



Upcoming Events

January 13 & 14; 27 & 28, 2011
Gas Five-Year OQ Workshops
Register/more information: [Here](#)

January 19 — 21, 2011
Superintendent & Foreman's Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

January 31 — February 4, 2011
Electric Metering Workshops
Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 9 — 11, 2011
IAMU Winter Meeting/Business Meeting

March 2 & 3, 2011
Advanced Water Treatment & Distribution Workshops

APPA RICE White Paper available on IAMU web site



Announced in last week's issue of the *IAMU Informer*, the Environmental Protection

Agency has agreed to reconsider a portion of the RICE rules for compression ignition stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines, which would redefine policy for "emergency use."

The RICE rules subgroup of IAMU and the American Public Power Association (APPA) have been in communication regarding these possible rules changes. APPA will be filing comments, along with IAMU and other municipal utility organizations.

In the meantime, APPA has just released a White Paper which discusses the impact of RICE rules on municipal utilities. The White Paper is posted on the IAMU web site, and can be accessed [here](#) (look for "APPA Final RICE White Paper").



Everly's Harden, influential with IAMU, retiring Friday

Bruce Harden, The City of Everly's Gas and Water Superintendent, will retire December 31.

He has led the utilities in the north central Iowa community for 17 years, and has also been highly involved with IAMU activities as part of the association's Gas Safety & Training Committee, which he has served on for 22 years and has chaired for the last 19. He is also a member of IAMU's Board of Directors.



Harden flips pork chops at the annual spring gas workshop barbeque and puts at the Golfin' for Safety event in September of this year — an event which the City of Everly helped sponsor.

Harden began his career in municipal utilities in his hometown of Tipton in 1985. In 1993 he was offered the position of heading up Everly's fledgling municipal utility system. One of the major achievements on his watch was the construction of a new municipal water treatment plant; a nitrate removal plant, larger water tower and standby generation at the sewage lift station were also major improvements. Harden, who holds a water operator license, has worked mainly on the administrative end of the water department, and credits staff member Larry Stockdale with keeping things running smoothly on a day-to-day basis. On the gas side, Harden takes great pride "in developing a viable municipal system from ground zero," and in the fact that only five properties inside the Everly city limits are not connected to the municipal gas system.

Harden has had a direct hands-on role in helping other utilities for many years through IAMU's gas safety training, where he has helped with the planning and execution of countless workshops on IAMU's Safety & Training Field. He was also highly involved with the planning, construction and ongoing development of IAMU's Safe City training facility, which simulates real-life training scenarios for utility employees. "I'd say helping to develop that training field is one of my proudest accomplishments," Harden said. He was also highly involved with developing IAMU's landmark gas Operator Qualification program, which was so well designed it is now employed in 13 states. "We must have gotten that right," Harden remarked. He said he plans to stay with IAMU's gas committee through the summer and will round out his current term with the Board of Directors, and "After that, I'll be sitting down with staff at IAMU to figure things out."

With influence from Harden, the City of Everly has also contributed financially to IAMU, by offering the first donation to Safe City in the amount of \$1,000 and also donated \$500 to IAMU's Golfin' for Safety fundraising event in September, combined with a \$200 hole sponsorship.

Harden's community involvement in Everly for Harden also includes serving as president of the Everly Industrial Development Corporation, president of the Everly Commercial Club, helping to plan the Everly Community Picnic and working with the city's Beautification Committee. He plans to continue at least some of those roles. "Bruce is more than just a utility manager — he is a great community person," commented Janice Thompson, a staff member in the Everly city offices.

Harden will be replaced by Tracy Adrian, who has returned to Everly, the town where he was raised. "He's picking up on things really well," said Harden, who plans to remain in Everly, and whose home is near the city offices. "I'll just be a few blocks up the street, so I figure the phone may be ringing," he laughed.

A retirement celebration for Harden is set for January 14, 2011, from 2 – 6 p.m. at the Hap Ketelsen Community Center in Everly. Anyone from an IAMU member utility is invited.



In 2006 Harden (left, top photo) received the IAMU Individual Achievement Award (presented by Algona's John Bilsten). At left in the bottom photo, he's shown working with Cedar Falls Utilities' Dick Eades in constructing IAMU's Safe City.