

Muscatatuck Regional Meeting

Wednesday February 18, 2026, 1:00pm-2:30pm local time

Jennings County Public Library, 2375 IN-3, North Vernon, IN 47265

The Muscatatuck Region includes Jennings and Jackson counties but open to all drinking water and wastewater utilities and elected officials who wish to participate. The IFA has applied for Certified Operator CEU hours. Register [here](#).

Agenda

1. Introductions and housekeeping (10 min)
 - a. Name, utility, title, professional experience
 - b. 2026 projects, capital and/or O&M work?
2. USDA Rural Development Update, Curtis Johnson, Steven Howell, Indiana USDA (20 min.)
3. Drinking Water Fluoridation Overview, Jim Powers, Indiana Department of Health (20 min)
4. Roundtable topics (30 mins):
 - a. DNR EO update
 - b. Regulatory issues?
 - c. Operation issues – cold weather?
 - d. AMPs and Board training – how will your utility meet new IURC requirement?
 - e. Water loss control – what do you do?
 - f. Spring flooding – if a concern, how do you manage?
5. Next meeting (10 min)
 - a. Feb 2027 at Jennings Co library?
 - b. Regional point of contact, Jackie Ruddick, JWI Office Manager
 - c. Suggestions for future topics of discussion?
6. Adjourn

The purpose of the meetings is to build on the benefits that come from neighboring utilities collaborating to solve similar issues. These meetings are for utility personnel, board members, and elected officials, and only these individuals can meet the attendance requirement. Consultants and contractors are welcome to attend when they attend at the invitation of a utility who is also attending. Utilities may attend a regional meeting outside of their region, but the intention is that they attend one in their region to get the benefits of interacting with their neighbors.

As a reminder, utilities are required to attend at least one regional meeting a year and attending is required for funding assistance from the IFA (IC 5-1.2-11.5-5). The IFA tracks attendance on a 12-month rolling basis. For example, if your utility attended on April 2, 2026, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2027. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website.

<https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-planning-meetings>