



**Upcoming Events**

June 23 & 24, 2010  
Water Operator Lab Workshops.  
Note: Registration closed

July 29  
Gas Steel Pipe Workshop.

August 25 & 26  
Water Distribution/Leak Detection Workshops.

**Breda hosts latest Whole Town Energy Audit event**



Breda's special energy event with IAMU was held June 12. Diane Lucas, Breda City Clerk and IAMU Board member, greets residents with IAMU's Joel Logan (second from top). IAMU's Pedal Power display was a hit, with Breda's mayor Don Masching (above) among those trying it out.

**Disaster Prevention Grant fund meetings are slated**



◆ The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) is hosting several regional meetings in June and July to educate city and county leaders about the I-JOBS Disaster Prevention Grant Program.



Governor Chet Culver signed an extension of the original I-JOBS legislation in April, which included the creation of the Disaster Prevention Grant Program. The program makes available \$30 million for grants to cities and counties to assist in the development and completion of construction of local public buildings in a manner that mitigates damages from future disasters, including flooding. Only cities and counties are eligible applicants.

Additional information about the I-JOBS initiative, including details about the Disaster Prevention Grant Program, is available at [www.ijobsiowa.gov](http://www.ijobsiowa.gov).

**GOP climate/energy bill addresses economic realities**

◆ Saying "Energy and climate legislation must reflect the economic realities facing Americans today," Sen. Richard Lugar (R – Ind.), teaming with co-sponsor Lindsey Graham (R – S.C.), has introduced a climate and energy bill (S. 3464) that focuses on energy efficiency, vehicle fuel standards and promotion of clean energy resources. The lawmakers say they want to find common ground on the issue with other Senators, such as Democrat John Kerry and Independent Joe Lieberman, who already released their own version of a climate bill.

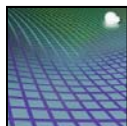


Sen. Richard Lugar

Called the "Practical Climate and Energy Plan," the Lugar bill would set energy efficiency standards for buildings, appliances, and industrial equipment and processes. A rural energy-saving provision would make loans available to public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives to, in turn, make loans to their customers for energy efficiency measures. It would set "diverse energy" standards for utilities to obtain a percentage of their energy from "diverse, clean" resources, such as nuclear plants, low-emission coal plants and renewables. The standard would start at 15% in 2015 and rise in stages to 50% by 2050. The legislation also calls for a federal "diverse energy credit trading program."

The measure would seek to ensure the retirement of the "oldest, dirtiest" power plants by allowing plants to avoid additional investments in environmental compliance technology in exchange for an agreement to cease operations at the end of 2018.

**House bill boosts FERC authority in security matters**



◆ The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would have increased authority to protect the nation's power grid from cyber attack and physical threats under a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. The Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act will now head to the Senate, where several committees are dealing with proposed legislation that would increase cyber security for electric utilities and other industrial sectors.



The House bill would give FERC authority to issue temporary emergency orders to deal with imminent threats, as well as authority to order the industry to take specific measures to address grid security vulnerabilities that the commission decides are not addressed adequately by North American Electric Reliability Corp. standards. The measure also seeks to improve information sharing between the federal government and the electric power industry.

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