



Upcoming Events

August 18
IDNR Bacteria Monitoring Workshop. *More information:* [Here](#)

August 25 & 26
Water Distribution/Leak Detection Workshops
Register/More information: [Here](#)

September 1-2
IAMU/APGA Natural Gas Operators Qualification Workshop
Register/More information: [Here](#)

September 8
Clerks Conference, Ramada Tropics Resort, Des Moines
Register/More information: [Here](#)

September 9
Small Utility GIS Workshop
Note: Workshop is full

September 14 — 17
Underground Electric Workshop

New public education PowerPoint on IAMU web site

◆ A PowerPoint for use in educating consumers and policymakers about changes in the electricity business is available on the IAMU website. Compiled by IAMU Executive Director Bob Haug, and entitled "What Citizens Need to Know about Electricity," it illustrates these pressures on electricity rates:

- More generation is needed, though the recession has delayed a crisis.
- New plants are increasingly costly to build and operate.
- Transmission is inadequate – costs reflect scarcity and new construction.
- Deregulated wholesale power markets are not working well (see the Campaign for Fair Electric Rates web site, www.fairelectricrates.net).
- Environmental costs are high – we are beginning to pay for them in rates.
- Electricity costs vary with time; prices generally don't – that has to change.
- Bottom Line: Electricity rates will rise dramatically over the next few years.



The presentation also describes some of the actions Iowa municipal utilities and utilities across North America are taking in response to higher costs:

- Establishing goals and new programs for energy efficiency.
- Providing customers with more information and tools to change energy.
- Investing in renewable energy & storage.
- Expanding time of use pricing and load control technology (addressing demand as much as supply).
- Improving in electric grid efficiency through planning and automation.
- Enabling electrification of transportation (electric cars and plug-in hybrids).
- Investing in renewable energy and energy storage technologies.
- Integrating customer and utility-owned distributed generation.



Topics such as coal and its operating cost; Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) aquifer storage, the Iowa Stored Energy Park and nuclear energy are among topics discussed. Access the PowerPoint [here](#).

SRF award nomination deadline extended to Aug. 13

◆ The deadline for nominations for the annual Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awards for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program has been extended to August 13.



This year marks the sixth annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Awards. They will recognize assistance recipients whose projects further the goal of clean and safe water through exceptional planning, management, and finance. They will be presented November 15 at the annual SRF Workshop in Kansas City.

If you have a project you feel qualifies for award consideration, complete a registration form (CWSRF or DWSRF) on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) web site [here](#) (look for the link under "What's New"). Questions? Contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov.

Pass along personnel changes to IUB, IAMU offices

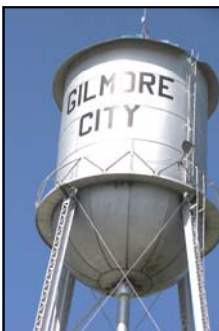


◆ IAMU members are reminded to contact the Iowa Utilities Board whenever a utility manager retires or otherwise leaves your employment.

Utility managers are normally the primary contacts for IUB business. Contact Leighann LaRocca, Iowa Utilities Board, 350 Maple St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0069; phone 515-281-4443; email leighannlarocca@iub.state.ia.us.



Be sure to also inform IAMU of personnel changes in your organization, so our contact lists and other association records can be kept current. Contact Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.



IAMU's Whole Town Energy Audit program continues through the summer, with Gilmore City visited by IAMU's Joel Logan and other staff members last week. The team has

so far audited 11 cities, with 122 individual structure audits performed, and more than 3,000 miles traveled. Breda, Glidden and Auburn have been part of a west central Iowa swing this week. Six cities are still to be visited in the coming weeks.