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Message from the President

Greetings Members!

News, news and more news...At the end of March, Central Chapter held its conference at UIS. One of the classes dealt with intergenerational management-mentoring millennials. It was so well-received that there is a good chance we will offer it at the AEC in November. North Chapter held their conference in April at Elgin Community College. I don't want to say we are a profession of procrastinators but we had more walk-ins (60) than pre-registered (55). It was great to see familiar faces and reconnect. Thanks to Lenore Killam and Kathi Landow for putting on the shows!

I was awestruck at the generosity of our membership in regards to our 50/50 raffles. One of our members, Carl Caneva, is going through a rough battle with osteosarcoma. IEHA is donating the proceeds of these raffles at the AEC to his family. I have had many members donate without even taking the tickets for the share. All three members that won the raffles donated the money back to the Caneva family. A big thank you goes to Sharron LaFollette, Doug Toole and Christine Czernecki! You can donate online at <http://ieha.coffeecup.com/awards.html> or at the AEC November 5-6 at Starved Rock Lodge. So far membership has donated over a thousand dollars!

Speaking of the annual education conference...Your opinions from the poll have been heard loud and clear. There will be an onsite mock restaurant inspection based on the FDA Food Code. There will be an onsite mock public pool inspection. There will be a blood drive. There will be a falconry demonstration. There will be a guided hike of the canyons. There will be a s'mores bonfire. There will be a beer/wine tasting offered. And of course there will at least 3 hours of water, 3 hours of sewage and 5 hours of food CEU's provided. Come for the CEU's, stay for the fun!

As of this writing, the LEHP Renewal Act is awaiting the Governor's signature. The third reading of the Senate bill passed the house with 101 yeas and 0 nay votes. Thanks to all who helped shepherd the Act through to this point.

Lenore Killam and I attended the Environmental Lobby Day on April 26th at the capitol. We were able to meet with several legislators (Crespo, Skillicorn, Reick, etc.) in order to drive home SB2618. I also attended a stakeholders meeting with Senator Althoff, IDFPR and several other professionally licensed associations in regards to changes to CEU requirements and who would be responsible for paying for them.

In totem, things are moving along the way most of us want them to. I will do my best to keep membership informed. I hope that this message finds you and yours in good spirits and as usual...

With your support and involvement, getting the LEHP Act renewed for another ten years can only make the process easier.

Take care,

Dave Banaszynski, IEHA President



Notes from the Chair

By Lenore Killam, IEHA Publications Committee Chair

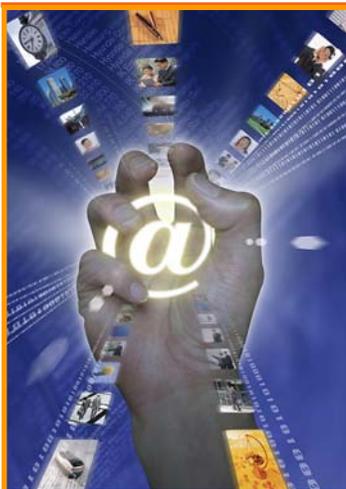
It is our pleasure to bring another edition of the Cardinal to you. Quite a bit has been happening lately. We are pleased to report that the LEHP Renewal Act has received sturdy support and awaits the Governor's signature.

We have highlights of the Central Chapter conference. We had a great time, and I am super-stoked about the involvement of the students at the conference. I look forward to their participation at the State AEC. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to the profession.

You will notice a few articles from some of our fellow organizations. Our networking with them cannot be overestimated. Perhaps the most important message is not as prominent as other themes; please volunteer to help the IEHA. We have a number of open board and committee seats. I can tell you that you will receive more than you give when you serve your professional organization.

Enjoy the summer 2018 issue.





News from the Wild

By Lenore Killam, IEHA Publications Committee Chair and Craig Loudat

A collection of news, information and products of interest to Environmental Health professionals from around the web.

A New Chemical Treatment Could Make Water Safe to Drink for Months. (Futurism) Scientists in Lithuania have developed a highly effective new method to purify water. It's capable of killing off microorganisms and preventing secondary contamination for many weeks.

<https://futurism.com/chemical-treatment-water-safe/>

Some ugly truth about bottled water. You know it is tap water in a bottle, right?

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/top-bottled-water-brands-contaminated-plastic-particles-report-013209098.html>

Why isn't learning about public health a larger part of becoming a doctor? (The Conversation US) Today's medical students are tomorrow's doctors, and they need to understand public health to better help their patients.

<https://apple.news/AYd9fr8D7Q7q5u2jellXYGg>

Study examines blood lead levels of Flint children before and after water crisis.

(Science Magazine) Flint children's blood lead levels were nearly three times higher almost a decade before the year of the Flint water crisis, new research shows. Childhood blood lead levels in the city have been on a steady decline since 2006, with the exception of two spikes — including between 2014 and 2015 when lead contaminated the city's drinking water — according to the study led by Michigan Medicine and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

<https://apple.news/Aj47TfSn8Qt2nxLbAZJGTxg>

Risk Perception is a Tricky Business.... **Synthetic marijuana linked to 6 cases of severe bleeding in Illinois.** (FOX 2 News St. Louis – KTVI) SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - The Illinois Department of Public Health is issuing a warning about synthetic cannabinoids after six people who used them suffered severe bleeding. The substance is also referred to as "fake weed," "K2," and "spice." Dr. Nirav Shah is director of public health. He says the perception is that synthetic cannabinoids are a safe and legal alternative to marijuana. But he says their potential harm is shown by six cases of bleeding among users of the substance in northeastern Illinois since March 10.

<https://apple.news/AAOZTz1qDTRWHBt49a8wcIA>

Sometimes even a Cadillac insurance plan won't save you. **Sewage leaks in operating rooms still plagued Washington's hospital for VIPs, reports show.** (USA TODAY) "Black, grainy foul-smelling substances" coated the floor of an operating room at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center when inspectors arrived.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/02/sewage-leaks-operating-rooms-washington-vip-hospital/464521002/>

And we thought we were doing a righteous thing that would be so much more sanitary than all of that paper litter:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2018/04/13/bathroom-hand-dryers-another-study-shows-how-gross-they-may-be/#e91013a6237c>

I suppose all of the water we drink is "recycled". It is that pesky risk perception thing again.

<https://timesofsandiego.com/politics/2018/04/10/recycled-drinking-water-for-san-diego-city-approves-environmental-report/>

And we fuss about the smog in Chicago and the Tri-state area....More than 95% of the world's population is breathing unhealthy air and the poorest nations are the hardest hit, a new report has found.

<https://apple.news/Aa7jXY3QAQFKTwRpZ2isXJw>

Now this is volunteerism... **The woman risking her life to save a village from lead poisoning** (CNN) Phyllis Omido has spent several years battling the Kenyan government to save a village poisoned by toxic lead emissions from a factory. It has come at a high price for her and her family.

https://apple.news/ANDhMU67hSjeCh2QsY0D_KA

Healthy and Safe Swimming Week 2018 (submitted by Craig Loudat).

<https://www.nspf.org/content/healthy-and-safe-swimming-week>



Central Chapter Report

By Lenore Killam

The University of Illinois at Springfield hosted the Illinois Environmental Health Association Central Chapter Annual Education Conference March 22 and 23. Topics included methane in wells, the radiological legacy of Ottawa, IL; emergent water-borne pathogens, insights about intergenerational management and reduction of food waste.

A highlight of the event was the reception and poster session hosted by the Public Health Student Association at UIS. The food and fellowship were fantastic and the students ROCKED it! We welcomed the participation of two ISU students in the poster session and it became a fine opportunity for students and practitioners to become better acquainted. We plan to duplicate

these efforts at the State Conference this November at Starved Rock Lodge.

Friday brought a discussion about protecting the Mahomet aquifer, and the hazardous waste challenges during Hurricane Maria recovery in Puerto Rico, and a discussion of our very own UIS state of the art kitchen facilities. As a special treat, Geoff Evans and Howard Seidel from UIS Food Services brought cookies.

Many kudos and thanks to the Public Health Student Association for their hard work in making the event a success.



Governor announces \$3 million Illinois EPA Grant to City of Quincy to build new water source

Press Release

Partnership between Illinois EPA and City of Quincy will cover cost of a Ranney collector well

QUINCY, Ill. (May 16, 2018) — The City of Quincy is building a new, alternate water source that will feed cleaner water to its residents and those who live at the Illinois Veterans' Home, Gov. Bruce Rauner announced today.

