IWRC Exhibits at UNI Day at the Capitol
On February 17, 2020, the Iowa Waste Reduction Center, along with many other University of Northern Iowa representatives, traveled to Des Moines for UNI Day at the State Capitol. This day is for highlighting various UNI programs, departments, and organizations to exhibit the outstanding opportunities UNI has to offer. During the day’s event, IWRC staff and students had the opportunity to engage with Iowa State legislators and discuss the different services and programs that the IWRC provides!

Minor Source Emissions Inventory Assistance
MSEI season is underway. Facilities in the central third of Iowa, as well as portable plants, must submit their 2019 MSEI by May 15, 2020. The IWRC's Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program has many resources available to help including tutorials, calculators, checklists, and even one-on-one training sessions at no charge for Iowa businesses with less than 100 employees. For more information, visit https://iwrc.uni.edu/msei

Global Waste Management Symposium
February 23 | Indian Wells, CA

National Groundwater Awareness Week
March 8-14, 2020
EPA Dental Amalgam Rules Effective July 2020
Since 2017, the Iowa Dental Association and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) have provided information regarding the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Dental Amalgam Rule. The rule requires all dentist offices to:

- Install amalgam separator
- Follow best management practices
  - Do not discharge scrap amalgam waste to city sewer.
  - Do not use line cleaners such as bleach, chlorine, iodine, or peroxide that have a pH level higher than eight or lower than six.
- Complete and mail report
- Maintain compliance

For dental practices that have been in their current location prior to July 14, 2017, the deadline to meet the EPA rule is July 14, 2020. The IWRC has resources available to assist in meeting this deadline. An IWRC representative will be at IDEAS20 on Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, to answer questions regarding the rule and compliance.

For more information about the EPA Dental Amalgam Rule, visit our website.

| Recycling |
Nike is Dressing 2020 Olympic Athletes in Uniforms Made of Recycled Shoe Parts (Waste Advantage Magazine)

| Plastic Waste |
Report argues most plastics, especially #3-7s, falsely labeled as recyclable (Waste Dive)

| Food Waste |
Is the World on Track to Cut Food Loss and Waste in Half by 2030? (Impakter)

| Air Quality |
Air Quality permits under review (Iowa DNR)

| Sustainability |
How can the beverage industry bring about a sea change in sustainability? (Beverage Daily)

| Brewery Sustainability |
250+ Craft Brewers Join Brewgooder’s #DrinkBeerGiveWater Movement for World Water Day (Sustainable Brands)