



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](#)

Updated IAMU Mutual Aid booklet now posted online

◆ The IAMU Mutual Aid Program booklet has been revised, and is posted on the IAMU web site (click [here](#) and look for the Mutual Aid booklet link).



The booklet details calling for assistance or responding to requests for assistance when disaster strikes, contact information, Iowa Utilities Board incident requirements and more.

For more details contact IAMU's Dave Hraha, dhraha@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

EPA video touts water as career choice for students

◆ The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a new video showcasing the water profession for high school and vocational school students.



Titled "Water You Waiting For?" the 12-minute video highlights the value of water; job responsibilities; career successes; and environmental contribution. More information will soon be available in the EPA's Water Headlines and other publications. Access the video by clicking [here](#). The page also allows creation of your own DVD copy of the video.

Culver credits ARRA for help in moving Iowa forward

◆ In a joint press conference with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Congressman Leonard Boswell, Governor Chet Culver said the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has enabled Iowa to move forward despite the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. ARRA has provided more than \$2.39 billion in economic assistance to Iowa, in important areas such as health care, education, and infrastructure. The program has either saved or created 8,000 jobs for Iowans, according to the Governor's office. For more information, click [here](#). Iowans can learn how the ARRA funds are being spent by going to www.recovery.iowa.gov.



Gov. Culver (center) at the press conference with Congressman Leonard Boswell (left) and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

"Red Flags" Rule enforcement deadline now Dec. 31



◆ At the request of several members of Congress, the Federal Trade Commission is further delaying enforcement of the "Red Flags" Rule through December 31, 2010, while Congress considers legislation that would affect the scope of entities covered by the Rule. The most recent deadline had been set for June 1, to allow Congress time to finalize legislation that would limit the scope of business covered by the rule.

The Rule was developed to require "creditors" and "financial institutions" to address the risk of identity theft. Municipal utilities are considered "creditors" due to their customer accounts, and are therefore included in the rule.

The Commission has urged Congress to act quickly to pass legislation that will resolve any questions as to which entities are covered by the Rule and obviate the need for further enforcement delays. If Congress passes legislation limiting the scope of the Red Flags Rule with an effective date earlier than December 31, 2010, the Commission will begin enforcement as of that effective date. For more information on the Red Flags Rule, click [here](#).

IAMU members needing more information or assistance specific to them should contact Sandy Longfellow at IAMU, slongfellow@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

Dynamic pricing, smart thermostat projects in motion

◆ IAMU has been busy with grant-related activity this week, with a meeting discussing the association's dynamic pricing grant and taping of an instructional video that will be used for the installation of smart thermostats that will be placed in homes through a separate IAMU grant program.

Rate consultants John Kelly and Jerry McKenzie met with representatives of IAMU member utilities that will take part in the dynamic pricing program.

A video production team has spent many hours with IAMU Energy Services Engineer Joel Logan, who will be on camera in a training video that will demonstrate the proper installation of a smart thermostat.

A smart thermostat participant update is posted on the IAMU web site. Click [here](#).



IAMU members listen to the dynamic pricing update (above); and IAMU's Joel Logan works with the video crew in producing the smart thermostat instructional video which will be distributed to program participants. The video is being shot in various locations, including IAMU and in private homes.