City officials will break ground on a large diameter, Ranney collector well in August. It's being partially funded through a \$3 million grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will cover half the cost of construction. The City of Quincy will cover the remaining costs and will operate the new well.

"We're committed to bringing the best quality water to the residents in Quincy and our heroes at the veteran's home," Rauner said. "Our teams have worked continuously since 2015 to reduce the threat of Legionella at the home and this well will only add to the efforts we have taken. This is another step forward as we move to build a world-class facility at the home."

"Switching to a groundwater system has been a part of Quincy's long-range plans to improve our water quality for nearly forty years," said Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore. "This investment by the State of Illinois will help reduce yearly operational costs while providing our community a source

of water with fewer bacterial and chemical variations."

Once the new system is operational, the City of Quincy will be able to free up valuable riverfront property to be incorporated into its larger riverfront development plan. This is in line with one of the key strategies laid out in the "Quincy Next" strategic plan, which was recently adopted by the City Council.

A Ranney collector well is an advanced solution for harvesting water resources from the Quincy aquifer's permeable sand and gravel deposits. The new well will reduce organic content in the water, require less chemical treatment, and offer cooler water. It will have a large diameter vertical shaft and horizontal collector pipes and screens that will transport water from the aquifer under the river to the Quincy treatment plant, where it will be treated and distributed to residents.

Michael Hoffman, a senior advisor to the governor who has been leading the Quincy remediation efforts since March, says the administration is constantly moving forward to protect the veterans and staff.

"We have consistently implemented the recommendations of the nation's experts on legionella," Hoffman said. "We also continue to go beyond those recommendations to protect the residents of this skilled nursing facility. We need to move forward

on our plans to care for our veterans today, tomorrow, and for generations to come."

Quincy's Director of Utilities & Engineering, Jeffery Conte, notes that the new well will add an additional layer of protection to the city's water.

"Switching to a groundwater supply simplifies treatment by providing a physically and chemically consistent raw water, and protects the water supply against chemical spills," Conte said.

The EPA grant funds for this project are being awarded from the Build Illinois Bond Fund. These funds were appropriated for water projects, including planning and engineering costs.

"We believe this is the best option available for the Illinois Veterans Home Quincy and the City of Quincy," said Illinois EPA Director Alec Messina. "This option is cost-effective, while providing a safe alternate source of water for the men and women living and working on the campus and improved water chemistry throughout the community."

Construction on the well is expected to take one year.



Illinois EPA Notifies Green Meadow Estates of Rockford LLC Drinking Water Supply of Right to Know Requirements

Press Release

Agency confirms trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination and requires customers to be notified

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has notified the **Green Meadow Estates of Rockford LLC Community Water Supply** that there has been a confirmed detection of groundwater contamination that poses a threat of exposure to the public above the Class I groundwater quality standards. This notification is required under Section 25d-3(a) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/25d-3(a)].

Green Meadow Estates consists of 377 direct services, supplying drinking water to an estimated 970 individuals. This community water system, formerly known as Gem Suburban Mobile Home Park, has had a long history of low-level groundwater contamination by volatile organic compounds going back to the mid-1980s. There was a well-centric Right-to-Know notification done in 2010 pursuant to 415 ILCS 55/9.1: http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/press10/3.23.10GEM_WaterWell.htm.

Trichloroethylene (TCE), a carcinogen VOC, has been confirmed at the entry point to the distribution system to Green Meadow Estates at **2.5 parts per billion (ppb)**. This level does not exceed the Class I groundwater quality standard (maximum contaminant level or MCL) for TCE of **5.0 ppb** that Federal Law allows in drinking water. However, the Right-to-Know provision of the Environmental Protection Act is more protective, requiring the public be notified if such compounds are detected in their drinking water at a concentration that equals or exceeds 50 percent of the Class I groundwater quality standard. The MCL prevention

standard, can be found under Section 17.10 of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/17.10]), also requires treatment or an alternative drinking water source be provided.

The Environmental Protection Act requires the water supply, and any secondary users, to provide notification to its customers of this contamination by mail, email, post card, text message or telephone, within five business days of official receipt of the Illinois EPA's notice. The public drinking water supply must provide the Illinois EPA with written proof of the notifications within seven calendar days after they are sent.

This press release and other appropriate notifications will be posted on the Agency website at: <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/public-water-users/notices/index>. A frequently asked questions factsheet for TCE can be found on the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) website at: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts19.pdf>. Some people who ingest water contaminated with TCE over long periods of time can experience adverse health effects

Editor's Note: TCE is a common contaminant used as a degreaser and dry cleaning agent. As it degrades, the daughter molecules (including vinyl chloride) can be toxic.



Call for Papers

I am the chair of the fall conference planning committee for the Iowa Environmental Health Association. Would you be able to send our call for abstracts out to your membership? We are looking for abstracts related to food safety, recreational water, onsite, wells, healthy homes, nuisance, vectors, tanning, tattoo, emergency response, etc.

IEHA will be able to assist with some travel related expenses. Speakers will be able to attend the conference for free on the day of their presentation.

Thank you for your assistance!

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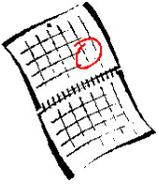


Volunteer Opportunity

By David Banaszynski

Have you been thinking about joining the IEHA Board or one of its committees? Contact Dave at davidb@hoffmanestates.org to talk about it. Would you prefer to help in a smaller role? That works also. Instead of running a conference or being the next secretary you can be part of a committee. If you know several speakers you would like to see at one of our conferences you can work with a conference planner to make it happen. This is a great resume builder and networking opportunity. By being in the loop you become much more valuable to your employer. Prefer to call? My number is 847-781-2639.





Mark Your Calendar

2018 IEHA South Chapter Annual Educational Conference

September 12 - 13, 2018 - The Pavilion, Marion, Illinois

Mark your calendar!

2018 IEHA Annual Educational Conference

November 5 - 6, 2018 - Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, Illinois

Mark your calendar!



A Message from our Friends at the Illinois Environmental Council

Dear Supporter,

Yesterday, the Illinois General Assembly adjourned after passing a budget, which is headed to the Governor's desk. [Read our budget update](#) to learn more about the benefits to environmental programs of the fiscal year 2019 budget.

The General Assembly likely will not meet again until after the election for veto session. With the conclusion of the session, we are pleased to send you an end of session summary that reviews legislation passed in 2018.

Thank you for your support and interest in the work of IEC and the environmental community this session!

Conservation and Protecting Wildlife

HB5293 - Endangered Species Protection Roll-back - IEC and our partners successfully defeated HB5293, a bill that would have weakened the Endangered Species Protection Board (ESPB). This bad proposal would have altered the composition of the ESPB and removed all state authority to oversee the conservation of federally endangered species. Fortunately, HB5293 was not called and will not move forward. This is a great victory for conservation! **Was not called for a vote.**

SB3214 - Solar Pollinator Certification (Sen. Jason Barickman/Rep. Tom Bennett) SB3214 would encourage pollinator-friendly solar fields, which will incentivize habitat conservation. **Passed both chambers.**

Clean Energy Growth

SB2773 - Renewable Financing (Rep. Lou Lang/ Sen. Pam Althoff) Enhances the pace program by allowing the Illinois finance authority to help communities access funds for clean energy and energy efficiency projects. **Passed both chambers.**

SB486 - Solar Property Tax Standardization (Sen. Don Harmon/ Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie) Provides a standardized assessment value and depreciation schedule for ground-mounted commercial solar energy systems. This legislation will help provide millions of dollars in new tax revenue to rural communities. **Passed both chambers.**

HB4236 - Clean Coal IEC and our partners successfully prevented a "clean coal" bill from passing this session. This bill would have required ratepayers statewide to subsidize an unbuilt, unnecessary coal plant near Mattoon. **Was not called for a vote.**

Local Food

SB2606 - Food Donation Policy (Sen. John Curran/ Rep. Carol Sente) This legislation would provide that state agencies have a policy in place to donate leftover food, and possible organizations and pantries where leftover food can be donated. We want to thank freshman Senator John Curran for carrying this as his first piece of legislation, and Representative Carol Sente for continuing to advocate on these issues. **Passed both chambers.**

HB3418- Urban Agricultural Areas (Rep. Sonya Harper/Sen. Mattie Hunter) Working with Representative Sonya Harper, Openlands, Advocates for Urban Agriculture, and the Chicago Food Policy Action Council, IEC passed this important legislation to break down barriers for urban growers. The bill identifies incentives that local governments may extend to farmers – such as reduced water rates, reduced utilities fees, and property tax abatements – through creation of urban agricultural areas. **Passed both chambers.**

