A Letter from the Interim Director

First off, let me introduce myself. I am Joe Bolick, the new interim director of the IWRC. For those reading this that may not be familiar with me, I have been with this organization since my days as an undergraduate student 16 years ago. I've spent most of those years behind the scenes working with our STAR4D painter training program, developing new tools and technologies, crafting some of our marketing and communications strategies, and recently working with the great craft brewers in our state as part of the Iowa Green Brewery Certification.

I could not be more humbled or honored to be granted the opportunity to lead this great organization that gave me a chance as a young kid, fresh out of college 15 years ago. We have an incredible team here at the IWRC that has continued to have a positive impact on Iowa’s businesses and environment for over 30 years and I am truly excited to see what we are going to accomplish moving forward.

We have spent some significant time over the last year crafting an organizational strategic plan that will continue to move us forward through 2020 and beyond. We are committed to this plan and will be rolling out some new endeavors in the coming months as part of it. With that said, rest assured, you can still expect the same outstanding one-on-one environmental assistance you’ve been receiving for the last 30+ years from our great staff...we’re simply looking at how to enhance it even more.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our past, present and future clients, supporters, and advocates...without you, there is no way we would still be here and relevant today. We are here for you.
If you ever have any questions or concerns for me or anything regarding the IWRC, please don’t hesitate to reach out. My email address is mjbolick@uni.edu or you can call us anytime at 319-273-8905.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to continuing to serve Iowa’s small businesses for years to come!

Regards,

Joe Bolick
Interim Director - IWRC

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**IWRC NEWS**

**Sustainable Brewing Society Consortium**
This month, the IWRC launched a national consortium to give those interested in breweries and sustainability a cohesive platform to share best practices and discuss the issues they care about. For any further information regarding the consortium, you can check out the official Facebook page, *The Sustainable Brewing Society.* If you are interested in receiving the consortium's upcoming monthly newsletters, you can sign up by clicking here!

**EPA's New Pharmaceutical Rule - Assistance and Fact Sheet**
On August 21, 2019, the EPA's final rule for managing hazardous waste pharmaceuticals became fully effective in Iowa. The IWRC is available to answer questions from Iowa healthcare facilities regarding the EPA’s new pharmaceutical rule and can be reached at 1-800-422-3109 or at iwrc.org. If you would like to download a factsheet providing a detailed overview of the new regulation, please click here.

**IWRC LinkedIn Page - More Content Coming Soon!**
Keep an eye out for more content coming soon to our IWRC LinkedIn page and showcase pages! Be sure to check them out and give them a follow by visiting our link here.

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**Pollution Prevention Week**
September 16 - 22, 2019

**Iowa Recycling & Solid Waste Management Conference**
September 30 | Dubuque

**Growing Sustainable Communities Conference**
October 24-25 | Dubuque
| Recycling | Recycling Still Works When It’s Done Right (Waste Advantage Magazine) |
| Sustainability | Rethinking Food Packaging May Address the Plastic Crisis (Food Tank) |
| Waste Reduction | How Airlines are Fighting Against the 6.7 Million Tons of Cabin Waste Passengers Produce Every Year (Waste Advantage Magazine) |
| Air Quality | Air Quality permits under review (Iowa DNR) |
| Food Waste | IN DEPTH: Harvesting Insects to Recycle Food Waste (Waste Management World) |
| Small Business | Iowa’s Small Business Scorecard: August 2019 (NFIB) |

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