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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources recently completed a process improvement event focusing on the submittal of Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). Nearly 17,000 DMRs are submitted by permittees to the DNR annually. These reports provide DNR staff the data necessary to determine facility compliance with standards to protect human health and the environment. The team of inspectors, permitting staff, and data reviewers met virtually six times over a period of two months to analyze the entire DMR submittal process, looking to improve efficiencies and reduce errors. One of the many highlights of the event was the development of a new guidance document, [Instructions for Filing a DMR](#), intended for permittees to successfully navigate through the DMR reporting process without errors. The new Instructions for Filing a DMR document is also available on the DNR's [DMR Forms website](#).

Questions regarding DMR submittal should be directed to the Field Office staff listed on the [DMR Forms website](#).

Current Iowa Certificate Expiration: Notice to All Certified Operators

Attention All Certified Drinking Water Treatment, Drinking Water Distribution and Wastewater Operators:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is notifying all certified Water Treatment, Distribution and Wastewater operators that their current Iowa certificate will expire on June 30, 2021.

On April 16, 2021, renewals will be posted under each operator's individual details in the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Notifications will be sent out via the US Postal Service the 3rd and 4th of May.

We encourage operators to renew on-line using a credit card or electronic check. Submission of payment online instantaneously renews a certificate.

Continuing Education Renewal Requirements:

Continuing Education hours are still being reported to the IDNR. If your CEUs do not show up online after April 12th, please contact Elizabeth Feilmeier at 515-725-0284 or Elizabeth.feilmeier@dnr.iowa.gov.

For renewal on June 30, 2021, you are required to earn the amount of CEUs required by the certificate(s) you held on April 1, 2019. If you are not required to earn CEUs this renewal period, you still must renew your certificate by paying the appropriate fee.

IDNR Employees who are Certified Operators:

If you are an IDNR employee who is required to be a certified operator, payment will be required in order to process your renewal(s). Please see your supervisor concerning eligibility of reimbursement for this expense.