SB2298- Industrial Hemp (Sen. Toi Hutchinson/Rep. Tim Butler) IEC and our partners at Illinois Stewardship Alliance have worked on this legislation for several years, and is an important initiative for sustainable agriculture. With bipartisan sponsorship and support from the Illinois Farm Bureau, this bill will bring new opportunities to Illinois farmers, and can help provide benefits to soil. **Passed both chambers.**

HB4234 - Socially Disadvantaged Farmers (Rep. Sonya Harper/Sen. Mattie Hunter) This measure would help socially disadvantaged farmers by having the Department of Agriculture provide information on programs and opportunities that could benefit these farmers and break down the challenges they face. **Passed both chambers.**

SB457- Cottage Food Expansion (Rep. Will Guzzardi/Sen. Dave Koehler) Our continued work on cottage food laws led to an expansion of the Food Freedom Act this year. Working with Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Senator Dave Koehler, and Representative Will Guzzardi, this bill will clarify rules around home canning of tomatoes. **Passed both chambers.**

HB4568 - Healthy Local Food Incentives (Rep. Tim Butler/Sen. Don Harmon) This bill extends the current "farmers' market SNAP match" program, which promotes and helps expand the local economy and food system but it also encourages healthier lifestyles for all.

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Water Use in the U.S. vs. Cape Town

From the George Washington University Millikin School of Public Health

March 13, 2018 by MPH@GW Staff

If you take a five-minute shower and flush your toilet once, you've already used more than the daily allotment of water for Cape Town, South Africa, residents. [As the city approaches "Day Zero," External link](#) the day that Cape Town is expected to run out of water, strict regulations have been implemented to extend the life of the available water supply. At first, residents were limited to 23 gallons per person per day, but now they are restricted to 13 gallons, pushing "Day Zero" back from June 4 to July 9.

In recent days, even though its dams are still only at 23.6 percent of capacity, the government of Cape Town claims that ["Day Zero" has been pushed back even further to 2019, External link](#) thanks to the water restrictions.

As Cape Town faces this water shortage, other cities around the globe should take note. In order to put the current crisis in perspective for Americans, we created the following graphic to compare the average amounts of household water use in the U.S. to the current daily restrictions for Capetonians.



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Waste

HB4790- Increase Compost Use (Rep. Carol Sente/Sen. Dave Koehler) This legislation increases the use of compost in transportation projects at the state, and helps create a market for the use of compost in Illinois. Thank you to our partners at the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition for working on this bill. **Passed both chambers.**

HB5198 - Plastic Burning This bill would have given a permit exemption to facilities that convert waste plastics to fuel, despite the fact that burning plastics can release dioxins and other contaminants. This bill

passed narrowly in the House, but our advocacy helped stop this bill from passing this year. **Was not called for a vote.**

Water Quality

HB5741- Emerging Chemicals of Concern (Sen. Julie Morrisson/Rep. Robyn Gabel) An initiative sponsored by Green Caucus Chairwoman Representative Robyn Gabel, this bill would assess treatment technologies for reducing and removing certain pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities. **Passed both chambers.**

SR1600- Foxconn Opposition (Senator Melinda Bush) This resolution expresses significant concerns over the environmental waivers granted by the State of Wisconsin and the U.S. EPA for the Foxconn

facility. It also states that Illinois would not waive similar protections simply to incite business. **Resolution Adopted.**

Environmental Enforcement

SB3156- Compliance Agreements (Sen. Omar Aquino/Rep. Christian Mitchell) This bill would help increase transparency around violators of environmental regulation, by requiring IEPA to publicly post Compliance Commitment Agreements. An important measure for public awareness of enforcement actions. **Passed both chambers.**



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ELECTRONIC EDITION

By Paul Chase, IEHA Office Manager

Summer will be here in less than a week and things usually slow down here at the office.

There are just a few things in the extra this time:

- The 2018 membership application (moved from page 11 for lack of space)
- A second press release about the Quincy Veterans Home
- A press release about Safe Swimming Week

Enjoy your summer!





Illinois Environmental Health Association

2018 Membership Application

Instructions: New members please complete the entire form. Renewing members, please enter your name and any other information that has changed. Members who are renewing with no changes, please enter your name only.

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