



Upcoming Events

June 15, 2010

Stormwater Design for Non-Engineers Register/More information: [Here](#)

June 23 & 24, 2010

Water Operator Lab Workshops. Register/more information: [Here](#)

New IAMU Regulatory Update available online

◆ A new Regulatory Update has been posted on the IAMU web site, 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](#).



Antidegradation procedure training set for June 28



◆ Iowa Department of Natural Resources Antidegradation Implementation Procedure Training is scheduled for Monday, June 28, at Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Court in Johnston, from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The training is intended for consulting design engineers who work with wastewater treatment facilities and who are involved in the design of these facilities; or any other interested parties. It will present the new antidegradation implementation procedures, review the example alternative analysis previously released, and answer questions about how to conduct the alternative analysis. This training will earn 0.4 CEUs.

Registration by June 14 is required. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

New CFL purchase plan = savings for IAMU members



◆ In connection with a grant recently obtained, IAMU is pleased to announce a Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) bulk purchasing program available to all IAMU electric utility members.



In order to provide the most competitive pricing to our members on a variety of high quality Energy Star-rated CFLs, IAMU submitted a Request for Proposal to multiple potential vendors. After carefully evaluating responses, IAMU selected a quote from Service Concepts, a new IAMU Associate Member.

Six basic types of Energy Star-rated bulbs are available at a discounted rate to IAMU members. These include 60 Watt, 75 Watt, and 100 Watt replacement spiral bulbs that come in single packaging; an A-style bulb (which looks similar to an incandescent bulb) that comes in packages of two; a reflector style bulb (R30) for recessed fixtures in single packaging; and a 3-way switch-compatible spiral CFL bulb in single packaging.

Turnaround times from order placement to delivery will typically be 3-5 business days. Shipping expenses are waived for orders of \$999 or greater. IAMU will be notified of order placements to help track purchases.

Service Concepts also offers a solution for recycling CFLs in areas where no local recycler exists.

Additional information about the program, along with specifications of the CFLs available, is on the home page of the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (look for the CFL program under "Hot News.").

For questions, or to place an order, contact Jonathan Roberts, IAMU Energy Services Intern, at jroberts@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

EPA seeks comment by July 6 on PCB elimination plan



◆ The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting comments until July 6 on its recent proposal to eliminate all PCB-contaminated equipment from use by 2025. The agency has asked utilities to provide comments on how the proposed rule would affect them.

If utilities have to phase out all equipment that contains polychlorinated biphenyls, they will have to test all equipment that is in service, not just equipment that is in storage, said JP Blackford, an environmental services engineer at the American Public Power Association (APPA).

The EPA has asked small municipal utilities and rural electric cooperatives to "provide information about the impacts a phaseout of PCB-containing equipment might have on their operations and their customers." In particular, EPA encourages small municipal and cooperative utilities to take the time to provide details about their maintenance operations, inventories, budgets, and other information related to the cost of addressing the sound environmental management of the PCBs in their equipment. Small municipal and cooperative utilities "may have a very different approach to address the replacement of leaking equipment," the agency noted.



The agency said it also "is interested in exploring a range of incentives or programs that might facilitate organizations with limited budgets to remove regulated PCBs and PCB equipment from their systems and facilities."

The EPA's advance notice of proposed rulemaking on PCB regulation was posted in the *Federal Register* in early April. Click [here](#). More information about PCBs and the EPA's efforts to regulate them is posted on the EPA website. Click [here](#).

APPA National Conference and Day of Giving in June



◆ **The APPA National Conference, the association's premier annual event, is June 19 – 23 in Orlando, Florida.** It attracts mayors, city council members, elected and appointed utility board members, general managers and senior utility executives. The conference features sessions on the topics facing the electric utility industry and public power, covering all facets of utility governance and operations. The APPA Board of Directors and Legislative and Resolutions Committee also convene to approve policy objectives for the coming year. Obtain more information about the conference and register by clicking [here](#).

The conference will also mark the 3rd annual Public Power Day of Giving, a community service opportunity for conference attendees and their guests to give back to the local community. Volunteers at this year's event will help needy families and individuals in central Florida by working with various groups. Learn more by clicking [here](#).



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EPA rulemaking will address sanitary sewer overflows

◆ **The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating a rulemaking to better protect the environment and public health from the harmful effects of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and basement backups.** In many cities, SSOs and basement backups occur because of blockages, broken pipes and excessive water flowing into the pipes. SSOs present environmental and health problems because they discharge untreated wastewater that contains bacteria, viruses, suspended solids, toxics, trash and other pollutants into waterways.



Infrastructure issues were discussed at the Coming Together for Clean Water Conference held by EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson on April 15, 2010. The agency plans to address these issues as part of its efforts to protect public health and revitalize local waterways.

EPA is considering two possible modifications to existing regulations: (1) establishing standard National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit conditions for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) permits that specifically address sanitary sewer collection systems and SSOs; and (2) clarifying the regulatory framework for applying NPDES permit conditions to municipal satellite collection systems. Municipal satellite collection systems are sanitary sewers owned or operated by a municipality that conveys wastewater to a POTW operated by a different municipality. As a part of this effort, the agency is also considering whether to address long-standing questions about peak wet weather flows at municipal wastewater treatment plants to allow for a holistic, integrated approach to reducing SSOs while at the same time addressing peak flows at POTWs.

To help the agency make decisions on this proposed rulemaking, EPA will hold public listening sessions and the public can submit written comments. EPA will accept written comments on the potential rule until 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

More information on sanitary sewer overflows, the potential rule and a schedule of the upcoming listening sessions is available [here](#).



Water Distribution & Leak Detection Workshops

Two days of hands-on activities included hydrant maintenance, water main tapping/HydraStop, repair & fittings, leak locating and installation of a main on IAMU's Safety & Training Field.



A special thank you to Titan Machinery for supplying a backhoe that was key to the success of tasks performed on the training field.