Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency in Coralville.

Choose from more than 30 sessions across Treatment, Distribution, Management, and a NEW Operators tracks to earn up to 1.10 CEUs.

For more information or to register, see the [AWWA Annual Conference website](#).

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.