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Good morning!

It's the first day of spring! After the winter we've had, it could not have come soon enough! With a new season, we wanted to bring something new to the newsletter. This month, you'll notice we've created categories below the IWRC Updates. From now on, news will be grouped by industry allowing us to share more news and hopefully allow you to read what interests you and your business easily! Enjoy!

IWRC Updates

MSEIs Due May 15

Inventories for facilities in the central portion of Iowa, as well as all portable plants, are required to get their Minor Source Emissions Inventory submitted by May 15. Tools, resources and calculators to help complete the inventory as well as information on our one-on-one training sessions are available. Visit mse.iwrc.org for more!

On the IWRC Blog

- [March Madness - Waste Diversion Style](#)
- [Deadline Extended for Iowa Environmental Awards](#)
- [Groundwater Awareness Week: 5 Tips for Your Business](#)
- [A Look at EPA's New Report](#)
- [Three Questions: Rethinking Demolition](#)
- [Iowa Recycling Awards for Excellence in Recycling](#)
- [Small Changes = Big Impact](#)
- [The Green List](#)



March 20 / Elkader, IA

[Rethinking Demolition](#)

March 20 / Altoona, IA

[Midwest Auto Body Trade Show](#)

April 7-10 / San Diego, CA

[BioCycle REFOR14 West](#)

April 23-25 / Cedar Rapids, IA

[Iowa-Illinois Safety Council Conference and Expo](#)

Manufacturing News

[UNI joins \\$320 million U.S. digital manufacturing initiative](#)

UNI is joining ISU and Iowa, along with 70 other partners, in the Digital Lab for Manufacturing. The initiative will bring manufacturers and software companies together to develop cutting-edge capabilities to design, test and move products to market. (*WCF Courier*)

[What Does Manufacturing Mean to You?](#)

The National Association of Manufacturers asked. Many answered. Production. The Future. Progress. Stability. Quality. What does it mean to you? (*NAM*)

Construction and Demolition News

[Operations focus: Maximizing value](#)

Sorting wood, concrete and other C&D debris into multiple sizes can add profitability and end-market outlets for recycling operations. (*Construction and Demolition Recycling*)

[Manufacturing Construction Rose 3.8 Percent in January](#)

According to the Census Bureau we saw the highest monthly increase in construction manufacturing since September. (*Shop Floor*)

Food Waste News

[Hy-Vees hit milestone in compost program](#)

Nearly 200 tons of inedible food and food waste was diverted from the trash at the Iowa City Hy-Vee stores. *(The Press Citizen)*

[University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics reduces food waste](#)

Since the January 2013 report on UI's food waste, the hospitals have made great strides to improve by tripling donations and composting 77 tons of food waste. *(The Gazette)*

[Sustainable Suds](#)

Up to 92% of brewing ingredients are wasted. But instead of sending this to the landfill, many breweries are finding ways to turn the waste into a resource. *(Sustainable America)*

Auto Body / Collision Repair News

[National Auto Body Council Now Accepting Nominations for Industry Awards](#)

The NABC is now accepting nominations for its two industry awards - the Award of Distinction and the Body Shop Image Award. *(Body Shop Business)*

[Eastern Iowa's cold weather tough on cars, but good for repair business](#)

The brutality of this winter has led to a busy season for auto body repair shops. *(The Gazette)*

Water Quality News

[UNI professor launches water quality study; part of statewide strategy](#)

With an \$85,000 grant, Mohammad Iqbal will be studying the runoff from farm fields into the Cedar River system to evaluate how Iowa's agricultural practices affect the environment. *(WCF Courier)*

[How to fix the 10 worst wastes of water](#)

Businesses and organizations are taking strides to eliminate, or at least improve practices that result in wasting water. *(Green Biz)*