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Mission: To enhance business and organizational efficiency through quality and innovative environmental programming across Iowa and throughout the country.

Environmental Assistance

MSEI Deadline Approaching Quickly!

Facilities in the eastern third of Iowa must submit their 2021 MSEI by May 15, 2022. Do you have questions or need assistance completing your MSEI? The IWRC is here to help! The IWRC's Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program has many resources available to help including tutorials, calculators, checklists, and even one-on-one training sessions at no charge for Iowa businesses with less than 100 employees.

For questions or assistance, contact jennifer.wittenburg@uni.edu

[Learn More](#)

Iowa Strategic Goals Program Webinars

May 24, 2022 | 10:00 - 11:50 AM



Compliance Requirements can often seem overwhelming and confusing, and rule changes can catch you completely off guard. Join regulators and industry experts who will provide hints and

tips to help you better understand what is required of your business.

The webinar is open to all Iowa manufacturers and will cover the following topics:

- Program technology updates
- Funding opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- EPA's Regional Science Priorities

There will be time for discussion / Q&A, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn, network, and share ideas!

[Register HERE!](#)

Food, Beverage & Organics

International Compost Awareness Week

May 1-7, 2022



International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) which is the largest and most comprehensive educational awareness campaign of the compost industry. This year's theme is "Recipe for Regeneration: Compost."

The goal of ICAW is to work together to raise public awareness on why we all should be composting our organics and using compost. Throughout the week of ICAW, community and business events are held to encourage and celebrate all types of composting – from backyard to large-scale.

[Learn More](#)

ISOSWO Scholarship Opportunities



In order to prepare the next generation for the environmentally and economically sound practice of solid waste, SWANA has developed several scholarship opportunities for students studying in fields related to solid waste management. There are four scholarships to apply for and the **deadline is May 2, 2022**.

[Learn More](#)

Farewell to Grant Helle, Environmental Specialist



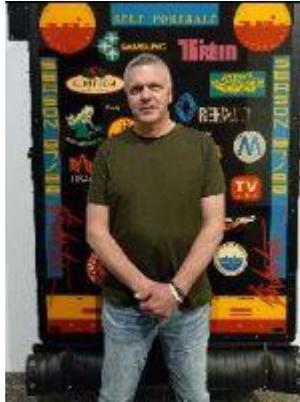
April marks the last month that our Environmental Specialist, Grant Helle, will be with the IWRC.

Grant began his work with IWRC in December 2018 as a Brewers Association sustainability intern where he focused on expanding the Iowa Green Brewery Certification program through on-site facility audits and sustainability benchmarking.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the beginning steps in my career at the IWRC. I am grateful for the tremendous opportunities that I have been provided in my time as both a student intern and a full-time employee with the center." Grant said. "I am constantly motivated by the passion my colleagues have for providing meaningful assistance to businesses both in Iowa and nationally,

and that is something I will take with me moving forward. Thank you to everyone at the IWRC who has impacted me both personally and professionally!"

We have enjoyed our time with Grant and are excited to see him excel with other opportunities. Although we are sad to see him go, we know he will do great things in the future and we wish him all the best on his new adventure!



Welcome, Mark!

Join us in welcoming Mark Harrington as the IWRC's Senior Research Technician starting in May. Mark will provide training in all aspects of the Spray Technique Analysis and Research for Defense (STAR4D) Training Program and painter training to private industry and R & D projects.

"I have had the opportunity to train with the IWRC for several years," Mark said. "I am excited to bring my experience with the military and the CARC painting system to the team there and hopefully make the overall training experience even more beneficial to the troops and the United States Military."

We are excited to have Mark on our team!

Congratulations UNI Graduates!



The IWRC would like to celebrate and congratulate the graduates of the University of Northern Iowa's Class of 2022! We wish everyone the best of luck as they further their careers and pursue their dreams!

Industry News

| Recycling |

[City of Phoenix Selects a Machinex MRF in Efforts Towards Becoming a Zero Waste City by 2050](#)
(Waste360)

| Food Waste |

[People Matter Too – Why Community-Led Solutions Help Address Food Waste and Build Power](#)
(ReFED)

| Sustainability |

[From seed to store: Creating a sustainable food system](#)
(GreenBiz)

| Waste Reduction |

[EPA to expand recycling, waste reduction efforts](#)
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