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Welcome to the May newsletter!

As May 15th passed, IWRC finished up another Minor Source Emission Inventory season. We hope the calculators and resources available at our MSEI website were able to help those of you that had to submit inventories this year. Facilities in the western portion of Iowa, it will be your turn next year!

We have a lot of exciting news that we will be sharing this summer - new projects, events and even a mobile app so keep watch in upcoming newsletters as we make exciting announcements!

On The IWRC Blog

- [EPA to Host Solvent-Contaminated Wipes Rule Webinar](#)
- [A Week to Celebrate Small Business](#)
- [Three Questions: Saying Goodbye](#)
- [Four Changes to Improve Air Quality](#)

Industry News

| Food Waste |

[UI, Coe, Luther join federal initiative to reduce food waste](#)

Three Iowa institutions have joined UNI in EPA's Food Recovery Challenge's effort to reduce food waste. (Des Moines Register)

| Air Quality |

[A Breath of Fresh Air: Iowa Particle Pollution Drops](#)

Progress to improve air quality across Iowa is being made with Des Moines, Waterloo and Sioux City ranked among the cleanest for ozone. (Iowa Public News Service)

| P2 |

[Iowa Companies Team with Pollution Prevention Intern Program](#)

Fourteen Iowa businesses will be participating in the 2014 program which aims to implement P2 strategies to increase efficiency, reduce costs and meet environmental goals. (Iowa DNR)

| Scrap Metal |

[Iowa scrap metal recyclers transform junk to cash](#)

There are three main components of a scrap metal recycling operation – collecting, processing and reselling metals. (The Gazette)

| Green |

[How the Consumer Electronics Industry Is Thinking Green](#)

Instead of government or industry (forcing) a change, consumers are directly the electronics industry to become more green. (Huffington Post)

| Small Business |

[Yellen: Small Businesses Are Driving Job Growth](#)

Nearly half the job gains throughout the past five years have been from U.S. small businesses according to Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen. (ABC News)

| Funding Opportunity |

[EPA Announces Funding Availability to Clean Up Diesel Engines Nationwide](#)

Grant funding of \$9 million is available for clean diesel projects to reduce pollution and emissions exposure. (U.S. EPA)