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WHAT: A new login process will be implemented for the online database on which Operators apply for an exam and pay exam, certification and renewal fees. Your old login in account information will be null and void.

WHEN: February 1, 2023

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO: After February 1, you will need to create a new user account. Instructions for the new, more secure, account set up will be displayed on the Home Page of OpCert Web <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/pages/opmenu.aspx>. For more information on Iowa's new secure login process go to [id.iowa.gov help](https://id.iowa.gov/help).

QUESTIONS: Please send an email to OpCertCustomerSupport@dnr.iowa.gov.

REMINDER: Sign up for the Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Training to be offered on February 2 at 1:00PM

At the end of October 2022, the Iowa DNR rolled out the Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Template. 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. *Note: This is the same training that was offered in October 2022, November 2022, and January 2023.

Feb 2, 2023 01:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-qvqj4iH9aFw9uLt-G92q08JC8WYCih>

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

The Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5): Accessing And Communicating UCMR 5 Results

PUBLIC WEBINAR MEETING DETAILS

EPA will host two identical webinars on **February 22 and 23, 2023** to provide public water systems (PWSs), States, and other interested stakeholders with information on accessing and communicating UCMR 5 monitoring results. The presentation will review the reporting requirements and data review functionality in EPA's web-based Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) for large (i.e., those serving more than 10,000 people) and small (i.e., those serving 10,000 or fewer people) PWSs. The presentation will also discuss the plan for communicating results from small PWSs, how the public can access the UCMR 5 results in the National Contaminant Occurrence Database, and provide additional resources developed by EPA and other stakeholders to communicate results. For more details on the meetings, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule-ucmr-meetings-and-materials>.

REGISTER

Please register for one webinar.

- February 22, 2023 (Wednesday) from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM EDT
- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4905478152314043229>
- February 23, 2023 (Thursday) from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM EDT
- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8811438234406903135>

RULE BACKGROUND

On December 27, 2021, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published UCMR 5 to establish nationwide monitoring for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium in drinking water served by public water systems (PWSs) (<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>). The rule requires participating PWSs to collect drinking water samples from 2023-2025 and report final results through 2026.

Registrants will receive confirmations and further webinar information via email. Questions regarding webinar registration should be emailed to UCMRWebinar@cadmusgroup.com.

SFY 2023 Intended Use Plan Q4 Updates Ready for Public Review

The Fourth Quarter Update to 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 CWSRF and DWSRF base programs for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, and the Annexes cover the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) General Supplemental Funds. These plans can be found on www.iowaSRF.com at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#) Base Program

[Drinking Water SRF](#) Base Program

[Clean Water and Drinking Water BIL Funding Opportunities](#)

Public comments on the IUPs are welcome. A virtual public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Participants should use the following conference video or call-in information to participate.

- **IUP Public Hearing:**

- Thursday, February 9, 2023, 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/izp-ywbm-ipk>
- Or dial: +1 260-227-7357 PIN: 541 126 769#

Written comments will be accepted through February 24, 2023. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their March 21, 2023 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to water-infrastructure@dnr.iowa.gov

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.