



### Upcoming Events

February 9 — 10, 2010  
IAMU Winter Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny. Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 11 — 12, 2010  
Gas Operator Qualification Workshops, 3-yr. overall evaluation. (Rescheduled from Jan. 28-29) Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 17—19, 2010  
Electric Superintendent & Foreman's Meeting. Register/more information: [Here](#)

March 3 & 4, 2010  
Advanced H2O Workshops (Treatment March 3, Distribution March 4). Register/more information: [Here](#)

### Gas Operator Qualification Workshop rescheduled



Due to bad weather and driving conditions last week, the Gas Operator Qualification Workshop (Three-Year Overall Evaluation) originally scheduled for January 28 — 29 has been rescheduled for February 11 — 12. The workshop will be held at IAMU's Training & Office Complex in Ankeny. Registrations are still being accepted. Click [here](#).

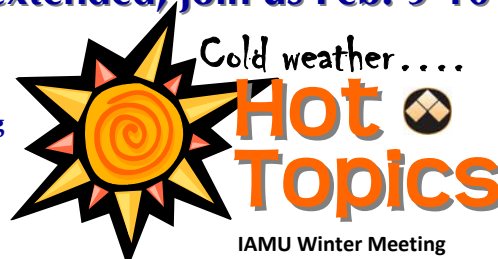
### New IAMU Regulatory Update available online

A new Regulatory Update has been posted on the IAMU web site, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org). The updates feature detailed summaries of both state and federal regulatory items pertinent to IAMU, with electronic links to dockets. To access the update, click [here](#).



## Winter Meeting registration extended; join us Feb. 9-10

Registrations are still being accepted for IAMU's 2010 Winter Meeting, and will continue to be accepted up to the opening day of the event, including at the door February 9. "Cold Weather, Hot Topics" will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Ankeny February 9 and 10.



Association members are urged to take part in IAMU's annual legislative and regulatory-oriented gathering, which this year includes a breakfast rally at the State Capitol February 10. Attendees will have the opportunity meet with legislators in an informal setting to discuss political items of interest.

Sessions at the host hotel will include an Iowa legislative report from IAMU Legislative Counsel Julie Smith; an update on federal climate change and energy policy from James Williams of the



American Public Power Association; "Hot Topics from the Consumer Advocate's Perspective" with Jennifer Easler of the State Office of Consumer Advocate; a look at the new energy efficiency initiatives for IAMU members from IAMU Director of Energy Services Anne Kimber and Energy Services Engineer Joel Logan; the sustainability of the Ames Aquifer and implications for future growth of



Iowa's groundwater supply from Bill Simpkins, Professor of Hydrogeology, Iowa State University; and the annual association business meeting.

Registration is \$100 per person for IAMU members. Advance electronic registration is encouraged and is available on the IAMU web site, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) (look for the link on the home page).

## EECBG grant applications now being accepted by OEI



The Iowa Office of Energy Independence is accepting applications for grants through the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants Program (EECBG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grants for cities and counties will be for projects that will reduce energy use, have a positive impact on budgets and enhance economic development through job creation.



Up to \$8,634,400 of AARA-EECBG funding is available for grants to be awarded under the program. A competitive funding process with six application categories will be used:

- 1) Energy efficiency retrofits of existing facilities for nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies.
- 2) Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of an entity.
- 3) Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation.
- 4) Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services, compliance, training and enforcement associated with such codes in order to promote building energy efficiency.
- 5) Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient technologies; and
- 6) Development, implementation and installation of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources on or in any government building.

The deadline to submit proposal is March 5, 2010. Details can be found on OEI's website: [www.energy.iowa.gov](http://www.energy.iowa.gov). Those interested should apply electronically through [www.iowagrants.gov](http://www.iowagrants.gov).

### Apply for Environmental Excellence Awards now



◆ Iowa businesses, organizations and citizens are invited to apply for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.

The awards are the premier environmental honors in Iowa, recognizing leadership and innovation in the protection of Iowa's water, land and air.

Awards in overall Environmental Excellence and Special Project Awards will be presented in: air quality; energy efficiency/renewable energy; habitat restoration; waste management; water quality; and environmental education. The program is coordinated by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

Applications are due March 31, 2010. For more information or to download an application click [here](#) or contact Emily Grover and [emly.grover@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:emly.grover@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515-242-5955.

### Superintendent & foreman meeting February 17 — 19



◆ IAMU's Superintendent & Foreman's Meeting February 17 – 19 will present an in-depth look at subjects important to electric utility supervisors.

Professionals from a wide range of disciplines will be on hand to relay important and timely communication. Registration and more information is available on the IAMU web site. Click [here](#). The registration deadline is February 12. For more information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

## Transfer Replacement Tax Form is on IAMU web site



◆ The Municipal Transfer Replacement Tax Form, for filing with a city's chief financial officer, is due February 28, 2010. The filing is required under Iowa tax law. IAMU has placed the form, along with notes and instructions and other information, on the association's web site, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) (look for the links on the home page under "Hot News").

The form is used to report transfer taxes and, for municipal utility filers, the transfer tax credit. The form is also used by certain self-generators of electricity and by anyone delivering gas over their own pipeline facilities within the competitive service area of a municipal gas utility. The intent of the transfer replacement tax is to ensure that transfers of excess funds made in accordance with Iowa tax law could continue in a competitive market.

Questions? Contact Amanda James, IAMU Legal Counsel, at [ajames@iamu.org](mailto:ajames@iamu.org) or 800-810-4268.

## Advanced H2O Workshops will return March 3 and 4

◆ Two full days of valuable information for water operators will be presented with the Advanced H2O Workshops: Advanced Water Treatment March 3 and Advanced Water Distribution March 4. Both workshops will be held at IAMU's Training & Office Complex in Ankeny.



Numerous guest speakers will share their expertise in many areas. The Advanced Water Treatment Workshop will begin with a discussion of pandemic planning; Diane Moles of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will present an IDNR update; treatment after monitoring, biological nitrate removal and pros and cons of various treatment types will also be presented. The Advanced Water Distribution Workshop will look at pipe permeation and hydrology studies; leak repair, boil orders and dechlorination procedures; sampling plan requirements; and proper sizing, testing and reading of meters. Vendors will also be on hand both days.

The workshops will offer 0.5 CEUs in water treatment (March 3) and distribution (March 4). Register for one or both workshops on the IAMU web site by clicking [here](#). Or, complete and send the registration form in the workshop brochure. The registration deadline is February 26. For more information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

## IDNR/IFA public meeting will discuss fund use plans



◆ The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) will hold a public meeting February 4 to request Environmental Protection Commission approval of the fourth quarter updates to Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans for the State of Iowa Fiscal Year 2010. Public comment is invited. The meeting will be held at the IDNR Water Supply Office, 401 SW 7th St., Suite M, Des Moines, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Intended Use Plans (IUPs) present the State's administration of revolving loan funds for drinking water systems, wastewater treatment works construction, stormwater management, and nonpoint source projects. It is anticipated that the Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUP updates at its March 16, 2010 meeting. The fourth quarter updates to the FY 2010 Intended Use Plans for the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF are now posted online [here](#).

Written comments will be accepted through February 11, 2010. Oral comments may be presented at the meeting. Requests for copies of the IUPs and written comments may be directed to Patti Cale-Finnegan, State Revolving Fund Coordinator, Water Quality Bureau, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 401 SW 7th St., Suite M, Des Moines, IA 50309; 515-725-0498; fax 515-725-0348; email [patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov).