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## High Water Mark Training

Mark your calendars for May 28th and join your colleagues for a training opportunity at the Noble County Emergency Management Agency Office in Albion, Indiana.

This all day training event will provide attendees with the benefits of recording high water marks, how to set high water marks using kits provided, and

how to apply high water marks to inundation mapping.

The session is free to attend and lunch will be provided. The full agenda for the day may be found on the INAFSM website, and you may register using the link also on the INAFSM website. Space is limited to the first 60 registrants, so don't delay.

Please be sure to register prior to May 21st. There will be no registration available on the day of the event.



## New Executive Director

Recently, INAFSM held interviews for the position of Executive Director of INAFSM. We are happy to announce that Karen Avery was selected for the position.

Karen Avery has served as Director of Public Relations for the Association of Indiana Counties since 2006. Avery also worked for nine years in broadcast journalism, working in radio news markets in several Indiana communities. She worked for WIBC/Network Indiana in Indianapolis, WRZQ in Columbus, Ind., and WTTS/WGCL in Bloomington, Ind. Avery will earn her master's

degree in public relations from Indiana University this summer, and looks forward to using her public relations skills and association management experience to enhance the INAFSM member experience.

Avery resides in Brown County with her husband, Bob, and dog, Bud E. Avery also enjoys volunteer activities. She currently serves on the Brown County Community Foundation Board of Trustees and has volunteered for a variety of other Brown County

community organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters and Mother's Cupboard Community Kitchen. She also may be seen on occasion playing her djembe drum on Sunday mornings at Nashville Christian Church. She also enjoys skydiving.



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# Summer DNR Workshops



The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water has scheduled another round of training for floodplain administrators focusing on changes to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The past two years have been filled with change for the National Flood Insurance Program, particularly in the area of flood insurance rates for pre-FIRM buildings. The focus of this summer's workshops will be the Biggert Waters

Reform Act of 2012, the Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014, and the FEMA elevation certificates. Changes from recent reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program have created quite a stir. This makes it even more important to understand how flood insurance, floodplain regulations, and mapping all work together. It also makes it important to understand what mitigation options may be available.

## