



Upcoming Events

August 3, 2011
"Golfin' for Safety" Golf Tournament, Fox Ridge Golf Course, Dike, IA
Register/more information: [Here](#)

August 17, 2011
Street Lighting Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

August 26, 2011
Water Utility Rate Setting Workshop/Webinar
Register/more information: [Here](#)

September 7 — 8, 2011
IAMU/APGA Natural Gas Operator Qualification Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

September 14 — 16, 2011
Electric Underground Workshop

September 21 — 22, 2011
Product Show & Expo

October 5 — 7, 2011
IAMU Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport/Conference Center

FCC Form 477 deadline for telecom approaching

◆ IAMU members who operate telecommunication utilities are reminded that the next Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Form 477 filing deadline is September 1, 2011.



Those who must file include: Facilities-based providers of broadband connections to end user locations; providers of wired or fixed wireless local exchange telephone service; providers of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service; and facilities-based providers of mobile telephony service.

For more information visit the FCC Form 477 web site [here](#).

Branstad proclamation honors water workers in Iowa

◆ Governor Branstad recognized the importance of water and wastewater professionals in Iowa by signing a proclamation July 28. The Governor used the City of Ames Water Pollution Control Facility as the location to sign the proclamation declaring the last full week



of July each year to be "Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa Week."

The proclamation reads:

"Recognizing that the State of Iowa's wealth of natural resources has been threatened by the degradation of surface and ground waters, the Water and Wastewater workforce of Iowa have dedicated themselves to applying environmental passion and science to enhance drinking and recreational waters of Iowa. Their applied environmentalism continues to be a vital element in improving the quality of life and preserving and protecting public health in our state; and promoting sustainability in our way of living."

IAMU Water Services Coordinator Jill Soenen, along with Mary Ann Kinkade, Mike Hall and Tim Neal of the association's Job Training & Safety Department, were on hand for the event.



Members of IAMU's Job Training & Safety Dept. say hello to Gov. Branstad at the "Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa Week" proclamation signing. Pictured are (left to right): Safety Specialist Mike Hall, Job Training & Safety Coordinator Mary Ann Kinkade, Gov. Branstad and Safety Specialist Tim Neal. The proclamation was signed at the Ames Water Pollution Control Facility.

Lighting updates: EISA, CFL costs and IAMU ordering



◆ A recent vote in the U.S. House failed to reach the majority necessary to repeal language related to the Energy Independence Security Act (EISA) signed into law in 2007. IAMU's Energy Services Department wants to stress to members and their customers that EISA is not a ban on incandescent light bulbs. It has raised the bar for energy efficiency in incandescent lights, simply requiring the light bulb industry to use the technology they have already developed to manufacture more energy efficient bulbs that could produce the same amount of light using 30 percent less energy. In 2012 a 100W bulb will be replaced with a 72W incandescent that emits an equivalent amount of light; in 2013 a 75W bulb will be replaced with a 53W incandescent that emits an equivalent amount of light; and in 2014 40 and 60W bulbs will be replaced with 29W and 43W incandescents that emit an equivalent amount of light.

The cost of the rare earth elements used in manufacturing fluorescent lamps has risen dramatically since this past spring. The likely outcome may result in a sharp increase in the wholesale cost of all fluorescent products, including CFLs, from all manufacturers.



IAMU's CFL vendor, Service Concepts, is watching the situation closely and selectively stocking products to create the best possible opportunity for IAMU members. If you have a large volume need or are planning ahead for events, let Service Concepts know (877-738-6824 or rallen@serviceconcepts.coop) and they'll do everything possible to source favorably for you. **IAMU has been assured that our prices will remain firm through May, 2012.**



IAMU has recently updated its website to include a link to an online ordering portal for placing CFL orders. Questions? Contact Jonathan Roberts, jroberts@iamu.org or 515-289-1999.

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