

**Providing Greater Flexibility through Community-Based, Non-Regulatory and Performance-Driven Watershed Management
A Watershed Management Working Session**

For Watershed Water Quality Task Force Sub-committee #3

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, 1735 NE 70th Ave., Ankeny, Iowa, At 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. – June 20, 2007

Lunch Provided for RSVP's- Call Kathie Vierling @515-251-8640 to RSVP

Agenda for Watershed Sub-committee #3

9:00 **Convene meeting**

Review agenda

Speakers will be asked to provide perspective on their experience and recommendations for fostering greater flexibility, community based, non-regulatory and performance-driven watershed management.

9:30 **Wellhead and Source Water issues**

Gary Brons, Wellhead Protection specialist, Iowa Rural Water

Lisa Walters, Source water specialist, Iowa Rural Water

Rebecca Ohrtman, Source Water Protection Coordinator Watershed Improvement Section, IDNR

Key Questions:

1. What efforts are underway to do wellhead and source water protection for public drinking water supplies; how does it work?
2. What are the impediments to the successful utilization of this model?
3. How can we better utilize or integrate this model into performance based watershed management?

11:00 **Innovative Technical Assistance and Finance**

Fred Hainline, Soap Creek Watershed

Key Questions:

1. How is the Soap Creek Watershed structured? What process is used to move beyond county lines for watershed protection/management?
2. What are the impediments to using this model?
3. How can this model be used in performance-based watershed management beyond the PL-566 program?

Noon **Lunch**

12:45 **Permitted Facilities and Relationships with Non-Regulatory Approaches**

Kevin Jacobson, WIRB Board Chair and Public Works Director, Story City

Key Questions:

1. How do water and wastewater operators deal with regulatory requirements/issues?
2. How watershed management could be better utilized to help the regulated community meet water quality standards and other regulatory requirements?

Sub –committee will work to continue to articulate answers to the following questions:

- What is definition of performance?
- What would be different than current approach to watershed water quality management?
- What requirements are necessary to advance performance approach?
- What flexibility is needed?
- Who specifically needs and will benefit from flexibility? (Regulated community/non regulated)
- How could/would flexibility be provided?

1:45 **Group discussion/recommendations**

3:00 **Adjourn**