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Meet the IWRC's New Hire - Bret Lang

This month, we are excited to welcome a new hire to the IWRC staff, Bret Lang. Bret joins our team as an Environmental Specialist, where he will be helping out with various projects involving our painter training, air quality, and environmental assistance programs. Having an MA in Environmental Studies and GIS from Iowa State University and earning his BA in Environmental Policy from Drake University, Bret is excited to have the chance to utilize his skills in a variety of ways at the IWRC. "I am so grateful to have the opportunity to get to collaborate with so many different people on so many different projects," he states. "Getting to work in a place where there is such a wide net of possibilities is incredible." When Bret isn't busy working, he enjoys spending his free time going on hikes with his wife, birding, and just being outdoors!



[Iowa Recycling & Solid Waste Management Conference](#)

September 30 - October 2

Dubuque

[Growing Sustainable Communities Conference](#)

October 24-25 | Dubuque

IWRC NEWS

September's Green Brewery Feature

are excited to announce that this month's Green Brewery Feature is 7 Hills Brewing Company, out of Dubuque, IA. 7 Hills was the first Dubuque craft brewery to be added to the Iowa Green Certification program, receiving a bronze-level achievement. Be sure to check out the [IGBC](#) webpage every first Monday of the month to see what lucky brewery will be featured next!



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Paint Tracker- Free Online Program

Developed by the Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program, Paint Tracker is a free online application you can use to track your facility's emissions and sprayable material usage while also meeting regulatory recordkeeping and tracking requirements. Even with data for multiple facilities and emissions units, Paint Tracker will keep all your records in one place and easily generate reports as needed. [Create Your Free Account.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

EPA Waste Pharmaceutical Compliance Assistance Workshops

On August 21, 2019, the EPA's Hazardous Waste Pharmaceutical Rule became effective in Iowa. This rule updates the way hazardous waste pharmaceuticals are managed, including:

- Bans all sewerage of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals,
- Modifies the listing for nicotine waste (P075), and
- Provides expanded options for managing waste pharmaceuticals.

To help prepare users for the new rule, EPA will be hosting free workshops throughout Iowa. These workshops are free and available for any business that generates waste pharmaceuticals (retail, clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, doctors, veterinarians, long-term care facilities, etc.). If you would like to register for these FREE workshops, you can do so at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EPA_R7_2019PharmaWkshp

| Waste Pharmaceutical Compliance Assistance Workshops | | | | | |
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| <u>Very Small Quantity Generators</u> | | | <u>Small & Large Quantity Generators</u> | | |
| <i>City</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>City</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> |
| Dubuque | 16-Oct | 1:30pm | Davenport | 15-Oct | 1:30pm |
| Des Moines | 23-Oct | 1:30pm | Des Moines | 23-Oct | 8:30am |
| Fort Dodge | 25-Oct | 9:30pm | Cedar Rapids | 15-Nov | 9:30am |
| Mason City | 25-Oct | 1:00pm | Council Bluffs | 20-Nov | 1:00pm |
| Iowa City | 13-Nov | 1:00pm | | | |
| Waterloo | 14-Nov | 2:00pm | | | |
| Sioux City | 19-Nov | 1:00pm | | | |
| Council Bluffs | 22-Nov | 9:30am | | | |

All dates are in 2019

|Small Business |

[Iowa's Small Business Scorecard: September 2019](#) (NFIB)

| Food Waste |

[A 10-Step Plan for Halving Food Loss and Waste by 2030](#) (Sustainable Brands)

| Composting |

[What does it take to go compostable? Seattle grocer PCC is finding out](#) (Waste Dive)

| Air Quality |

[Air Quality permits under review](#) (Iowa DNR)

| Plastic Waste |

[Ford Recycles 1.2 Billion Plastic Bottles a Year for Auto Parts](#) (Waste Advantage Magazine)

| Recycling |

[The Recycling Partnership Launches Online Recycling Tool](#) (Waste 360)



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