



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Water Supply News

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## Source Water Protection Week September 25, 2022-October 1, 2022

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has declared the week of September 25 – October 1, 2022, Source Water Protection Week. The Iowa DNR would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Iowans to consider the important role clean drinking water plays in their lives.

The term “source water” is used to define drinking water in its original environment, either at the surface or below the ground, before being treated and distributed by a water system. The concept of source water protection is that carefully managing the land which drinking water travels through leads to increased natural water quality and better protection of the resource.

The state of Iowa and the Iowa DNR participate in this process through the Iowa Source Water Protection Program. This program provides communities with the information and resources needed to develop a source water protection plan for their drinking water source. Participating in the development of a source water protection plan is a voluntary way to help prevent contamination and improve the quality of your community’s most valuable resource.

For anyone interested in the development of a source water protection plan in your community, please visit the [Iowa Source Water Protection Program](#) web page, or contact Matthew Dvorak, Source Water Protection Coordinator, at 515-322-7727 or [matthew.dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:matthew.dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov). For additional information on the AWWA Source Water Protection Week please visit their [Source Water Protection Week](#) web page.

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## Public Hearing on Proposed Renewal of NPDES General Permits 1, 2, 3, and 4

The NPDES Section is proposing rule changes to Chapters 60 and 64 of the Iowa Administrative Code to renew four of Iowa’s general permits for storm water (GPs #1, #2, and #3) and private sewage disposal systems (GP #4). The new effective dates for all four general permits will be March 1, 2023. The proposed revisions to GPs 1 through 4 and to Chapter 60

will improve the clarity and readability of the requirements, definitions, and standard conditions, and will ensure consistency with corresponding federal regulations. The proposed revisions do not affect the substance of the general permits.

The Environmental Protection Commission approved the Notice of Intended Action for the proposed rule at their meeting on August 16, 2022. The Notice was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as on September 9, 2022.

**A public hearing on the proposed rule and general permit renewals will be held via Zoom on September 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm.**

The Zoom meeting registration link is: [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOmtrzwqH9N8GgCQEO1aQyhpDvZ6lbn8](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOmtrzwqH9N8GgCQEO1aQyhpDvZ6lbn8).

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing must submit a request to Courtney Cswercko prior to the hearing to facilitate an orderly hearing. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing will be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

To view the proposed general permits or the Notice of Intended Action, please see the [NPDES Rules](#) website.

Questions about the hearing or the proposed rulemaking can be directed to Courtney Cswercko at [Courtney.Cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Courtney.Cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## Save the Date: Iowa DNR to Roll Out Lead Service Line Inventory Template and Virtual Trainings

### Save the Date!

The Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Template will be posted on the [Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventories webpage](#) the week of October 24, 2022. This template will be used by all public water supply systems that are classified as community water systems (CWSs) and non-transient non-community (NTNC) water systems which are required to submit lead service line inventories to the Iowa DNR by October 16, 2024. This will give water systems a chance to review and prepare questions ahead of time for four virtual trainings that will be offered starting the following week.

### Virtual Trainings on The Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Template

Virtual trainings presented by Iowa DNR staff will be offered at the following dates and times:

October 31, 2022 10:00AM-Noon

November 2, 2022 1:00PM-3:00PM

November 7, 2022 1:00PM-3:00PM

November 8, 2022 10:00AM-Noon

Registration for the trainings will be forthcoming. Watch for more information via this listserv and water operator and water owner email inboxes.

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## **ASDWA Webinar Series on Implementation Tools and Best Practices for Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacements**

ASDWA is pleased to announce upcoming free webinar series: **Implementation Tools and Best Practices for Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacements**. This webinar series is open to the public and intended for those in the water industry who are working to #gettheleadout, starting with the identification of lead service lines and the completion of EPA's lead service line inventory requirement. Webinars will be held on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 PM ET on the following dates. Registration links for each webinar are included in the table below, you will need to register for each webinar individually. Details for sessions 3-6 will be added as speakers are finalized—register now to save the date.

### **Session 1 -Technologies for Lead Service Inventories and Mapping - 11/10/22**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9131072859629519884>

### **Session 2 - Consultants' Roundtable for Inventories and Mapping - 12/15/22**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8602824592692832527>

### **Session 3 - Topic TBA - 1/12/23**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2106296368304198923>

### **Session 4 - Topic TBA - 2/9/23**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3188832636059031819>

### **Session 5 - Topic TBA - 3/9/23**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8553150856373547279>

### **Session 6 - Topic TBA - 4/13/23**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8488697484753368078>

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## 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.