



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
GIS Workshop
Note: Workshop is full

September 14 — 17
Underground Electric Workshop

Military member disconnect law in effect as of July 1



◆ **Municipal utilities are reminded that as of July 1, 2010, the new State of Iowa**

bill regarding disconnection of service to a deployed military service member's home is now in effect.

Senate File 2297 prohibits a public utility from disconnecting service to a residence in which one of the heads of household is a service member deployed for military service. The prohibition is to take place from the date of the deployment to 90 days after the end of the deployment. The key for utilities is to be notified of the deployment.

The disconnection moratorium does not affect the deployed service member's obligations to pay the bill.

On May 21, 2010, the IUB issued an order adopting rules related to this legislation. Click [here](#).

OEI grants: More money available, deadline extension

OEI adds \$2 million to SEP/BEST/ARRA grant funding opportunity



◆ Due to high demand for projects in the public and non-profit sectors under a recent Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) grant funding opportunity, the Office has increased the total amount of available funding from \$4 million to \$6 million.

The Office is currently seeking proposals under the State Energy Program (SEP), the Building Energy Smart (BEST) program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), with a maximum award of \$1 million available per project.

Applicants with shovel-ready projects may review the revised Request for Proposals (RFP) [here](#); and are encouraged to apply online at www.iowagrants.gov. The Office will review all applications on a first come, first served basis. This grant opportunity closes when all funding is exhausted or by July 30, 2010, whichever occurs first.

Potential applicants may review the Iowa Grants Enterprise Management System (IGEMS), register with OEI's Recovery Team and access updates at SEPBEST@iowa.gov.

Power Fund grant application deadline extended to August 13

◆ The Iowa Office of Energy Independence has extended the application deadline for community-based energy projects through the Power Fund Community Grants Program.



A total of up to \$850,000 is available during this funding period. There is a maximum per project award of \$50,000 with a 1 to 1 match required.

The deadline has been extended to allow cities, counties, communities and all other interested entities more time for widespread participation. **The application deadline is now August 13, 2010 at 4 p.m.** Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Request for Proposals (RFP) and may apply online at: www.iowagrants.gov. Potential applicants may download an IGEMS presentation with instructions on the Iowa Grants Management System registration process and receive more information at www.energy.iowa.gov.

About the Community Grant Program: The Community Grant program is funded through four percent of the annual appropriation of the Iowa Power Fund. Cities, counties and non-profit organizations are eligible.

SRF green funding carried over; applications sought



◆ **The requirement to fund "green" projects through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources/Iowa Finance Authority State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs was introduced in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the federal stimulus bill, in 2009.** "Green" was defined by Congress as water and energy efficiency, green stormwater infrastructure, and other environmentally innovative practices in water and wastewater systems.

The requirement to fund green projects has been carried over into this year's federal funding for the SRF programs and officials are now soliciting applications. Information on how to apply for green project financing is now available on the SRF website [here](#). This includes a program overview, eligibility guidelines, and special green project applications for Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF. Interested parties are asked to read the overview and the eligibility guidelines carefully before starting the application process.

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RICE NESHAP Workshop PowerPoints on web site



◆ Couldn't attend last week's RICE NESHAP Workshop at IAMU? Want to review some of the presentations again at your convenience? Speaker PowerPoint files are now posted on the IAMU web site; click [here](#).

They include: "Iowa DNR Update on RICE NESHAP Rules" from Diane Brockshus, Christine Paulson and Mark Stone, Iowa Department of Natural Resources; "MISO Capacity Considerations and Costs Related to EPA RICE NESHAP" by Marlin Vrbas, PS Analytics; "CI RICE NESHAP" by Chad Daniels, Stanley Consultants; "Emission Solutions for Stationary Engines" by Mark Holley, Fairbanks Morse; and "NESHAP – What Are The Design Considerations?" by Steve Steenhoek, Ziegler Cat.



Presentations from other selected past IAMU events can also be accessed via the "Conference Presentations" tab on the web site's home page.



Graettinger hosted an IAMU Whole Town Energy Audit July 22. IAMU's Jonathan Roberts is shown checking an air conditioning unit (above) while Joel Logan visits the local fire station. The city's telecom coop office is shown below. 585 miles were logged in audit travels last week.



BOC training provides valuable energy use knowledge



◆ Municipal utilities are reminded that they can offer rebates to local business representatives to attend classes offering energy efficiency advice through the Building Operator Certification (BOC) program. These training classes help building managers reduce the energy usage and cost of operating their facilities.

The BOC training is being offered late this summer through the fall in Ankeny and Iowa City. BOC training is a professional certification program specifically designed for building operations and maintenance staff in Iowa facilities. The training covers preventative maintenance strategies and energy efficiency techniques for all building systems including HVAC systems, electrical systems, indoor air quality monitoring and more.



Operators applying the concepts and tools taught in BOC are proven to reduce the energy consumption in their facilities and increase their value to employers. The training is classroom-based and offers a unique opportunity for O&M staff from around the state to network and share best practices. Level I and Level II training will be held at both locations. Level I training focuses on energy-efficient building maintenance, while Level II covers advanced equipment troubleshooting and preventive maintenance. Please visit www.boccentral.org or call James Pena at 312-784-7277 for full schedules and more program information.

BOC training is supported by the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance with the assistance of other sponsors.

Small community beautification grants are available

◆ Grant applications are now being accepted for small Iowa communities to improve and beautify their main streets, town squares and neighborhoods.



The DNR's Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP) is providing up to \$200,000 in funding for the grants, with Keep Iowa Beautiful administering the grant program. The Community Beautification Grant Program comes in response to legislation passed earlier this year.



The grant program is available to any public or nonprofit organization in communities with populations of 5,000 or less. Eligible projects include: Litter prevention, removal, education, public awareness; recycling education, program implementation, public awareness; beautification programs (flower, tree and shrub planting, painting, fix-up and general landscaping); public nuisance abatement; derelict buildings (removal and renovation, including asbestos abatement and removal, recovery and recycling of reusable materials, and the purchase of recycled-content materials used in renovation efforts). Grant applications and detailed information are available at the Keep Iowa Beautiful website, www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com.

Applications must be postmarked no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2010. Electronic and e-mail applications are accepted. The successful grant applicants will be notified by Sept. 3. The submitted grant requests will be reviewed by a review team of individuals from Keep Iowa Beautiful, Iowa DNR, Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations, Iowa Recycling Association, League of Cities and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Let discussion groups help you be better informed



◆ IAMU reminds members that an excellent method of staying educated on utility topics is to participate in electronic discussion groups and social media options offered by some of the major national utility associations.

American Public Power Association's (APPA) electronic discussion groups cover a wide range of topics. You can also receive emails from APPA and other municipal utilities and pose questions to the entire discussion group. To review the list of discussion groups and sign up, click [here](#).

American Public Gas Association (APGA) members can take advantage of social media such as Twitter and Facebook to correspond and obtain information. Click [here](#) for more information.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) offers discussion forums of various types about water-related topics via their web site. Click [here](#).