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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.

Iowa DNR CY 2021 Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report Posted

The mission of Iowa DNR's Public Drinking Water Program is to protect and enhance the public health, safety, and quality of life for all persons by ensuring the public drinking water is safe to drink. This mission is accomplished by ensuring drinking water quality is monitored on a routine basis; that public water system supplies are designed, operated, and maintained to minimize the possibility of contamination; and that the public is notified in the event of a violation.

The 1996 reauthorized Safe Drinking Water Act required that state's with primary enforcement responsibility for the drinking water program prepare and make readily available to EPA and the public an annual report on violations of national primary drinking water regulations by public water supply systems in the state. The [CY 2021 Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report](#) fulfills this requirement.

To review previous Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Reports, please visit our [Iowa Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report](#) webpage.

Iowa DNR Updates Construction Permit Schedules

Water Supply Engineering Section has made the following changes to the construction schedules:

Schedule 1a: The first subrequest under Question 5 asked applicants to include the DNR Project # if an engineering report or information had been previously submitted for a project. The line now reads "Project Identity and DNR Project #:"

Schedule 1c: Two small description paragraphs to the WATER MAINS and OTHER WATER SUPPLY RELATED CONSTRUCTION sections of the form. The WATER MAINS description reads "This fee is based only on the length of the water main in the project but covers all aspects of water main construction (i.e. hydrants, valves, tapping sleeves, bends, thrust blocks, fittings, etc.)" The OTHER WATER SUPPLY REPEATED CONSTRUCTION description reads "This fee covers all other water supply construction (e.g. wells, treatment plants, storage tanks, pump stations, etc.)" These descriptions were added to help applicants understand what elements were included in each section's fee.

Service Agreement: An email and additional contacts (optional) line was added to the AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE WATER section of the form. When permits that require a service agreement are issued, it is required to send a copy of the signed permit to the representative of the water supply system that signed the service agreement. The representative's contact information is not currently provided on the service agreement form.

The new forms can be found on the Iowa DNR [Construction Permits](#) webpage.

Water ISAC and H2OSecCon Virtual Security Conference-November 15-17

Covering three afternoons, this one-of-a-kind virtual event will help water utilities understand physical and cyber threats and boost security. H2OSecCon will feature critical recommendations, industry subject matter experts, and resources that utilities need to protect their consumers, assets, and the environment. Registration information can be found [here](#) .

EPA Releases Much Anticipated Lead Service Line Inventory Guidance

From EPA Website

On August 4, 2022, EPA released Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory to support water systems with their efforts to develop inventories and to provide states with needed information for oversight and reporting to EPA. The guidance provides essential information to help water systems comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions requirement to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials by October 16, 2024. Specifically, EPA's Lead Service Line Inventory guidance:

- Provides best practices for inventory development and communicating information to the public.
- Includes a template for water systems, states, and Tribes to use or adapt to create their own inventory.
- Contains case studies on developing, reviewing, and communicating about inventories.
- Highlights the importance of prioritizing inventory development in disadvantaged communities and where children live and play.

EPA is harmonizing regulatory requirements with unprecedented funding through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make rapid progress on removing harmful lead from America's drinking water.

[Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory \(pdf\)](#) (6.98 MB, August 4, 2022, 816-B-22-001)

*Stay up to date on Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Guidance and Activities through this listserv and our [Lead Service Line Inventories](#) webpage.

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.