



Upcoming Events

October 20

**“Red Flags” for Identity Theft
Workshop, Ventura**

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>

November 6

**Advanced SWPPP &
Inspections Workshop**

More information:

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November 18 — 20

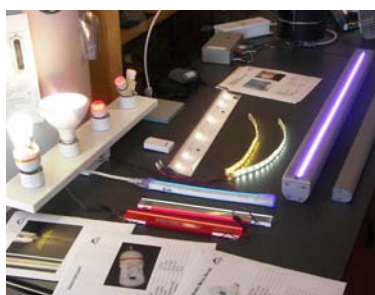
**Water/Wastewater Operators
Training Workshop**

Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines

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Lots of light! A recent workshop on energy efficient lighting sponsored by the Iowa Energy Center brought lights of many shapes, sizes and colors to IAMU.



**IAMU
Fall Conference
Sept. 30 — Oct. 2**

State encourages application for water quality grants



◆ Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey has encouraged eligible groups to apply for grants to support projects that will improve water quality in the state. The \$1.5 million in grant funds are available to local watershed improvement committees, soil and water conservation districts, public water supply utilities, county conservation boards and cities.

“Protecting and improving water quality is a fundamental role of the Department,” said Northey. “The focus of these funds is to support those applications that have assessment and planning completed on a watershed basis and have the ability to document water quality results. They are available to projects designed to address many issues that adversely impact water quality.”

Projects eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, those addressing agricultural runoff and drainage, stream bank erosion, municipal discharge, storm water runoff, unsewered communities, industrial discharge and livestock runoff. Individual projects can request up to \$500,000 for up to three years.

All applications are due on Friday, January 30, 2009 and will be reviewed by the Watershed Improvement Review Board. The Board is comprised of representatives from agriculture, drinking water and wastewater utilities, environmental organizations, agribusiness, the conservation community along with two state senators and two state representatives.

A funding announcement is expected by early April 2009 so projects can begin later in the spring of 2009.

Application materials can be downloaded from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship website at www.iowaagriculture.gov/IWIRB.asp. To receive more information or ask questions, contact Jerry Neppel at 515-281-3599.

Extra “Red Flags” Identity Theft workshop in Ventura

◆ An additional “Red Flags” for Identity Theft Workshop has been scheduled for Ventura October 20. The meeting will be from 1 – 3:30 p.m. at the Ventura Community Center, 4 N. Weimer St. This will allow IAMU members in north central Iowa who may not have attended any of the other workshops easier access.



The workshop is designed to assist IAMU members in setting plans for compliance with the federally-mandated requirements for protection of customers from identity theft. The new policy takes place November 1.

To register, click here: <http://www.iamu.org/calendar/index.asp>

A model FTC Red Flags Policy template is now available from IAMU. Contact Jane Riessen, IAMU Legal Counsel, at 800-810-4268 or jriessen@iamu.org. For more workshop information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

**Fall Conference
presentations on the
IAMU website**

IAMU has posted selected Fall Conference presentations on the association website.

Go to www.iamu.org and click on the link on the front page.

Arc flash seminar at Iowa State University



◆ A seminar entitled “Arc Flash for Utility and Industrial Systems” will be presented October 29 – 30 at the Scheman Building at Iowa State University in Ames. It is sponsored by the Electrical and Computer Engineering Extension at Iowa State, and will be presented by Christopher Lee Brooks, P.E., of S&C Electric Company.

The seminar will cover the new National Electric Safety Code (NESC) arc flash rules and many topics related to its implementation in utilities and industries prior to the January 1, 2009 employee protection deadline. The content is applicable to all utilities and industries. It includes an examination of arc flash, the regulations and standards, the theory and calculations, and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). It outlines a template that managers, engineers and safety coordinators can use to develop a safety response and hazard-avoidance program.

For more information and registration, go to www.uccs.iastate.edu/mnet/ecs/home.html.

Denison Municipal Utilities (top photos) and the Ames Municipal Electric System are just two IAMU members that took advantage of Public Power Week to connect with their customers.

Denison activities included a school visit and utility open house; in Ames, the power plant open house also includes indoor and outdoor activities.

Both utilities offered the popular bucket truck rides.

Business continuity course offered in November



◆ Business continuity planning is a critical, but sometimes overlooked aspect of preparing for the unexpected. After the floods and tornadoes of 2008 in Iowa, planning for the unexpected has come into focus like never before.

A Business Continuity Course offered by the Safeguard Iowa Partnership and Iowa Homeland Security will be presented at three different locations around the state in early November. The eight-hour course will walk participants through developing a business plan for an organization. Each attendee will be able to take basic planning materials back to his/her organization. The audience for the course is private- and public-sector organizations that need or already have a business continuity plan, including, but not limited to, government agencies, utilities, volunteer organizations and private businesses. There is no cost for this course.

The course will be offered November 4 in Sioux City; November 5 in Cedar Falls; and November 6 in Cedar Rapids. Register online at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org.



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