



Upcoming Events

Sept. 22 — 26/Oct. 2
“Red Flags” Workshops
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Sept. 23
Storm Water Post Construction Workshop
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Sept. 30 — Oct. 2
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October 7
Basic SWPPP & Inspections Workshop
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November 6
Advanced SWPPP & Inspections Workshop
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November 18 — 20
Water/Wastewater Operators Training Workshop
Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines
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Algona, NIMECA members team up to share power



◆ **Algona Municipal Utilities and North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (NIMECA) have signed an agreement to share power supply resources between Algona and the 12 member municipal electric utilities that makeup NIMECA.**



NIMECA, organized in 1965, with headquarters in Humboldt, Iowa, is a municipal joint action agency serving the municipal electric utilities of Alta, Bancroft, Coon Rapids, Graettinger, Grundy Center, Laurens, Milford, New Hampton, Spencer, Sumner, Webster City and West Bend. NIMECA serves as the agent for its members for the coordination of power supply, planning adequate power sources and delivery of such power.

According to Greg Fritz, Chief Executive Officer for NIMECA, “the NIMECA mission is to provide efficient and economical power and the delivery of this power to our members in an environmentally responsible manner, enabling them to improve the quality of life and the economic well being of their consumer-owners.” NIMECA members cooperate together sharing electric generation resources and coordinating planning efforts for energy efficiency activities, investment in new generation resources including clean coal technology and renewable energy through wind, and other planning activities to provide economies of scale in pricing services to their consumer owners. NIMECA is also a member of Corn Belt Power Cooperative, a generation and transmission cooperative located in Humboldt, Iowa. Corn Belt and NIMECA share generation and transmission facilities, which results in cost savings to both NIMECA and Corn Belt consumers.

“This is a great example of publicly-owned municipal electric utilities sharing resources for the benefit of their communities,” said John Bilsten, General Manager for Algona Municipal Utilities. “There are many benefits to Algona joining NIMECA. One of the largest benefits is an opportunity to mitigate our electric power supply risks by sharing resources in multiple generating units instead of just one unit like we do today. By spreading our risks over multiple generating units we reduce our exposure to an ever changing electric energy market and help keep our cost as low as possible for our consumer owners in Algona. In addition, the agreement between Algona and NIMECA will allow Algona to increase its share of renewable energy through wind by jointly purchasing wind energy with other NIMECA members. NIMECA members are also partners in the planned Sutherland Unit #4 – state of the art, clean coal technology power plant planned for the Marshalltown area,” stated Bilsten.

New flagpole at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex



◆ **Next time you pay a visit to IAMU’s Training & Office Complex you’ll notice the addition of a flag pole in front of the association’s main office building.**

The pole allows IAMU to proudly fly the flag of the United States and the flag of Iowa. Obtaining the Iowa flag was arranged through Iowa Senator Larry Noble (District 35, Polk County). The flag was flown over the Iowa State Capitol prior to being delivered to IAMU.

A solar-powered light mounted on the pole illuminates the flags by night.



Current Transformers Wanted!



Does your electric utility have used CTs no longer in service?

Replacing substation equipment?

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- ◆ Don't make your car an "off-road vehicle" by driving too fast.
- ◆ Don't crowd snowplows.
- ◆ Know road conditions before you leave home or work.
- ◆ Allow extra stopping distance.



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Firm will assist IAMU in energy efficiency assessments

◆ Senate File 2386, passed during the 2008 session of the Iowa Legislature, requires municipal electric and gas utilities to conduct an assessment of potential. IAMU is pleased to announce that it is working with the Energy Center of Wisconsin to complete the assessment on behalf of Iowa's municipal utilities.

The assessment of potential will evaluate the cost effectiveness of a large portfolio of energy efficiency measures, including demand side measures, utility side measures, and small scale renewables, for Iowa's municipal gas and electric utilities. The assessment will provide customized results for each utility, and will allow utilities to establish energy efficiency goals and cost effective energy efficiency programs designed to meet those goals.

IAMU anticipates the assessment of potential will be completed in the fall of 2009. Contact Joel Logan or Erin Buchanan at 515-289-1999 with questions regarding the assessment of potential. For more information on the Energy Center of Wisconsin, please visit their website: www.ecw.org.

Mapleton moves ahead with municipal gas plans



◆ The City of Mapleton (an IAMU member) has reached an agreement with MidAmerican Energy to purchase the city's gas distribution system. The public vote in favor of Mapleton establishing a municipal gas utility occurred in April, 2002.

Once the transfer is complete and the system is operating under municipal control, Mapleton will be the 50th municipal gas system in the state of Iowa.

IAMU congratulates the City of Mapleton and its residents on this victory for local control.

IAMU teams with IDOT for winter driving campaign

◆ Winter weather will happen – ready or not – and it's never too early to remind drivers "Ice and Snow...Take it Slow."

IAMU is working with one of the state's road specialists, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), on a motorist safety education campaign, "Ice and Snow...Take it Slow." One of the first campaign activities in Iowa happened at IAMU's 2008 Iowa State Fair booth where staff distributed "Ice and Snow...Take it Slow" materials.

"What a great opportunity to get the national campaign's message out about the importance of driving safely on winter roads," said Dennis Burkheimer, winter operations administrator at the Iowa DOT. "Working with organizations interested in safety on Iowa's roads is a good way to get the message out to Iowans."

"The safety message is one that drivers can connect with and act on," said Burkheimer. "The goal of the safety campaign is to educate drivers to help prevent injuries and fatalities, and get drivers home safely on winter roads."

Winter driving safety messages include such things as cautioning drivers to slow down and allow more time to arrive at their destinations; the danger of using cruise control in hazardous conditions; knowing driving and road conditions before leaving on a journey; and giving snowplows ample room.

For more information about the safety campaign, contact Dennis Burkheimer at 515-239-1355 or dennis.burkheimer@dot.iowa.gov.

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