As the Iowa Waste Reduction Center enters our 31st year, we like to take a little time to reflect on the past while also looking forward at all that is to come this next year and beyond.

2018 was a year of transition and growth for us. Rick Klein, who helped build and continued to manage our successful painter training programs retired after 30-plus years at UNI. His dedication and enthusiasm are already missed, but we’re sure he’s enjoying every second of his new life. We also bid farewell to Lea Hensel, who spent the last 12 years making sure our organization was polished and organized. Jeremiah Treloar, who had been handling the development and sales of our VirtualPaint took the leap of licensing it and starting a business to do the same, which is a perfect example of technology transfer from a public university.

While we are still learning how much they are missed every day, we couldn’t be happier for all three of them. The year wasn’t all goodbyes, however. We welcomed back Tom Giblin to our painting and coating programs, where he hit the ground running. We were also lucky enough to bring on Ana Bender as our new secretary and office manager and she just keeps demonstrating her value to us every day. Read more

More Breweries Added to Certification Program

The Iowa Green Brewery Certification program has welcomed three more breweries to the certification ranks!

- Contrary Brewing Co. (Muscatine)
- Fat Hill Brewing (Mason City)
- Worth Brewing Company (Northwood)
2018 Breakout Session Videos Are Now Available!
Could’t make the Midwest Food Recovery Summit in September? Breakout sessions from this year’s summit are now available for everyone to watch! Check them out here.

USCC 2019 Composting Conference & Trade Show
January 28-31 | Phoenix, AZ

Iowa DNR SLEIS Training
January 30 | Cedar Rapids, IA

Iowa DNR SLEIS Training
January 31 | Des Moines, IA

UNI Day at the Capitol
February 18 | Des Moines, IA

January 31 Reporting Deadlines

Grain Facility PM10 PTE Due January 31, 2019
As a reminder, Group 1 and Group 2 Grain Elevators are required to calculate their facility’s PM10 potential to emit (PTE) annually for the previous calendar year. The GrainPTE program, developed by the IWRC’s Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program, is a free calculation tool that helps you easily record facility information, calculate the required PM10 PTE and generate reports as needed from any device that has Internet access.

To meet regulation requirements, facility calculations must be completed by January 31, 2019 for the 2018 calendar year. These records and calculations do not need to be submitted to the Iowa DNR but must be kept on site for a period of five years and be made available upon request. To get started, simply visit https://grain.iwrc.uni.edu to register or login to your free account! If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-422-3109 for assistance.

6X Certification and Compliance Report for 2018
Businesses subject to 6X NESHAP - the report for 2018 will be due January 31, 2019. Download the report and get more information on IWRC’s Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program 6X webpage.
Plastic Waste
What if plastic never became waste? (The Washington Post)

Waste Reduction
Making Minimal Waste Part of the Restaurant’s Mission (Waste 360)

Air Quality
Air Quality permits under review (Iowa DNR)

Food Waste
Analyzing Food Waste at the City Level (Waste 360)

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