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Another new year! Another anniversary!

This month marks the IWRC's 28th year. Our Director, Jim Olson, has been here all along and has watched the center evolve, improve and thrive.

“We continue to provide our one-on-one business assistance, but we have expanded our web-based training and education services,” said Olson. One of those education services revolves around virtual reality technology. “The virtual reality aspect of painter training is something that fits our mission to reduce waste and showcases our innovativeness.” Twenty years ago, this type of training might have been seen as a stretch, but VirtualPaint has become one of IWRC's most impactful services.

And during the past four years, a new focus developed - food waste. “We have taken food waste reduction head-on by working with various organizations, and even hosting our own Food Waste Compost Training Workshop this past summer,” said Olson.

From the IWRC to you, thanks for following along with us. We look forward to continuing to help improve environmental sustainability. Cheers to 2016!

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CELEBRATING 28 YEARS

IWRC NEWS

MSEI Assistance Available



2015 Minor Source Emission Inventory (MSEI) forms are due May 15 for facilities in the eastern third of Iowa. The Iowa Air Emissions Assistance staff here at the IWRC will again be providing one-on-one training for small businesses with less than 100 employees at no cost. Additionally, calculators, tutorials, and resources are available online. To schedule a training session and access the free tools, visit mse.iwrc.uni.edu.

Recordkeeping with the Grain PTE Program

As a reminder, Group 1 and Group 2 grain elevators are required to calculate PM10 potential to emit (PTE) annually by January 31 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 PM10 PTE and generate reports. Sign up for your free account at grain.iwrc.uni.edu.



INDUSTRY NEWS

| Regulatory |

[Is Modification to a DNR Air Construction Permit Needed?](#)

A fact sheet has been developed to provide additional clarification to applicants of when a modification may or may not be necessary to an existing air construction permit. (Iowa DNR)

| Sustainability |

[19 for 16: Biggest sustainability hopes for 2016](#)

What are your 2016 goals? Sustainability experts weigh in on their hopes for 2016. (Green Biz)

| Food Waste |

[Food reduction goals open composting business opportunities](#)

Regulatory mandates, consumer awareness, and a federal government goal are bringing opportunity to those in waste management – specifically in the area of composting. (WasteDive)

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[Time to Update Emergency Action Plans](#)

Be sure your emergency action plans are updated with current information and phone numbers. (Iowa DNR)

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