



Upcoming Events

January 21 — 22, 2010
January 28 — 29, 2010
Gas Operator Qualification Workshops, 3-yr. overall evaluation. (Two workshops, same agenda)
Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 1 — 5, 2010
Complete Watt-Hour Metering Workshop (Basic Feb. 1—3; Advanced Feb. 3—5). *Registration/more information: [Here](#)*

February 9 — 10, 2010
IAMU Winter Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny.

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

EPA web site gives green energy advice for homes



◆ A new web site created by the Environmental Protection Agency aids homeowners, buyers and renters in making the most out of green energy ideas.

The interactive site allows users to learn detailed information about how to reduce energy waste through efficient use of electricity, water, renewable energy, green building materials, household products and more. A diagram of a typical home allows room-by-room exploration. For renters, a checklist of options to make a rental property energy and water efficient is also offered, along with green energy ideas to pass on to landlords.

Go to www.epa.gov/greenhomes.

IAMU Safety Group Seminars offered at four locations



◆ IAMU's annual Safety Group Seminars, coordinated and presented by Jester Insurance Services, will be offered at four locations in January and February. Each will discuss the association's safety group program, which has grown to be one of the nation's largest insurance programs for cities and municipal utilities.

The seminars will be held in: Ames (Gateway Center Hotel) January 19; Independence (Heartland Acres Agribition Center) January 21; Sioux Center (Public Library) February 3; and Denison (Boulders Conference Center) February 4. Each will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at noon. Registration, with coffee and rolls served, will begin at 8:30 a.m.

More information and a seminar registration form is available on the home page of the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (look for the link under "Hot News"). All attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. via the registration form at least one week prior to the seminar of their choice.

Efficiency report filed on behalf of IAMU members



◆ On January 31, IAMU filed a joint report on behalf of 191 utilities establishing goals for energy efficiency. The goals were based on the findings of the energy efficiency potential assessments and, in the case of Missouri River Energy Services members Cedar Falls Utilities and Waverly Light & Power, by their supplemental studies.

The assessment of potential undertaken by IAMU was conducted by the Energy Center of Wisconsin (ECW). It found that, on average, electric utilities can reduce consumption by an average of 1.1 percent by 2012; gas utilities by can reduce consumption by 0.74 percent. In general, utilities set goals for 2010 and 2011 that envision a quick ramp-up to the 2012 potentials described in the assessment. For 2012, municipal electric utilities expect to reduce electric consumption through energy efficiency programs by 47,274 MWH. Municipal gas utilities will reduce consumption by 405,832 therms in 2012.



The report represents a monumental effort by IAMU members and staff. It can be found on the home page of the IAMU website, www.iamu.org (look for the link under "Hot News").

IUB fine tunes outage reporting rules; info is online



◆ The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) has clarified language in the new rules regarding the reporting of electrical outages. The rules will go into effect January 20, 2010.

The new notification requirements apply to municipal utilities and municipalities (in addition to investor owned utilities), and are designed to aid in the timely collection of outage information that may be useful to emergency management agencies in providing for the welfare of citizens.

Language included in the notification portion of the IUB ruling details the thresholds at which reporting to the IUB is mandated. Another section covers the information that is required by the IUB when reporting.

A detailed document with the revised language and further information from the IUB is available on the home page of the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (look for the link under "Hot News").