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November 2015



Welcome to the November edition of the IWRC newsletter. It's hard to believe we'll only have one more newsletter in 2015. With the end of the year near, now it's a good time to check in on the environmental compliance and waste at your facility. A few things you can do:

- Make sure records are up to date
- Ensure regulatory training requirements are met
- Conduct a self-audit to evaluate efficiency
- Analyze waste streams to look for areas where you can reduce waste
- Look for wasted energy, such as leaks in compressed air lines
- Iowa small businesses can schedule an IWRC on-site technical assistance visit, especially if it has been more than two years since your last visit



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## IWRC NEWS

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### IWRC Takes Food Waste Reduction International



You may remember last month we shared that Dan Nickey, IWRC's associate director, would be traveling to Beijing to speak and attend the International Composting Conference. Nickey presented information on incorporating food waste into compost operations, and specifically what the IWRC has been working on. Over on IWRC's Facebook page, we have added some pictures and descriptions of Dan's trip. [See the Album](#)

### New Food Waste Project Underway

As part of a third consecutive U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services grant, the IWRC has started a new project to provide direct on-site technical assistance to Iowa businesses on reducing food waste and diverting it from the landfill. Thanks to the Iowa NFIB to helping us share the news about the grant. [Read the NFIB article here](#)

## Bolick Named to 20 Under 40 List

IWRC's Joe Bolick was recently named a recipient of The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier's Class of 2015 20 Under 40 award, which honors outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference in their work and personal lives to make the area a better place. [Read the WCF Courier article here](#)



## VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Learn a little bit more about the technical assistance provided by the Iowa Waste Reduction Center!



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

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### | Regulatory |

#### [Public Comment Period and Hearings on Proposed Air Quality Fees](#)

The IDNR has made a summary of the proposed rule changes available, and comments will be accepted until November 30. (Iowa DNR)

### | Small Business |

#### [SBA Now Accepting 2016 National Small Business Week Awards Nominations](#)

Nominations are being accepted until Monday, January 11, 2016. (Small Business Administration)

### | Food Waste |

#### [This Law Could Radically Cut Food Waste](#)

A U.S. Representative is working on a comprehensive bill that could reduce food waste at the farm, consumer, and institutional levels. (Civil Eats)

### | Paint & Coatings |

#### [Incentive Plans for Painters](#)

Read how one company reduced materials costs with a bonus plan for painters. (Fender Bender)

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