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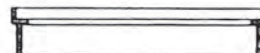
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Lead Testing in Schools

*by Frank Dunmire,
IRWA Executive Director*

Senate Bill 550 was signed into law by Governor Rauner on January 16, 2017 and became Public Act 099-0922 (Act) (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/099-0922.htm>). This Act requires that the “chief school administrator” of every school building where 10 or more students, Pre-K through grade 5, may be occupying shall test for lead at each “source of potable water” and report the results. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is mandated to administer these requirements and to provide guidance on risk management and mitigation of lead in water, and education about lead poisoning. In addition, P.A. 099-0922 requires community water supplies to compile a lead materials inventory and notify potentially affected customers of distribution system work that may elevate contaminants in the system. The Act specifically spells out the responsibilities of each party. A brief description of those responsibilities is listed below.

SCHOOLS:

- Shall, at a minimum, (a) collect a first-draw 250 milliliter sample of water, (b) flush for 30 seconds, and (c) collect a second-draw 250 milliliter sample from each source of potable water located at each corresponding Pre-K through grade 5 school building.
 - If more than one source of potable water (faucet) utilizes the same drain, then the first and second-draw sampling protocol must be followed for only one of the sources while only the first-draw 250 milliliter sample of water is required from the remaining sources (faucets).
 - The water shall have been standing in the plumbing pipes for at least 8
- hours, but not more than 18 hours, without any flushing of the source of potable water before sample collection.
 - Samples must be submitted to an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency accredited laboratory for analysis.
 - Written sampling results must be submitted to the IDPH within 7 business days of receipt of the results.
 - If any of the samples taken in the school exceed 5 parts per billion, the school district must notify, via written or electronic communication, the parents or legal guardians of all enrolled students (a) corresponding sampling location within the school building and (b) the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s website for information about lead in drinking water.
 - If any of the samples taken at the school are at or below 5 parts per billion, notification may be made as provided above or by posting on the school’s website.
 - Within 90 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, the IDPH shall post on its website guidance on mitigation actions for lead in drinking water, and ongoing water management practices, in schools. In preparing such guidance, the IDPH may, in part, reference the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools.
 - Sampling and analysis shall be completed by the following



applicable deadlines: for school buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1987, by December 31, 2017; and for school buildings constructed between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000, by December 31, 2018.

- By no later than June 30, 2019, the IDPH shall determine whether it is necessary to require schools constructed in whole or in part after January 1, 2000 to conduct testing for lead.
- A school Board, by resolution, may use excess funds on hand in the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund for sampling for lead in drinking water in schools, and for repair and mitigation due to lead levels in the drinking water supply.

WATER PROVIDERS:

- The owner or operator of each community water system shall develop a water distribution system material inventory that shall be submitted in written or electronic form to the IEPA on an annual basis beginning on April 15, 2018 and updated each April 15 thereafter until the water distribution system material inventory is completed.

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- In addition to meeting the requirements for water distribution system material inventories that are mandated by the USEPA, each water distribution system material inventory shall identify:
 - The total number of service lines (including privately owned).
 - The total number of known lead service lines (including privately owned).
 - The number of lead service lines added to the inventory since previous year's report.
 - NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THAT SERVICE LINES BE UNEARTHED.
 - Beginning on January 1, 2018, when conducting routine inspections of community water systems, the IEPA may conduct a separate audit to identify progress that the community water system has made toward completing the water distribution system material inventories.
 - The owner or operator of a community water system may seek a full or partial waiver of the requirements of this subsection from the Agency if:
 - The community water system was originally constructed without lead.
 - The residential structures were constructed under local building codes that categorically prohibited lead construction materials or the owner or operator of a community water system certifies that any residential structures requiring notification were constructed without lead.
 - No lead sediment is likely to be present within the community water system or residential structures.
 - The owner or operator of the community water system shall provide notice of construction or repair work on a water main service line, or water meter in accordance with the following requirements:
 - At least 14 days prior to beginning planned work to repair or replace any water mains or lead service lines, the owner or operator of a community water system shall notify, through an individual written notice, each potentially affected residence of the planned work.
 - In cases where a community water system must perform construction or repair work on an emergency basis or where such work is not scheduled at least 14 days prior to work taking place, the community water system shall notify each potentially affected residence as soon as reasonably possible.
 - When work is to repair or replace a water meter, the notification shall be provided at the time the work is initiated.
 - Such notification shall include, at a minimum:
 - A warning that the work may result in sediment, possibly containing lead, in the residence's water supply.
 - Information concerning best practices for preventing the consumption of any lead in drinking water, including a recommendation to flush water lines during and after the completion of the repair or replacement work and to clean faucet aerator screens.
 - Information regarding the dangers of lead in young children.
 - Notification, through a local media, social media or other similar means, may be utilized in lieu of an individual written notification if one of the following apply:
 - Notification is required for the entire community served.
 - Notification is required for construction or repairs occurring on an emergency basis
 - the community water system is a small system (serves a population of 3300 or less).
 - If an owner or operator is required to provide an individual written notification to a multidwelling building, posting a written notification on the primary entrance way to the building shall be sufficient.
 - Notification requirements in this subsection do not apply to work performed on water mains that are used to transmit treated water between community water systems and have no service connections.
- Although water supplies are not directly responsible for the collection of lead samples in the schools, IRWA strongly recommends that water supply representatives work with the schools and assist them in the process any way possible. It is only through accurate sampling that accurate data can be collected and it is this data that will be used for future regulations. 💧

Rural Systems in the “Cross Hairs”

by Don Craig,
IRWA Deputy Director

On March 16th, the President Trump released his proposed budget for FY-2018. Needless to say, as some of you are probably aware at this time, it takes aim at many government departments and/or programs... two of those being the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which includes the Rural Utility Service (Rural Development), and the Environmental Protection Agency. Both of which, are critical to providing support funding for rural water and wastewater project construction costs...Not to mention, the continued protection our continually threatened environment for ourselves, children, grandchildren, and on.

Many of you...our members and others...have been contacted by our office and Executive Director Frank Dunmire, in

regard to this situation, with a request to send letters to maintain and keep the continued support of the RUS and EPA programs that affect all of us. We appreciate your involvement to that end. And, at the time of this printing, although appropriation requests should already be in, it's important...no, it is critical... that all rural systems stay in touch with their congressman; to pass along your continued support of these needed programs.

IRWA is part of, and just one state affiliate of the National Rural Water Association (NRWA). Action has been, and is being taken by NRWA's state affiliates across the nation, to ensure the continued support and existence of these very integral and important government programs. One



key part of being an “association” is for everyone within that entity, to take part, be pro-active, and support the continued work of that organization and its continued success for the benefit of all.

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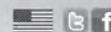


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Below, is the response to the President’s proposed budget, by the NRWA.

March 16, 2017

NRWA statement on the President’s elimination of USDA drinking water and wastewater infrastructure funding:

The President’s budget eliminates the USDA water and waste loan and grant program, which has been the lifeline for rural water and small communities across Rural America. Instead, the Administration is placing its confidence with the EPA State Revolving Loan Funds. This demonstrates how blind the Administration is to its rural constituency and the lack of knowledge of what is most effective in funding the majority of the nation’s water and wastewater infrastructure.

There are approximately 52,000 community water supplies in the nation, of which 92% serve less than 10,000 population. In 2016, USDA Rural Utilities Service dedicated their funding exclusively to Rural America - 85% of projects were for small communities, with populations of 5,000 or less. The USDA Water and Environmental Program is a vital lifeline for rural residents funding the water infrastructure we rely on today.

We support the President’s call for increased investments to address aging and dilapidated infrastructure. However, this proposal guts the USDA infrastructure budget which has funded rural infrastructure for the past 70 years. USDA has the only water infrastructure programs specifically targeted to rural populations.

Private financing is not the solution and does not provide affordable terms for rural communities. Rural areas include lower-income, working class families with higher populations of retired residents and veterans on fixed incomes. This budget will not work for these rural Americans.

Shifting the federal portion of available financing to the EPA is unworkable, when data documents approximately 75% of SRF funding goes to systems serving over 10,000 population.

If the President is serious about assisting small and rural communities with infrastructure funding, he should utilize the USDA water programs that have a proven record in effectively and efficiently serving Rural America.

The National Rural Water Association is the largest water utility organization in the nation, with over 31,000 members. NRWA members provide safe and affordable water and wastewater services to over 34 million Americans in rural areas.



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2017 Conference Highlights

by Heather McLeod,
Membership Services Assistant

I don't know what just happened, but I believe I just attended my first IRWA conference since I have been employed here (that's 16 years for those keeping score) that it DID NOT snow!! I'm not sure what temperature it made it to that week, but I remember that on Wednesday afternoon when the exhibitors were moving out, the conference center doors were open and a nice warm breeze and fresh air was blowing in!



- 445 attendees who decided not to stay home and work on their outdoor projects that week and instead joined us in Effingham
- 99 exhibitors who donated over \$2,200 in cash, \$750 towards the scholarship fund, and the 40 of them who donated a Sportsman's Raffle prize. With their help, we were able to give away over \$12,700 in cash and prizes at our conference!
- National Wash Authority for donating the ATV
- Southern Illinois Water Operators Association for donating a YETI cooler for our auction
- Vince Schwab who is always kind enough to take time off from his job just to sit at the Sportsman's Raffle table and sell tickets for us
- Lunch sponsors: Brotcke Well & Pump, CoBank, PDC, and Water Well Solutions
- All of the speakers who provided our knowledgeable sessions
- Everyone who helped us raise over \$12,000 for our WATERPAC needs by buying tickets for the Sportsman's Raffle and the ATV



- Brittany N. Fiscus from Sumner and Brent A. Pruitt from Homer who each won a \$1,000 Associate member scholarship
- Lake Egypt Water District for winning the Best Tasting Water contest
- Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year – Mark LeClair from Paxton
- Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year Runners Up – Danny Hadley from Warrensburg and Tony Stebers from Bridgeport
- Water System Operations Specialist of the Year – Francis “Speed” Moody from St. Francisville
- Water System Operations Specialist of the Year Runners Up – Jess Childress from Gifford and Travis Matlick from Aledo
- Wastewater System of the Year – Village of Mahomet
- Wastewater System of the Year Runners Up – Village of Herscher and Village of Roxana
- Water System of the Year – City of Breese



- Water System of the Year Runners Up – Village of Stronghurst and Village of Cullom
- Associate Member of the Year – HD Supply Waterworks, Inc.
- Person of the Year – Vern Davis

Check out our Facebook page to see photos of the conference. Just search Illinois Rural Water Association if you haven't visited us there before or click on the Facebook logo on our website homepage.

Next year's conference is slated to be the biggest yet with more exhibitor spaces becoming available! Put it on your calendar now – February 20-22, 2018. You won't want to miss it! 💧



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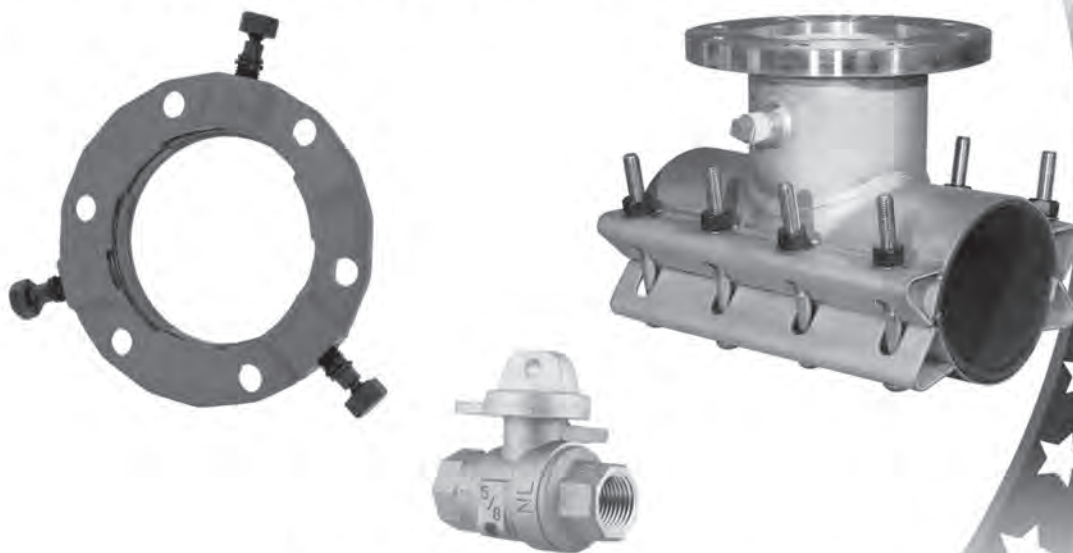
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Making It Happen

*by Dale Hanner,
IRWA District #6 Board Member*

In the late nineties, surface water was entering the spotlight, more and more. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) offices had worked for years to convince the farming community to plant grass filter strips along drainage ditches, creeks and rivers. Planting these filter strips would help prevent siltation of downstream impoundments. At that time our community (Oakland) was using a 26-acre lake for our water source. The lake was fed by mostly agriculture farm land runoff from 11,000 acres. Over the years, siltation had become a problem, a major problem. An attempt to dredge the lake in the early 70's gave some relief but did not last and the community was drilling test holes in the ground in hopes of finding an adequate ground water source. But, unfortunately, no source large enough was found to supply our needs.

In the drought years leading up to 2001 the community had been on

IEPA's watch list for the amount of water available to meet our needs during the winter months and in late fall of that year it was determined that our water source would not sustain our needs through the winter. With our regional IEPA office, the IDNR and our local board working together, a plan was put into place to draw one foot of water from a 54-acre lake located at a nearby state park 3 miles north of town.

Soon there was a field office and pump station in place at the state park and 8-inch irrigation piping from different sources throughout the state along with plastic pipe and plastic fusing machines snaked along a 3-mile above ground route connecting the two lakes. Only one township road had to be closed because of the pipe crossing it while other road crossings were made possible by pulling the pipe through large culverts under the roadway. The rest of the route was along field edges that the local property

owners were gracious enough in granting permission to cross their land.

This labor-intensive project would not have been possible without the help of inmates from a state work camp located nearby. The inmates worked hard throughout the day and were fed lunch at the local VFW facility.

When pumping started, it continued nonstop for 11 days before the one foot of water had been transferred from the state park lake to ours. As projects go, this one had its share of problems with leaking joints on some of the irrigation pipe and no one will forget the one individual that thought it would be a good idea to try and drive over the 8-inch pipe with an SUV.

The pumping was completed and by the end of December all of the equipment and pipe was removed. With the combination of water pumped and an early spring, we were able to provide

uninterrupted service to our customers. Two years later the Village Board decided to decommission the surface water plant and purchase water from a neighboring rural water district as its sole source of water.

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posting for Chinese restaurants in Springfield and not a one has reopened for business.

I think, the measuring standard for training and operator assistance in Illinois is the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA). Waste water or water operators in Illinois do not need to hunt for a close second for assistance. As a great Rock-n-Roll tune says "Baby you got it". You have the best, its here and its working for you. The sign on the front door says "OPEN FOR BUSINESS." IRWA wants you to contact us so that we can show off our stuff by helping you get it done. The IRWA in partnership with local operator groups in Illinois are second to none in the country for training and assistance PERIOD! The IRWA and the local operator groups are here for you so that your burdens and tasks will be made lighter. Nearby operators also want to lend a hand and help the new guy on the block get it done and done correctly.

by John Bell,
IRWA Wastewater Technician



A shining example of individual operator assistance is the selections made by IRWA for the water and waste water operator of the year. One of the top characteristics of the winner of that award is how they helped their fellow operators. We are all here to help. Don't hesitate to use these valuable first class resources. 💧

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5th Annual Spring Administrative Conference

May 18th & 19th, 2017

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topics that matter to you.**





Sessions and Topics



Featured Sessions

"Administrative Legal Responsibilities"

Michael Antoline, will be discussing many of the legal responsibilities that face clerks and administrative professionals. As a second topic he will also be going over legal issues in billing, such as late notices and shut off policies, etc...

"Municipal Unpaid and Delinquent Accounts"

Becky Jansen, Vice President of Credit Collection Partners will be discussing issues involving unpaid/delinquent accounts. Her firm currently works with many Illinois Municipalities and Water Districts.

"Working with your Board and Elected Officials"

Frank Dunmire, Executive Director of IRWA, will be discussing aspects of working with elected officials and your town board. Frank has sat on many boards, is an elected official, and has many times conducted board training for the association.

"IEPA Updates and Topics"

The IEPA will discuss several current topics in this broad discussion. This session may involve several speakers and a variety of pertinent topics.

"Options for Accepting Credit and Debit Cards"

Tracy Rone from CourtMoney is discussing information and an optional service to help set up a municipality or water district so that they can accept credit/debit card payments from their customers.

"Limited English Proficiency Under Title VI"

Elizabeth Messervey with the USDA will host this session which provides technical assistance to help recipients implement USDA's Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance regarding the Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination affecting persons with limited English proficiency.

"Insure from Water Loss"

Kris Schultz from Servline, a new and unique insurance program that covers water loss with no deductible, as well as repairs or replacement of a customer's water and sewer line in a timely fashion.

"Updates on NRWA Lifestyle Health Insurance"

Brian Jablonski from CBIZ Benefits and Insurance will be updating us on recent developments of the NRWA Health Insurance Plan here in Illinois.

"AMI Metering and Meter Overview"

Darin Clarke from SUEZ will be going over all types of information involving meters and new technology in automation for metering customer water.



Conference Agenda



Thursday May 18th

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration and Welcome
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Clerical Legal Responsibilities
9:15-9:25 a.m.	Break
9:25-10:10 a.m.	Legal Issues and Billing
10:10-10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20-11:05 a.m.	Municipal Unpaid and Delinquencies
11:05-11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15-12:00 p.m.	Working with your Board
Noon -1:00 p.m.	Lunch Provided
1:00-2:00 p.m.	IEPA Updates and Topics
2:00-2:10 p.m.	Break
2:10-2:55 p.m.	Options for Credit and Debit Cards
2:55-3:05 p.m.	Break
3:05-4:00 p.m.	Limited English Proficiency
4:00-6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Reception

Friday May 19th

8:30-9:15 a.m.	Insure from Water Loss
9:15-9:25 a.m.	Break
9:25-10:25 a.m.	Update on NRWA Lifestyle Insurance
10:25-10:35 a.m.	Break
10:35-11:30 a.m.	AMI Metering Overview
11:30	Drawings and Recap

Thanks For Your Participation!





Registration Information - May 18th & 19th, 2017

Host Hotel :

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319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL 62208,

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King Room	\$94
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Registration Hours:

Thursday, May 18th 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Registration:

Registration and badges are required for all conference attendees.

Pre-Registration:

To pre-register just complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

IRWA
PO Box 49
Taylorville, IL 62568

Or on-line at www.ilrwa.org for credit card or PayPal payments only.

Pre-registration must be postmarked by May 12, 2017

On-Site Registration:

All conference attendees must obtain a name badge and conference material at the registration desk. If you do not pre-register, please make sure that you register as soon as possible after you arrive at the Convention Center. Please note that on-site registration is \$25.00 higher than pre-registration.

Cancellation & Refunds:

Refunds are issued only in the event of an emergency or hospitalization. We must have a written notice of cancellation to issue a refund.

Hospitality Reception:

Thursday, May 18th 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Please join us after the days sessions for munchies, beverages, and a good time sure to be had laughing with your peers! It should be a good time to get warmed up for a night out shopping and dining in the area. We hope you will join us.



2017 Annual Spring Administrative Conference

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2017 IRWA Training Division Update

by Phil Donelson,
IRWA Training Division

"I would rather entertain and hope that people learned something than educate people and hope they were entertained."

—Walt Disney

We know many of you take the classes we offer exclusively to fulfill your required hours so you can keep your license current. But as Walt's quote above says...I hope we are not only able to educate, but we let you have some fun at the same time! You guys work darn hard doing what you do, it isn't a fun job most of the time, and most certainly not glamorous; its dirty, cold, wet, hot, you name it and you deal with it! So, the least I can do when you get a day out of the field, is to allow you to have some fun and benefit from the time in the classroom. I am proud to say that through the hundreds of surveys I see every year, IRWA provides just that! I see comments and high marks on almost every survey I collect, so thank you for your attendance, and your support. We promise to continue to have some fun and offer worthwhile training for you; our members! Keep looking to the website and watch for mailers to alert you of training opportunities in your area!!

I have just recently added several new training opportunities to our website with more to come over the next couple weeks. We are doing quite a few free USEPA sponsored session, and still offer some of the fee based sessions. Last year we lowered the rate on many of our fee based sessions and have seen a slight increase in turnout, so I hope that is helping you justify attending these sessions as well.

I think Mother Nature is a bit confused, wow what a rollercoaster in the last couple months! Well at least by the calendar, it is spring again! It is time to register now for the 5th annual Spring Administrative Conference! It will be held on May 18 & 19 at the 4 Points by Sheridan in Fairview Heights again this year. Look for registration information in this edition of Water Ways, on our website, from a mailer, or from one of the several email blasts I will be sending to your system. If you do not see any of those options, please feel free as always to contact me or the IRWA office if you have questions.

It is our 5th year for the



Administrative Conference so I won't bore you with the details, but if you haven't heard much about it, it is an informative day and a half of training specifically for administrative staff, board

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members, city officials, and any other clerical staff who work for municipalities or water systems. The sessions always offer time for Q & A and the topics are directed at all types of subject matter your system administrative and elected officials may encounter. Did I mention that we always have a good time? ("good time" is an understatement!) I hope to see all those familiar faces and many new ones this year! If you have not yet made it to one of these events, you really should attend one and see for yourself! I do my best to have good food, fun raffles, giveaways, and as much fun as legally possible each year...and over the course of the two days; you just may learn a

thing or two! We are still doing the Buy One, Get One Half Off registration promotion. If a system pays for one regular priced registration, the second person from the same system is ½ off!! What a deal!

I will close on a fun note, and for those who have been to a session in the last few years, may have heard, my daughters show livestock, I heard this story from one of our circuit riders and wanted to share; since we have just bought our new pigs for the season, it seemed more than appropriate! It may or may not be based on a true story!! Enjoy!

An IRWA circuit rider is looking for a small system in a rural area and

stops at a farm to get directions. As he is talking to the farmer he notices a pig with a wooden leg. "How did the pig get a wooden leg?" he asks the farmer.

"Well", says the farmer, "that is a very special pig. One night not too long ago we had a fire start in the barn. Well, sir, that pig set up a great squealing that woke everyone, and by the time we got there he had herded all the other animals out of the barn and saved every one of them."

"And that was when he hurt his leg?" asked the circuit rider. "Oh no" says the farmer. "He was fine after that. Though a while later I was in the woods out back and a bear attacked me. Well, sir, that pig was nearby and he came running and set on that bear and chased him off. Saved me for sure." "So the bear injured his leg then." says the circuit rider.

"Oh no. He came away without a scratch from that. Though a few days later my tractor turned over in a ditch and I was knocked unconscious. Well, that pig dove into the ditch and pulled me out before I drown." "So he hurt his leg then?" asks the circuit rider. "Oh no," says the farmer. "So how did he get the wooden leg?" the circuit rider asks.

"Well", the farmer tells him, "A pig like that, you don't want to eat all at once."

Thanks again! See you soon in the classroom! 💧

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If you want to save money by putting your CCR on line, but don't have your own website—let us help you! The cost is \$75.00 for members and \$100 for non-members. If we have to do clean up on errors on your CCR, an additional \$25 will be charged.

All it takes is 3 easy steps:

1. You e-mail us your completed CCR (ilrwahm@ilrwa.org). A completed CCR is your finished product that you would usually send to your customer. (If a system utilizes the CCR for issuing Tier 3 public notices, we would also need a copy of the notice with all required information. This notice would be placed at the end of the CCR.)
2. We will post it on our site and e-mail you the link that goes directly to your CCR.
3. You can then post that link wherever your customers can see it (billing statements, postcards, newsletters, etc.)

That's it! More information about CCR's including how to do one, and information you need to send to IEPA after posting one can be found on our website. (www.ilrwa.org/CCR/CCR.html)

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GPS/GIS MAPPING SERVICES

Through the implementation of GPS & GIS technology, IRWA can effectively produce hard copy and digital maps. With this new service available from IRWA, utilities can attain new and accurate maps to better manage their infrastructure assets.



The printed maps can be large-scale wall maps up to 36"x48" showing major water and wastewater features with the desired layers (aerial photos, streets, topography, etc.). The printed maps can also be generated into a map book format. The map book is a bound 11"x17" book of high-detail maps printed at the best available scale.

