



Upcoming Events

November 17 — 19, 2009
Annual Water/Wastewater Operator Conference, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines. *Early discount registration deadline Nov. 2.* Register/more information [here](#)

December 3, 2009
Establishing a Stormwater Utility. Register/more information [here](#)

December 8, 2009
Construction Site Inspector Training (stormwater). Register/more information [here](#)

December 9 & 10, 2009
Water Operator Lab Workshop. Register/more information [here](#)

“Red Flags” Rule rollout postponed for fourth time

 For the fourth time, the implementation date for the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) “Red Flags” Rule for identity theft has been pushed back. **June 1, 2010 has now been set as the new deadline.** The delays have been imposed primarily to allow affected companies outside the financial sector – many of which are small businesses – time to be educated and to prepare.

The Red Flags Rule is an anti-fraud regulation, requiring “creditors” and “financial institutions” with covered accounts to implement programs to identify, detect, and respond to the warning signs, or “red flags,” that could indicate identity theft. Municipal utilities are considered “creditors” due to their customer accounts, and are therefore included in the rule.

Any IAMU members still in need of establishing a Red Flags plan should contact Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

Whole-town energy audit plan receives DEED grant

◆ IAMU has received approval of its plan to conduct three whole-town energy audits through the American Public Power Association’s Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) Program. A DEED grant of just over \$20,000 for the project has been affirmed.



The purpose of the whole-town audits is to identify missed opportunities for energy efficiency in small communities and to use the audit results to design effective energy efficiency programs tailored to those communities. The work will result in more rapid implementation of energy efficiency programs and greater economic development through better energy linkages between local businesses and the community.



State legislation requires municipal electric and gas utilities to assess the potential for cost-effective energy efficiency programs, to set goals by December 31, 2009, and to develop programs to meet those goals. IAMU recognizes that small towns face barriers to adopting energy efficiency, such as higher percentages of low- and fixed-income residents, few housing starts and fewer industries.

The grant requires that the whole-town audit program be finished by December 30, 2011. If your community is interested in participating in this program, contact Anne Kimber at IAMU, akimber@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

Another opportunity to apply for a community-wide approach to energy efficiency is available through the Office of Energy Independence Community Grants Program. Details and an application form are available at <http://energy.iowa.gov/>. Proposals are due November 20.

Milford donation aids plans for training substation



◆ With the help of a generous donation from member Milford Municipal Utilities, IAMU has taken the first step toward constructing its own operating electrical substation on the association’s Safety & Training Field.

A Westinghouse 3.5mVa, 69kV – 12.5kV transformer from Milford was recently delivered to IAMU. The transformer will play a key role in providing a new



The Milford transformer arrives at IAMU and is unloaded on the Safety & Training Field.

world of electric training opportunities for IAMU members utilities in substation construction and operation. The value of the unit if purchased new is approximately \$300,000.

IAMU associate member ESCO Energy Services is developing a site plan for the substation, and construction is set to begin in the spring of 2010. In addition to Milford Municipal Utilities, IAMU thanks the Southern Iowa Municipal Electric Co-operative Association (SIMECA), the association’s Insurance Trust Committee and Electric Safety & Training Committee for their help in making this project possible.



The transformer will be the cornerstone of a soon-to-be-constructed electric training substation.

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IAMWind releases RFP for Ridgeport Wind Farm plan



◆ The Iowa Agency for Municipal Wind (IAMWind) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) from wind professionals to assist the agency in the financing, construction and operation of the planned Ridgeport Wind Farm. The RFP can be accessed on the recently launched IAMWind web site, www.iamwind.org.

For more information regarding the RFP, contact Tom Richtsmeier, trichtsmeier@cfunet.net, or 319-268-5304. Proposals are due to IAMU by 5 p.m. CST December 11, 2009.



Participants pull plug on Big Stone II power plant



◆ After almost five years of planning and permitting efforts, the participating utilities in the proposed Big Stone II Project in South Dakota have announced they will end their quest to build the project's large coal-fired power plant and associated transmission facilities.

Participants are Missouri River Energy Services, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, and Heartland Consumers Power District.

On September 11 Otter Tail Power Company announced it was withdrawing from the project. At that time the remaining participants said it was unlikely the project could proceed without a commitment from another utility interest.

ISEP land purchase will allow test drilling to be done



◆ A land acquisition is the most recent step in the development of the Iowa Stored Energy Park (ISEP) near Dallas Center.

A parcel of 82 acres and an adjacent acreage on the south side of Iowa Highway 44 will serve as the location of two test wells and a monitoring well that will be drilled. ISEP will be a Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) facility.

The stored energy will be made available to member utilities as a low-cost alternative energy source. The test wells will allow ISEP officials to obtain core samples that will confirm the porosity and permeability of the subterranean sandstone formation which will be used to store the compressed air. Drilling with the first well is planned for this winter.

For more information on ISEP, see www.isepa.com or contact Kent Holst, ISEP Development Director, at kholst@traer.net or 319-239-8968.

Water Lab Workshops on the agenda for December



◆ IAMU will offer the 2009 Lab Workshop for water operators December 9 and 10 (one-day workshop; participants will choose December 9 or 10).

Held at IAMU's Training & Office Complex, the workshop will present overviews of water testing, colorimetry testing and pH presentation. Participants will then receive hands-on practice in chlorine testing and fluoride, iron, manganese, phosphate and nitrate testing.

Each workshop is limited to 10 participants, so early registration is encouraged. More information and registration is available on the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org. For more information contact Jessica Lillie (jillie@iamu.org) or Jill Soenen (jsoenen@iamu.org).

Iowa Energy Center lighting workshop Nov. 18 — 19

◆ Current concepts and controversies in lighting design practices will be the focus of Lighting Technology Update 2009, sponsored by the Iowa Energy Center. Stan Walerczyk, principal of Lighting Wizards, a San Francisco area consulting firm, will lead the event.



The two-seminar workshop will be held November 18 – 19 at the Iowa Energy Center's Energy Resource Center on the Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny. Seminar I November 18 will cover advanced technologies in outdoor lighting and will feature an on-site, after dark demonstration of a new energy efficient LED parking lot lighting design that reduced energy use by 70%. Walkway LED and CFL lighting will also be discussed. This seminar begins at noon and lasts until 7:30 p.m.

Seminar II, November 19, 8 a.m. – noon, will present high bay lighting technologies and will feature demonstrations and displays of sample high bay fixtures.

For a detailed brochure and registration form, go to the Iowa Energy Center web site at www.energy.iastate.edu.

Plan now for IAMU Winter Meeting February 9 — 10



◆ Mark your calendar for IAMU's 2010 Winter Meeting, set for February 9 – 10.

The Winter Meeting will stress legislative and regulatory topics, and will examine issues that are vital to your utility's success among today's ever-evolving political and legal landscape. A function involving legislators will be planned.

The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Ankeny, 2405 SE Creekview Dr. Watch this publication, the IAMU web site (www.iamu.org) and your email in the coming weeks for further information.