



Upcoming Events

July 30

Gas Steel Pipe Distribution
Maintenance Workshop
Register/more info:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(go to "July")

August 27

Water Distribution Workshop
Register/more info:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(go to "August")

Sept. 9 — 10

IAMU/APGA Midwest Regional
Gas Workshop

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(go to "September")

Sept. 16 — 19

Underground Elec. Workshop

Sept. 30 — Oct. 2

IAMU Fall Conference
Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny and
IAMU Training & Office Complex

Nov. 18 — 20:

Water/Wastewater Operators'
Training Workshop
Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines

"Red Flags" identity theft rules clarification, update

◆ IAMU is continuing to make plans for informing members on complying with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) identity theft "Red Flags Rules," and will announce those plans soon. The Red Flags Rules require that many entities – including municipal utilities – must have written identity theft protection plans for covered customer accounts in place by November 1, 2008.



After reading the Red Flags story in the July 14 issue of the IAMU Informer, some member utilities contacted IAMU to ask if the rules applied only to utilities that accept credit card payments from customers. **The requirement to establish a procedure applies regardless of whether a utility accepts credit cards.** Your credit card procedure will simply be a factor for you to take into account when constructing an appropriate plan in compliance with the Red Flag Rules.

Watch the Informer and the IAMU website, www.iamu.org, for future announcements regarding education and training to assist members with compliance.

Contact IAMU Legal Counsel Jane Riessen, jriessen@iamu.org, with any questions on this issue.

IAMU teams with others to help deter metal theft

◆ IAMU is joining forces with two fellow associations to call attention to the serious problem of metal theft in Iowa.

The Iowa Utility Association and Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives will team with IAMU in issuing a joint news release asking residents of Iowa to report suspicious activity near electrical substations, utility poles and utility storage areas.



While scrap metal theft is not new, with a huge jump in prices for copper and other metals in recent years, thieves are becoming bolder and more creative. The problem has become a major safety issue for electric utilities, impacting customers, employees and anyone else who may come in contact with electric utilities. Nationwide, electrocution deaths have occurred from attempts to steal metal from utility equipment and facilities. Additional security measures have been undertaken at many utility facilities, and this just-announced effort is aimed at raising the awareness – and vigilance – of citizens who may see people engaged in the act of metal theft.

Transfer tax rate forms now on IAMU website

◆ IAMU electric and gas utility members can access the Transfer Tax Rate forms to be filed with the Iowa Department of Revenue on the IAMU website, www.iamu.org (scroll down the front page to "Transfer Tax Rate Forms").

The forms are to be filed with the Department by August 31, 2008. This form is one that the Department is not responsible for producing or distributing this form



IAMU has prepared a suggested form for this purpose since 1999. If you have questions, or would prefer a hard copy in the mail, contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.



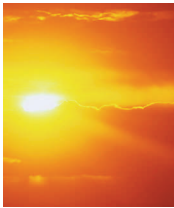
Welcome to the **i**nformer
The IAMU *Informer* is a new and improved source for timely news and information affecting IAMU and its members, distributed electronically each week. Questions? Comments? Contact John Burnett, *Informer* editor: jburnett@iamu.org



Complete agenda and registration coming soon!

Fight heat-related illness with web safety resource

◆ Heat-related illnesses (heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke) become common during the hot Midwest-



ern summers, especially among those who spend long periods of time working outdoors. Heat-related illnesses range from minor to life-threatening. Knowing the facts, how to protect yourself and what to look for can prevent a serious situation for you or others. The Iowa-Illinois Safety Council distributes semi-monthly "Safety Shorts" tips, and the July topic is heat-related illnesses.

To access this, and previous Safety Shorts documents, go online to www.iisc.org/safetyshorts.html.

Current Transformers Wanted!



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

Replacing substation equipment?

Please consider donating to IAMU for training purposes. All ratios and rating factors will be considered.

Contact Eric Stoll at IAMU: 800-810-4268 or estoll@iamu.org.

Danger: flood damaged gas cylinders, bulk tanks

◆ If any of your municipal facilities were affected by the recent flooding, be aware that any compressed gas cylinders, bulk tanks and related equipment that was submerged could be extremely hazardous to you and the residents of your city.



Contaminated oxygen (or any oxidizing gas) in cylinders or bulk tanks can explode if not properly handled. Flood waters may have introduced fuel oil, gasoline, or other hydrocarbons, which can create a hazardous mixture. If you have oxidizing gas (Oxygen, Nitrous Oxide, etc.) or unlabeled cylinders at any work locations that have been submerged, DO NOT operate any valves or attached equipment. Leave them in the condition they were found and contact your local distributor immediately.

Submerged regulators and other equipment should be considered contaminated and unserviceable. All equipment should be replaced or cleaned by a properly trained and certified technician.

If any of your equipment has been affected by flood water, it recommended that you inventory all cylinders and related equipment and notify your insurance company of any damaged or missing cylinders.

Water/WW system damaged? SRF may be of help



◆ If your community's water or wastewater system has been affected by the recent natural disasters, the State Revolving Fund (SRF), a program of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Finance Authority, may be able to help.

Since each community has different needs, any community facing repairs to their systems or concerned with repaying SRF loans should contact SRF officials to discuss possible assistance.

Some of the ways the SRF can help include restructuring of existing SRF loans; using SRF loans to match FEMA funds; using SRF funds as short as short-term loans to be repaid with FEMA grants; and using SRF loans to pay for repairs.

For more information contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, DNR SRF Coordinator, at patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov (515-725-0498) or Lori Beary, Iowa Finance Authority, at lori.beary@iowa.gov (515-725-4965).

State DAS contracts can assist with recovery costs



◆ If your city is one of the many to be hit with damage from this spring's flooding or tornadoes, you should be aware that help with purchasing rebuilding materials may be available through the State of Iowa.

Since they are political subdivisions, cities and counties in Iowa are eligible to take advantage of contracts arranged by the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Such things as building materials, paint, office equipment, vehicles and more may be covered. These contracts could contribute to significant monetary savings.

To access a list of DAS-negotiated contracts, go to: <http://das.gse.iowa.gov/contracts/contract.html>. Or contact Debbie O'Leary at DAS at 515-281-8384 or debbie.oleary@iowa.gov.

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