



## Upcoming Events

April 4 — 8, 2011

Gas "Boot Camp" Workshop  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 6

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Mason City  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 7

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Alta  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 8

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Atlantic  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 12

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Independence  
Registration is closed

April 13

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Coralville  
Registration is closed

April 15

Consumer Confidence Report Workshop, Ankeny (IAMU)  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 19 — 20

Advanced Locating Workshop  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

May 3 — 4, 2011

Gas Fusion Workshop  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

## Many awards for IAMU members at APPA engineering/ops event



◆ IAMU member Cedar Falls Utilities (CFU) is the winner of the 2011 American Public Power Association (APPA) Award of Continued Excellence. The award, presented annually by the association's

Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) program, was among those announced at the recent APPA Engineering and Operations Technical Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

A DEED member since 1990, Cedar Falls received a DEED grant in 2000 for a project to create a report to share knowledge of wind demonstration projects with other public power utilities interested in installing wind turbines.

Cedar Falls staff also assisted with the DEED grant project administered by IAMU in 2006 and 2007 for developing training workshops and a primer aimed at helping utilities develop their own HVAC equipment-sizing networks or programs.

◆ Six IAMU member utility entities have received the American Public Power Association (APPA) Safety Award. Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities; Indianola Municipal Utilities; North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMECA); Osage Municipal Utilities; Sioux Center Municipal Electric Utility; and the Sumner Municipal Light Plant were honored. The annual contest is judged by reviewing three years of worker-hour safety data for each utility.



◆ Independence Light & Power was honored with Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Platinum Level designation from the APPA.

The RP3 Award recognizes utilities that provide customers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service while demonstrating proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, work force development and system improvement.

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## Municipal utility reps speak out at State Capitol nuclear plant meeting



◆ Municipal utility representatives were among those testifying at the State Capitol on Monday

urging lawmakers to pass a bill that would allow MidAmerican Energy to use advanced ratemaking for the construction and recovery of costs of a potential new nuclear energy facility in Iowa.

Darrel Wenzel, General Manager of Independence Light & Power and IAMU board president, told the group that with new federal rules making coal-fired generating plants more expensive to operate, MidAmerican's plan is the "best option" to meet rising consumer demand for electricity. "And in my opinion, it behooves the ratepayers to pay a little more now and avoid paying a lot more later," he said.



Greg Fritz, CEO of the North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (NIMECA), discussed the rate impact of the RICE rules and the issue of environmental regulation and increased rates. He said, "We see a benefit to the state of Iowa. Construction jobs would be here when a plant would be built. There would be long-term, permanent jobs, property taxes – all of those things that go with construction for a major facility like this."

Jim Krieg, General Manager of Cedar Falls Utilities (CFU) and past president of IAMU, commented on the importance of having nuclear energy in his utility's mix, pointing out that CFU is involved with coal generation, gas turbines, solar energy and wind turbines and "we know that we need baseload generation as we go forward also. And we believe the nuclear option is something that we need to look at."

Bills are on the Calendar in both the Senate and the House. It is not known if and when the bills will be debated.



## Capitol Links

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Retiring IAMU Safety Specialist Mike Hamilton was recently honored by the association's office staff. Among gifts received were a custom bobblehead doll in his likeness. At right, he smiles with IAMU Job Training & Safety Coordinator Mary Ann Kinkade. Hamilton joined the IAMU staff in 1997. He plans to spend time with family and fishing in his retirement, along with rooting for his beloved University of Akron Zips. His final day at IAMU will be March 31.