**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:  Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 10:00 – 11:00am

Location:  Marion Utilities, LEAD Building, 1540 North Washington Street, Marion, IN 46952

Registration: there is no cost to attend, but registration is appreciated. Register [here.](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7672276/Feb-6-2024-Upper-Wabash-Regional-Planning-Meeting)

Agenda:

1. Individual Introductions
   1. Name, utility, title, professional experience
   2. Sign-in sheet, CEUs, contact info
2. Roundtable topics (45 min)
   1. Apprenticeship Programs, Kelly Gardner, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water
   2. IDEM Certified Operator exam, Alex Powers, IDEM
   3. 2024 projects – capital projects and O&M work?
   4. LSLI work?
   5. Other topics?
3. Next Meeting
4. Next meeting? Jun 2024 or Jan 2025
5. Suggestions on future topics?
6. 2:00pm - 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, 2023, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2024. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website. <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-planning-meetings>