



Upcoming Events

July 29
Gas Steel Pipe Workshop.
Register/More information: [Here](#)

August 25 & 26
Water Distribution/Leak Detection

New video salutes APPA, public power industry

◆ As part of the American Public Power Association's 70th anniversary, APPA staffers have created a film chronicling the history of public power and APPA. Featuring images and videos from APPA members and interviews with current and former CEOs and former board chairs, *APPA: Serving Public Power for 70 Years* covers 70 years of APPA service to its membership and presents a visual history of the importance and development of municipally owned utilities.

APPA: Serving Public Power for 70 Years is now online for public viewing. Click [here](#).



IAMU workshop will look at diesel emission rules

◆ Mark your calendar now for a July 20 IAMU workshop that will discuss the new EPA emissions rules for diesel electric generators. Speakers include Diane Brokshus (Iowa DNR), Chad Daniel (Stanley Consultants) and Marlin Vrbas (PS Analytics), with more speakers to be added.

More workshop information will be available soon. Detailed information about the EPA emissions rules has been posted on the IAMU web site. Click [here](#).

Cyber security concerns highlighted by two D.C. bills

◆ Two pieces of legislation addressing national cyber security are making their way through official channels in Washington, D.C. The bills differ greatly on who would have authority to act in order to protect civilian and private computer networks in the event of an emergency.



Hearing discusses daunting cyber security stats, logistics, worries



◆ Cyber security incidents reported by federal government agencies have increased 500% in the last four years, according to House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, D-Miss. Thompson revealed the information during a recent cyber security hearing in Washington, D.C. The risk of a cyber attack on U.S. infrastructure, including the electric power grid, has resulted in an increased sense of urgency recently in the nation's capital.

The Department of Homeland Security would figure prominently in new cyber security legislation sponsored by three Senators (see related story, right), amid worries expressed that the already overburdened department would have problems meeting the bill's obligations.

Among concerns discussed was the time required for the DHS to hire and train new personnel that would be needed for stepped-up cyber security. Witnesses at the hearing told Rep. Thompson it could take up to two years to accomplish that goal, while also stating a cyber attack in that time is highly likely.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs approved a bill that would give the President greater authority over networks. That legislation is sponsored by Sens. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., Susan Collins, R-Maine and Thomas Carper, D-Del. A separate bill sponsored by Sens. Kit Bond, R-Mo. and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, calls for a federal cyber security coordinator in the Department of Defense, who would report directly to the President.



The efforts to upgrade cyber security come after a substantial increase in reported cyber security incidents in recent years (see related story, left), and worries that U.S. enemies could electronically compromise significant national infrastructure components, such as the electric power grid.

Some legislators expressed concern that the Lieberman-Collins-Carper bill would add more responsibility to the Department of Homeland Security, which some say is already overburdened.

The Bond-Hatch bill creates the coordinator position in the Department of Defense and a cyber security center in the Department of Energy. Both would act as liaisons between the government and the private sector to work on improving network security.



An eastern Iowa swing for IAMU's Whole Town Energy Audit program took staff members to Sabula and Buffalo over the holiday weekend. Audits served up a wide range of inspection locations, including the railroad swing bridge over the Mississippi in Sabula, the city's chief energy user (left), restaurant kitchens, rooftops and more. An energy display was part of "Buffalo Days" July 3-4, with IAMU Executive Director Bob Haug and Energy Services Coordinator Anne Kimber joining the festivities (top row, right).