

### **Upper Wabash Regional Meeting**

The Upper Wabash Region includes Miami, Wabash, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Grant, Blackford, Jay 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.

When: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 9:30-11:00 am

Location: Utility Supply Company Conference Center, 11 Sherwood Square, Peru, IN 46970 (see attached parking map)

Registration: there is no cost to attend, but registration is appreciated. Register [here](#).

### **Agenda:**

1. Introductions (10 min)
  - a. Name, utility, title, professional experience
  - b. 2026 projects?
2. *Invited - USDA Rural Development Update, Curtis Johnson, Steven Howell, Indiana USDA (20 min.)*
2. Using the IFA's Lead Sampling Program to meet compliance requirements of the LCRI, Sarah Hudson, IFA (20 min)
3. Roundtable topics (30 min)
  - a. DNR Water Studies and Executive Order
  - 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?
4. Next Meeting (10 min)
  - a. Next meeting? Jan 2027?
  - b. Hosts? Markle, Sweetser?
  - c. Suggestions on future topics?
5. 11:00am – 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, 2025, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2026. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website.

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

