Northeast Regional Meeting

April 24, 2024, Wednesday, 10:00-11:30am

Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District Office, 4852 N 1200 W, Cromwell, IN 46732

The Northeast Region includes LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen counties but open to all drinking water and wastewater utilities and elected officials who wish to participate. The IFA has applied for Certified Operator CEU hours.

There is no cost to attend**,** but registration is appreciated. Register [here](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7712325/Northeast-Regional-Planning-Meeting).

Agenda

1. Welcome from Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District
2. Introductions and housekeeping (15 min)
   1. Sign-in sheet, CEU forms, utility contact list
   2. Name, utility, title, professional experience
   3. What projects are you doing in 2024?
3. Engaging customers on the value of water, Justin Brügger, Fort Wayne Utilities (20 min)
4. Round Table - possible discussion topics (45 min)
   1. IFA updates – water studies
   2. Lead service line inventory work – how is the work going?
   3. Water audits – due 8/1/24
   4. Other topics of interest?
5. Next meeting (10 min)
   1. When? Where? Hold in conjunction with Alliance Fall meeting in Fort Wayne?
   2. Utilities who might want to host: Angola, Ashley, **Auburn (2025)**, Butler, Fort Wayne, Steuben Lakes RWD (Angola)
   3. Suggestions for future topics of discussion?
6. Adjourn

The purpose of the meetings is to build on the benefits that come from neighboring utilities collaborating to solve similar issues. These meetings are for utility personnel, board members, and elected officials, and only these individuals can meet the attendance requirement. Consultants and contractors are welcome to attend when they attend at the invitation of a utility who is also attending. Utilities may attend a regional meeting outside of their region, but the intention is that they attend one in their region to get the benefits of interacting with their neighbors.

As a reminder, utilities are required to attend at least one regional meeting a year and attending is required for funding assistance from the IFA (IC 5-1.2-11.5-5). The IFA tracks attendance on a 12-month rolling basis. For example, if your utility attended on April 2, 2024, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2025. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website. <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-planning-meetings>