The digital map file on a CD, can be viewed and printed with free software that IRWA will provide. The software allows you to click on a waterline with a leak and highlight which valves need to be closed to isolate the line. There are also tracing features to show the direction of water flow, and other useful features.

Payment for services is determined by a charge per each system feature located. The amount charged for a Map Book will be \$50 plus \$5 per page; and a wall map is billed at \$100 per map. More information is also posted on our website, or you may call our office.

VIDEO INSPECTION SERVICES

Video inspection technology can help you identify and prioritize maintenance issues, while improving service and reducing emergency maintenance costs.



IRWA is excited to introduce our new Video Inspection Service to our members. The normal fee for this service is \$350.00 for small projects, larger projects requiring more than 1 day will be based on cost per foot.

A contract must be signed in advance of the inspection. Upon completion, your system will be invoiced for the services and will also receive a detailed report including diagrams of the inspection features, and a DVD for your references.

For more information, or to schedule an inspection of your system, please call our office at 217-287-2115 or visit our website: www.ilrwa.org



Ford Fleet Program



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Member utilities should contact their State Rural Water Association to access the Rural Water Ford Fleet Program. Vehicles may be purchased at your local dealer or through the national fleet auto group, get all the details you need online at: www.nrwafleet.com. Incentive discount pricing is available on fuel efficient cars, vans, SUVs and trucks. Systems can save up to \$5800 off factory invoice per vehicle. Happy shopping!



2016 Program Details

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Expedition	\$4000	

Eligible Vehicles	Incentive	Exclusions
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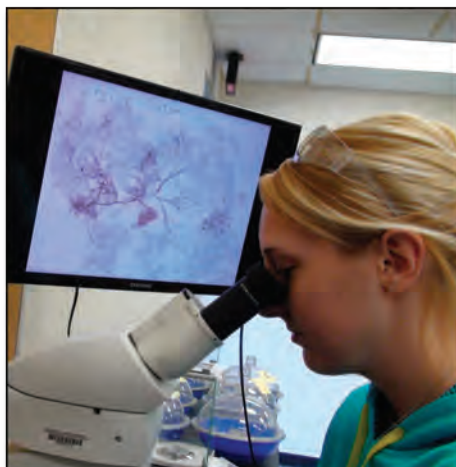
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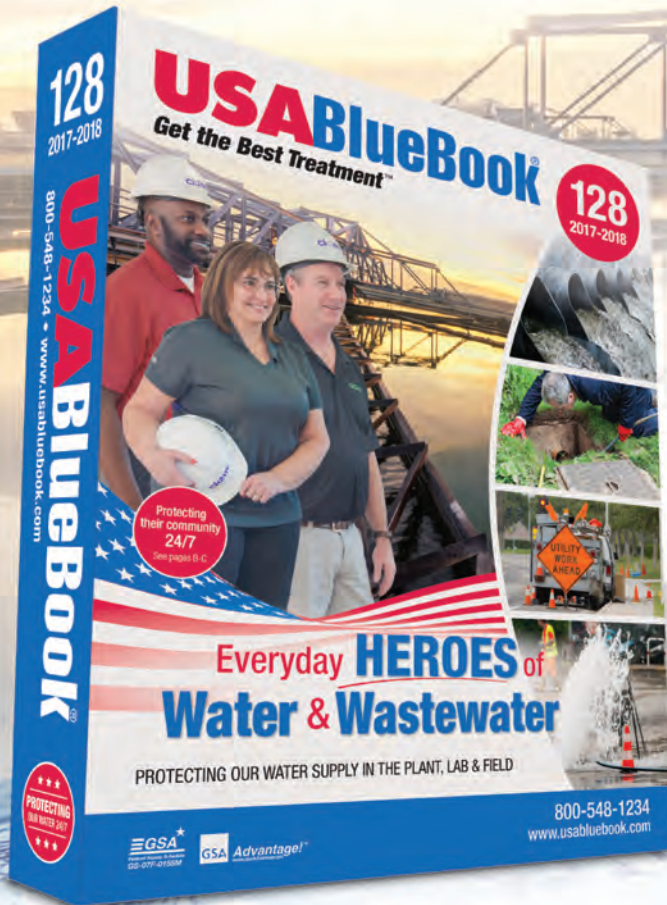
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