



**Upcoming Events**

**March 9 — 10, 2009**

**Iowa Storm Water Conference/  
Iowa Water Conference**

*Scheman Building, Iowa State Univ.*

*For more information:*

<http://www.iowastormwater.org/>

**March 16 — 19, 2009**

**Gas Pipeline Welder Qualification  
Workshop (Ankeny &  
Emmetsburg; two workshops)**

*Des Moines Area Community College,  
Ankeny; Iowa Lakes Community College,  
Emmetsburg*

*Register/more information:*

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

(click "March 2009")

**March 26, 2009**

**Energy Efficiency Workshop**

*Register/more information:*

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

(click "March 2009")

**Changes in ordering 2009  
OSHA labor poster**

◆ **Since the release of information about the OSHA labor poster in the Feb. 17 IAMU Informer, Iowa Workforce Development has made a change in ordering the "9-in-1" (previously known as the "7-in-1") Poster.**

If you would like to order free posters, please use one of the following options: Call 515-281-5387 or 800-JOB-IOWA; link [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org), click on "Contact Us" (click on the Online Contact Form and type in required information and nature of request); or visit the IWD office at 1000 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines.

IAMU will also have free posters available when you visit our offices in Ankeny. If you request IAMU to mail a poster, there will be a \$5 per poster charge for postage and handling.

**Montezuma's Don Fahlenkamp: a muni "team player"**



*Don Fahlenkamp*

◆ **Don Fahlenkamp, General Manager of Montezuma Municipal Light & Power, and a past president of IAMU, died February 26 at the age of 83. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m., at Montezuma United Methodist Church.** In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Montezuma Food Bank, c/o Montezuma Municipal Light & Power, P.O. Box 340, Montezuma IA 50171.

Don was a long-time leader of IAMU. He served on the IAMU Board of Directors from 1970 to 1989. He was the association's treasurer for 15 years and was president in 1987-88. Don also served on the IAMU Insurance Committee from its beginning in 1980 until November, 2000. He received the association's Distinguished Service Award in 1989. Don also served as Chief of Montezuma's volunteer fire department for 31 years, was a member of the Montezuma American Legion and the Montezuma Lions Club.

At 83, he was one of the oldest active municipal utility general managers in the nation, and kept his utility on the leading edge. He was a believer in having local backup generation, but had also led the utility to invest in the joint municipal wind project in Algona and Council Bluffs 4. Unfortunately, he did not live to see the completion of a local wind project that he championed. Don also understood the value of transmission ownership and saw to it that Montezuma took advantage of important investment opportunities. Montezuma's participation in the Midwest Municipal Transmission Group and other joint endeavors could always be counted on. Don was a team player in municipal utilities. He will be missed.

Smith Funeral Homes in Grinnell is handling arrangements: [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

**IAMU proposes SRF loan for water/ww efficiency**



◆ **As part of the federal economic stimulus legislation, Iowa will receive several millions of dollars through the state revolving loan fund (SRF) for water and wastewater facilities. These funds must be used quickly and 20% of the funds must be used for broadly-defined "green" projects.**

There are many opportunities in treatment facilities to improve energy efficiency that do not require extensive studies or lengthy environmental reviews. IAMU has proposed a project in which a large number of small energy efficiency improvements – primarily the replacement of motors, pumps, and lights – would be jointly financed through a single SRF loan. The association would coordinate engineering "audits" to identify motors and pumps which would be cost effective to replace, as well as identifying other energy efficiency measures. IAMU would work with appropriate state and federal agencies to streamline bureaucratic processes that might otherwise impede the success of the project. The initial response from the Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Finance Authority to this proposal has been very positive. If there is sufficient interest on the part of utilities, we believe this joint action can effectively spread benefits of the stimulus funds across the state, lower long-term operating costs for utilities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**If your utility would like to consider participation in the project, we need your help to identify the potential scale of the project and determine whether there is sufficient interest to proceed. On the IAMU website, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org), is a questionnaire, in Word and Excel formats, to gauge interest.** For each motor in your facility you believe may be a candidate for replacement with one of greater efficiency, please fill out as much of the requested information as possible.

If you are not in charge of both (water & wastewater) treatment facilities, please forward to the appropriate individual. The survey can be returned to IAMU via fax (515-289-2499) or email to [jsoenen@iamu.org](mailto:jsoenen@iamu.org). **The deadline for response is March 10, 2009.** Your response will be treated as an indication of interest in the project, but creates no obligation on the part of the utility.

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