



Upcoming Events

November 30, December 1
Water Operator Lab Workshops
(registration closed)

December 16
Small Utility GIS Mapping Workshop
(registration closed)

January 13 & 14; 27 & 28
Gas Five-Year OQ Workshops

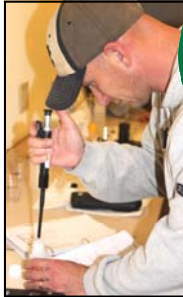
January 19 — 21, 2011
Superintendent & Foreman's Workshop

January 31 — February 4, 2011
Electric Metering Workshops

February 9 — 11, 2011
IAMU Winter Meeting/Business Meeting



Water Lab Workshop



Another round of Water Operator Lab Workshops is being held at IAMU November 30 and December 1. The popular training has a strict maximum of attendees allowed, and classes fill up quickly.

Connect with legislators, issues at Regional Meetings



◆ A significant number of new legislators will begin serving Iowa residents when the next state legislative session begins in January. By attending the upcoming IAMU Regional Meetings,

member utility representatives will have an excellent opportunity to confer with new and returning legislators (all of whom will be invited) and to also bring themselves up to speed on issues that will impact their utilities.

Hosted by IAMU Executive Director Bob Haug and Legislative and Regulatory Counsel Julie A. Smith, the one-hour meetings are free of charge and will be held around the state in December. You are urged to register for the meeting most convenient for you (see schedule at right).

An email with this information was also been sent to all IAMU members November 29. Pre-registration is required for the Regional Meetings. Contact Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

IAMU Regional Meetings Schedule

Waverly: December 8, 1 – 2 p.m., Waverly Light and Power, 1002 Adams Parkway

Denison: December 13, 8 – 9 a.m., Denison Municipal Utilities Community Room, West Broadway & 7th



Sioux Center: December 13, Noon – 1 p.m., Sioux Center Library Meeting Room, 102 South Main Ave. (east side of Hwy. 75 just south of Post Office)

Algona: December 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Algona Public Library, Meeting Room A, 210 North Phillips St. (co-hosted by NIMECA)

Tipton: December 15, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Tipton Public Library Meeting Room, 206 Cedar St. (co-hosted by RPGI)

Ogden: December 20, 10 – 11 a.m., Ogden Community Center, 114 Southwest 8th St., (co-hosted by RPGI)

Greenfield: December 20, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., City Hall/Library Main Meeting Room, 202 S. 1st St.



Chu warns U.S.: Innovate, or lose technology edge



◆ U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu sounded the alarm regarding future American innovation, including energy development, in a speech at the National Press Club November 29 – warning that the U.S. could face a “Sputnik Moment” (referencing the Soviet Union beating America in a race to launch the first orbiting satellite in the 1950s).



Energy Secretary Steven Chu

Noting rapid advances in research and development by other nations, Chu warned that America’s technological leadership – the key to its prosperity – is at risk. “When it comes to innovation, Americans don’t take a back seat to anyone, and we certainly won’t start now,” Chu said, but warned, “I think time is running out.” He singled out China in particular for its aggressive development in many areas, particularly in energy. “Given that challenge, and given the enormous economic opportunities in clean energy, it’s time for America to do what we do best: innovate,” he remarked.



The Department of Energy reports China has deployed the world’s first ultra-high voltage alternating- and direct-current lines that are more efficient and can transmit more power over longer distances than those that currently exist in the United States; is deploying highly efficient advanced coal combustion electric generating plants; and is rapidly developing gasification and carbon sequestration technologies. China is also a leader in development of nuclear power and alternative energy vehicles. Chu noted that China is gaining ground faster in the installation of wind power than any other nation in the world, and is home to three of the world’s top 10 wind turbine manufacturers and five of the top 10 silicon-based photovoltaic system manufacturers.

For more information about Chu’s speech, including a video, click [here](#).