



Upcoming Events

March 26, 2009

Energy Efficiency Workshop

Register/more information:

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

April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 24, 2009

Consumer Confidence Report Workshops: Alta, Atlantic, Ankeny, Coralville, Manchester, Mason City (see online calendar or brochure for exact dates, locations)

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(click "April 2009")

April 15, 2009

Natural Gas Fire Control Workshop

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New stimulus funding resources are online



◆ Two additional resources with timely information on federal stimulus funding are now available online.

The American Public Power Association has added a page to its web site that includes information disseminated to members and more, including links and summaries. Find it at www.appanet.org (click on "Stimulus Funding" on the right side of the home page).

The Department of Energy (DOE) web site has a page that breaks down stimulus finding by state. It includes a summary of funding and many links to related news items. Access it at: www.energy.gov/recovery/

Consumer Confidence Report Workshops in April



◆ Help is again on the way for water operators who need assistance with completing their Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). IAMU, in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will be offering the annual series of CCR Workshops at six locations around the state in April. The goal of the workshops is to have each participant leave with a draft of their water supply's CCR.



Locations include Coralville (site of two workshops) April 7&8; Manchester April 9; Alta April 14; Mason City April 15; Atlantic April 17; and Ankeny (IAMU) April 24. 0.3 CEUs for Water Treatment OR 0.3 CEUs for Water Distribution will be available for a fee. If no CEUs are to be provided, the workshop is free. Please note: IDNR has indicated that this could be the last year for free CCR Workshops. If you have not attended in the past, you should plan to attend this year.

A workshop brochure has been distributed, and information and registration is also available on the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (click on "Calendar/Registrations" on the home page and then click "April 2009"). Registration deadline is April 1. For more information, contact IAMU at 800-810-4268 or email IAMU Water Services Coordinator Jill Soenen at jsoenen@iamu.org.

IDNR seeking water operator reps for technical advisory group



◆ The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is looking for two water operators to serve on a technical advisory group to study plastic water lines and gaskets at risk from exposure to petroleum. This is part of a look into updating Chapter 135 Underground Storage Tank Risk-Based Corrective Action Rules.

IDNR would like to have the representation from both a large and small water supply to offer technical experience and concerns with this process. If you are willing to take part and able to participate in the meetings, contact Jill Soenen, IAMU Water Services Coordinator, at 515-289-1999 or jsoenen@iamu.org for more information.

Natural Gas Fire Control Workshop returns to IAMU

◆ Valuable knowledge and hands-on experience in fire control for natural gas systems will be presented April 15 at IAMU's Natural Gas Fire Control Workshop. It is designed for gas distribution system operators who for municipal utilities or contractors, and firefighters who serve IAMU member gas utility communities. This marks the return of a workshop that debuted in 2005.



Practice in extinguishing actual natural gas fires on IAMU's Safety & Training Field is included. Fire extinguishing activities will involve the Ankeny Fire Department and the State of Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau. Abnormal Operating Conditions (AOCs) in controlling natural gas fires; fire extinguisher education; fire behavior; ignition sources; fire retardant clothing; and controlling accidental gas releases will all be covered. Qualifications are available: 4.3 and 4.4 (Firefighting Techniques and Controlling Accidental Gas Releases).

A workshop brochure and registration form have been distributed. Or, electronic registration is available on the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (click on "Calendar/Registrations" on the home page and then click on "April 2009"). Registration deadline is April 10. For more information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

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Memorials available for labor official Jan Smith

◆ IAMU members have learned of the death of Jan Smith. She



Jan Smith spoke about IAMU's Apprenticeship Program at the 2006 Annual Conference.

was an employee of the U.S. Department of Labor, had been a guest speaker for the association, and was an advocate for IAMU's Apprenticeship Program.

Jan Smith passed away March 1. Do-

nations in her memory can be made to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, 5452 NE 22nd St., Des Moines, IA 50313; or to Taylor House Hospice, 3401 E. Douglas, Des Moines, IA 50317.

Waverly Light & Power gets Arbor Day recognition



◆ IAMU member Waverly Light & Power (WLP) has been honored by the Arbor Day Foundation with "Tree Line USA" designation for 2009. WLP is among 147 public and investor-owned utilities named.

The honor is achieved by meeting "best practices" requirements such as a program of quality tree care, proper worker training and a tree planting and education program.

More information about the Arbor Day Foundation and Tree Line USA program is available at: <http://www.arborday.org/>

EPA proposes requirement for emissions reporting

By Robert Varela, APPA Public Power Daily, March 13, 2009



◆ In a move that sets the stage for a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gases, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed a rule March 10 that would require major sources to report their emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The reporting requirements would apply to suppliers of fossil fuel and industrial chemicals, manufacturers of motor vehicles and engines, and large direct emitters of greenhouse gases (including utilities) with emissions of 25,000 metric tons or more per year.

Owners or operators of generating units (excluding portable equipment or emergency generators) would collect emission data; calculate emissions of carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and methane; and follow the rule's procedures for quality assurance, missing data, recordkeeping and reporting, according to an EPA fact sheet. The proposal would cover approximately 13,000 facilities, accounting for about 85% to 90% of greenhouse gases emitted in the United States, EPA said.

The first annual report (for calendar year 2010) would be submitted to EPA in 2011, except for vehicle and engine manufacturers, which would begin reporting for model year 2011. Facilities that already file quarterly reports under existing mandatory programs (e.g., the acid rain program) will continue to report quarterly.

EPA estimates that the expected cost to comply with the reporting requirements to the private sector would be \$160 million for the first year. In subsequent years, the annual costs would be \$127 million, the agency said.

EPA set a 60-day deadline for public comments, from the date the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register. The agency plans to issue a final rule this fall. More information is available on EPA's GHG Reporting Web page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>

WLP 40-year veteran Kielman announces retirement

◆ Waverly Light and Power has announced the retirement of Gary Kielman, production foreman, who served the community for 40 years. Gary will be honored with an open house, Friday, March 20, 2009, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Waverly Light and Power, 1002 Adams Parkway.



Gary Kielman

Gary began his service on October 15, 1968 at the North Plant, which had just begun operations that summer. He worked in operations and maintenance until 1975 and then transferred to the line crew where he worked for the next 13 years. In 1987, he returned to the North Plant and has served as Production Foreman ever since.

Winter Moratorium period ends April 1; time to help



◆ The Iowa Utilities Board is reminding utilities and utility customers that Winter Moratorium Law protection against utility disconnection will come to an end April 1 (this protection is extended only to households that qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Updated Disconnection Handbook

◆ IAMU members can find the newly updated Disconnection of Service Handbook, 2nd Edition, on the IAMU website: www.iamu.org (click on "Publications & Resources").

Customers concerned about paying outstanding utility balances are being urged to contact their utility immediately to investigate what options may be available. Those who have not yet applied for LIHEAP are being urged to do so immediately, as the IUB reports some Community Action Program (CAP) agencies may still have funding available.

Utilities are urged to provide long-term help to financially challenged customers by enrolling them in a year-long level-payment or budget-billing program.