Northeast Regional Meeting

June 1, 2023, Thursday, 10:00-11:30am local time

Rieke Park Lodge, 1800 N Indiana Avenue, Auburn, IN 46706

The Northeast Region includes LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen 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. <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7255352/May-18-2023-Northeast-Regional-Planning-Meeting>

Agenda

1. Welcome from Auburn
2. Introductions and housekeeping (5 min)
   1. Name, utility, title, professional experience
   2. Sign-in sheet, CEU forms, utility contact list
3. Michindoh aquifer study update (20 min)
   1. Jeff Frey and/or Alex Riddle, USGS
4. Workforce resources (20 min)
   1. Dan Foster, WorkOne, Business Services
   2. Remona Kamer, WorkOne, Veterans Services
5. Work-Based Learning program for High School students (20 min)
   1. Madelynn Sade Bartel (*and Jeremy Hart, invited*) Town of Churubusco
   2. Anthony Harl, Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, Office of Career and Technical Education and/or Kelly Gardner, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water
6. IFA Updates, Sarah Hudson (10 min)
   1. Water Audit + Validator training updates
   2. Lead Service Line Inventory Funding
7. Round Table - possible discussion topics (30 min)
   1. LSL inventory updates
   2. Right of way management
   3. PFAS
   4. Stormwater and drainage boards/Drainage Task Force – SEA 85
8. Next meeting (5 min)
   1. How often to meet? When? Where?
   2. Idea- hold in conjunction with
      1. Alliance Fall meeting in Oct 2023
      2. IWEA conference in August
   3. Utilities who might want to host: Angola, Ashley, Auburn, Butler, Fort Wayne, Steuben Lakes RWD (Angola), Turkey Creek RSD (Cromwell)
   4. Suggestions for future topics of discussion?
      1. Chemical spill table top exercise?
9. 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>