



**Upcoming Events**

**August 27**

**Water Distribution Workshop**

**Register/more information:**

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

**Sept. 9 — 10**

**IAMU/APGA Midwest Regional**

**Gas Workshop**

**Register/more information:**

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

(go to "September")

**Sept. 16 — 19**

**Underground Elec. Workshop**

**Register/more information:**

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

(go to "September")

**Sept. 23**

**Storm Water Post Construction**

**Workshop**

**More information:**

[kqibbons@iamu.org](mailto:kqibbons@iamu.org)

**Sept. 30 — Oct. 2**

**IAMU Fall Conference**

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny and  
IAMU Training & Office Complex

**October 7**

**Basic SWPPP &**

**Inspections Workshop**

**More information:**

[kqibbons@iamu.org](mailto:kqibbons@iamu.org)

**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

## IAMU display taps big turnout at Iowa State Fair

◆ IAMU has wrapped up its first-ever appearance at the Iowa State Fair, with a display in the Hall of Law and Flame.

With excellent weather for much of the fair and record-setting attendance, a large number of people picked up information promoting Iowa's municipal utilities, viewed compact fluorescent light and rain garden displays and checked out the Hazard Hamlet electrical safety display – a big hit with youngsters.

IAMU thanks all who helped with staffing the display, including John Bilstein, Algona Municipal Utilities; Jim Hoye, Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities; Kris Longer and Todd Kielkopf, City of Indianola; Diane Lucas, City of Breda; and Duane Armstead, Greenfield Municipal Utilities.



*IAMU's Dave Hraha talks to young fair-goers.*

## Trenching & shoring: proper training is critical

◆ In the last three years here in Iowa, seven workers have lost their lives while working in trenches. Most were buried when the walls of a narrow trench caved in. Five were working in sewer lines 8 – 10 feet deep.

When a worker is standing in a trench 8 – 10 feet deep, he or she may feel safe, but when that person crouches down to work on a pipe, there is 6 – 8 feet of dirt above that can easily cause entrapment. There is no time to safely climb out of a trench once a cave-in begins. It must be stopped before it happens through proper, certified trenching and shoring techniques. Employers should periodically review OSHA guidelines with workers. Remember that if an excavation is more than five feet deep, a certified Competent Person must evaluate all trenching and shoring.



IAMU offers training in Trenching & Shoring – Awareness and Trenching & Shoring – Competent Person. For more information, see the IAMU website, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) ("Members Services" tab and "Job Training & Safety") or call 800-810-4268.

## IDNR listservers provide tool for water operators



◆ The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Water Quality Bureau currently has three listservers that are used to deliver technical information directly to your email inbox. The Water Quality Listserver provides information about NPDES permitting, water quality standards, wastewater operator certification and much more.

Information for water supply operators and about Iowa's public drinking water systems comes from the Water Supply Listserver. There is also an Animal Feeding Operations Listserver that sends information for those who own and/or operate or are active in the regulatory activities of animal feeding operations. Use the following link to sign up for one or all three: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/listserv.html>

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