



Upcoming Events

November 16—18
16th Annual Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines
Register/more information: [Here](#)

November 30 & December 1
Water Operator Lab Workshops (separate one-day workshops)
Register/more information: [Here](#)

LIHEAP benefits, disconnection moratorium are now in effect



◆ **IAMU member are reminded that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now in effect, with applications from households being accepted as of November 1.**

Under Iowa's Winter Disconnection Moratorium, from November 1 — April 1 electricity or gas service to a residence cannot be disconnected if the customer is certified as eligible for LIHEAP. Iowans can apply for LIHEAP through their local Community Action Program (CAP) office. Those offices may be located by calling 515-281-0859 or [here](#).

To access the IAMU *Handbook for Municipal Utility Disconnection of Residential Gas, Electricity and Water Services for Non-Payment*, click [here](#).



ArcView GIS and GPS mapping was presented in a recent IAMU workshop organized by the association's Water Services department. Tom Krohn of the Sidwell Company is shown.

Deadline approaching for Iowa Power Fund grants



◆ **The Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) is accepting applications for the Iowa Power Fund Community Grant program until 4 p.m., November 15, 2010.** Funded through four percent of the annual appropriation of the Iowa Power Fund, cities, counties and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 to support local programs.

In Greenfield, home of IAMU member Greenfield Municipal Utilities, a project is using Community Grant funds to develop and implement an education program which promotes energy conservation among its commercial businesses. Nearly 100 businesses have completed energy audits and as local building owner Monte Ehsam noted, "As owner of this building, I'm thrilled this program was offered and the information and tools provided helped develop a plan and implement the recommendations."



In IAMU member city Hiawatha, Community Grant funding has helped the Iowa Renewable Energy Association (I-RENEW) construct a rooftop photovoltaic solar array and solar-thermal training center. "This one of a kind Iowa training facility will be used not only as a technology demonstrator to familiarize energy professionals and home owners with renewable energy systems, but a template for grassroots implementation of community energy self sufficiency," said Steve Fugate, Managing Director of I-RENEW.

All interested applicants should contact Kristin Hanks at kristin.hanks@iowa.gov or Mary Davidson at mary.davidson@iowa.gov. For additional program information visit the OEI web site at: www.energy.iowa.gov.

Two important IAMU water workshops in November



◆ **The coming weeks on IAMU's workshop calendar are marked by two popular water and wastewater events: The 16th Annual Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop November 16 – 18; and another round of IAMU's Water Operator Lab Workshop November 30 and December 1.**

Always one of IAMU's most popular events, the November 16-18 Operator's workshop will again offer a wide range of topics with water treatment, water distribution and wastewater tracks. General sessions for all attendees will cover financing water projects (Iowa Department of Economic Development and Iowa Department of Natural Resources); energy efficiency for water and wastewater utilities (Environmental Protection Agency) and the always popular discussion of legal considerations by attorney Ivan Webber of the Ahlers Law Firm.



Attendees may register for a single day or the entire workshop. 1.2 CEUs toward certification will be offered.

A detailed workshop brochure and registration form has been distributed; or, access information on the IAMU web site, [here](#). **Discounted early registration is available through November 2.**

Hands-on testing and sampling of water is the focus of the Water Operator Lab Workshops November 30 and December 1 (two separate one-day workshops). IAMU's in-house laboratory facility will be used for analysis practice. 0.5 CEUs for water treatment will be offered. The workshops can accommodate a maximum of ten students each, so early registration is a must! To register and to access the lab workshop brochure, click [here](#).

