**Southwest Central Regional Meeting**

The Southwest Central Region includes Brown, Clay, Greene, Putnam, Monroe, Owen, Sullivan, Vigo 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: Friday, June 16, 2023, 10:00-11:30am

Location: BBP Water Corporation, 256 W Clay St, Spencer, IN 47460

Agenda:

1. Welcome from BBP Water
2. Individual Introductions (10 min.)
   1. Name, utility, title, professional experience
3. Rural Development Updates (20 min.)
   1. Craig McGown, Southern District Director, Community Programs, USDA Rural Development
4. Apprenticeships and other Workforce Opportunities (20 min)
   1. Kelly Gardner, Apprenticeship Program Coordinator, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water
5. *Invited Lead Service Line Inventories – Overview and Assistance (20 min)* 
   1. *TBD, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water*
6. Lead Service Line Inventory Funding from the IFA (15 min)
   1. Sarah Hudson, IFA
7. Next Meeting (5 min.)
8. Jul/Aug/Sept, Town of Cloverdale, Putnam Co., TBD
9. Oct/Nov/Dec, TBD – skip again?
10. Suggestions on future topics
11. 11:30am - adjourn
12. 11:45 – 1:00pm Lunch provided by BBP Water
13. 1:00- 2:00pm BBP Plant Tour (256 W Clay St, Spencer, IN 47460)

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, 2022, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2023. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website. <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-planning-meetings>