

Northwest Regional Meeting

February 25, 2026, Wednesday, 1:00-2:30pm Central Standard Time (local time)

Schererville Town Hall, 10 E Joliet St. Schererville, IN 46375

The Northwest Region includes Newton, Jasper, Pulaski, Starke, LaPorte, Porter, and Lake 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. There is no cost to attend but registration is appreciated. Register [here](#).

Agenda

1. Welcome from Schererville
2. Introductions and housekeeping (10 min)
 - a. Name, utility, title, professional experience
3. Data Center Considerations for Utilities, Ken Jones, CEO, Jones, Petrie, Rafinski (20 min)
4. Update on Water Studies, including Kankakee River Basin Water Study, Sarah Hudson, Technical Assistance and Outreach Manager, IFA (20 min)
5. Roundtable, possible topics (30 min)
 - a. Open mic
 - b. Regulatory issues?
 - c. Operation issues – cold weather?
 - d. AMPs– 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?
6. Next meeting (10 min)
 - a. February 2027? Who would like to host?
7. 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>

Kankakee Basin Regional Water Study

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