



Upcoming Events

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

August 25 & 26
Water Distribution/Leak Detection Workshops.



Bob Sewell (center) was presented with an award of appreciation for his service as IAMU's Board President in the 2009-2010 term. Sewell will soon retire from Milford Municipal Utilities. Board members Brian Geschke, New Hampton (left) and Bruce Hardin, Everly (right) were on hand at Sewell's recent retirement party and made the presentation.

EPA diesel generator info emailed, posted online



◆ **Member utilities that operate diesel electric generators received an email from IAMU this afternoon**

(Tuesday) regarding EPA emission rules. If your utility did not receive the email, the reason may be that your utility is not included in EIA's list of operators.

If in doubt, please check the list and view other important information [here](#).

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Schiebout, Sewell are honored at APPA conference

◆ **Two representatives of IAMU member utilities were honored at the American Public Power Association's (APPA) National Conference in Orlando, Florida June 22.**



Bob Sewell (right) of Milford Municipal Utilities, is presented with the Larry Hobart 7 hats Award at the APPA National Conference. Marc Gerken, 2009-10 APPA Board Chair, is at left.

Harold Schiebout, Director of Government Relations and Special Projects at Sioux Center Municipal Utilities, was presented with the Harold Kramer – John Preston Personal Service Award, which recognizes substantial contributions toward attaining APPA's goals or enhancing APPA's national prestige.



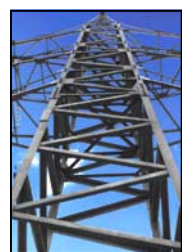
Harold Schiebout (right) of Sioux Center Municipal Utilities receives the Harold Kramer — John Preston Personal Service Award at the APPA National Conference. The award is presented by Marc Gerken, 2009-10 Chair of APPA's Board of Directors.

Bob Sewell, soon to retire as General Manager of Milford Municipal Utilities, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award, which honors managers who perform a variety of duties in communities of 2,500 or fewer electric meters.

DR markets may soon open; more food for thought

By Bob Haug, IAMU Executive Director

◆ **Is a negawatt as valuable as a kilowatt? The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) apparently thinks so and it has directed Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) to establish Demand Response (DR) markets.** A DR market could open in the Midwest Independent System Operators (MISO) within a few months. The object of a DR market is to allow the avoidance of energy and capacity costs through load control technologies, such as smart thermostats and through energy efficiency. DR will compete with generation on a comparable basis.



As the market develops, the question for Iowa's municipal will be whether to allow an aggregator of retail customers (ARC) to sell the demand response of municipal customers into the market. For now, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has left to the local rate-making authority (the municipal utility's governing body) the decision about whether to allow ARCs into the utility's service territory. However, if a municipal utility stays out of the market itself, it might have a tough time keeping others out. Suppose a large customer – an industry with a lot of motor load or even an office building – is offered a fee or a cut of the aggregator's DR market revenue and is told that the local utility won't allow it. How long will the bar on third-party aggregation last?

Why should the municipal utility want to retain the option of participating in the DR market? DR lowers operating costs. It avoids or defers the need for peaking capacity or capacity purchases from the market and does it at a fraction of the cost. It also reduces transmission costs. These savings can pay for smart-grid infrastructure that will be necessary to hold down consumer costs in the future. By contrast, third-party DR activity makes resource planning a crap-shoot and an ARC will not care if demand response occurs on the utility's coincident peak. If small systems work together, there is also an opportunity for coordinating the sale of DR in the market and keeping the benefits in the community. Another answer to the question of why the municipal utility should aggregate customer demand response is with another question: Why would a municipal utility relinquish to another utility or other ARC such a fundamental relationship with its customer/owners?

The American Public Power Association (APPA) has published a great summary of DR market rules and a model ordinance for utilities to consider. IAMU members can access those documents [here](#).



Villisca was the site of a recent IAMU Whole Town Energy Audit. IAMU's Joel Logan and Sara Kaplan were among association staff members who worked with Villisca officials (second from top). In the bottom photos, Sara Kaplan is shown checking various pieces of equipment in Villisca businesses.



IAMU Communication Manager John Burnett snapped this recent photo of a gust front and accompanying shelf cloud formation as it rolled toward IAMU's Training & Office Complex. A wet and stormy June has now lead to flooding in some parts of the state.

APPA approves greenhouse, pole and hydro resolutions



◆ American Public Power Association (APPA) members approved three new policy resolutions June 22. The resolutions deal with:



Regulation of greenhouse gases (supporting legislation that would ensure the Environmental Protection Agency does not use the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources while workable legislation is developed); pole attachments (urging Congress to preserve current federal law on public power systems' local control over pole attachments and not eliminate the municipal exemption to Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations regarding pole attachments; and hydro licensing (urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and state water quality and resource agencies, to implement a more streamlined, two-year process for minimal impact projects of all sizes).

Details of the newly approved resolutions are available [here](#). Ten other previously approved resolutions were also adopted.

CGI Excavation Safety Summit in August; sign up here



◆ IAMU members are invited to attend the 2010 Iowa Excavation Safety Summit August 10 & 11, hosted and sponsored by Common Ground Iowa (CGI). The conference will be held at the IAMU Training & Office Complex .



Attendees may participate in one or both days. The event is free, but participants must register. To register, and for detailed information, click [here](#).

Third round of DNR Watershed Grants is now open

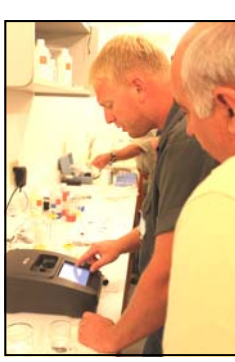


◆ The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has opened the third round of Watershed Planning Grants, with the goal of helping more local Iowa groups find solutions for improving their lakes, streams and rivers.

The grants offer \$10,000 -- \$50,000 to develop Watershed Management Plans that address problems and create solutions for waters on the state's impaired waters list. DNR assists recipients of grants through the entire process of making improvements. Local or regional groups, organizations or agencies are eligible. Applications will be accepted through September 1, 2010.



Get started by contacting the basin coordinator for your area for a consultation. Your basin coordinator can be found [here](#). For more information contact the DNR by clicking [here](#) or contact Steve Hopkins at 515-281-6402 or Stephen.Hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov.



IAMU's water laboratory facility was a busy location with recent Water Operator Lab Workshops.



Two groups of utility employees gained valuable hands-on experience in performing different types of analysis procedures while earning Continuing Education credits in water treatment.

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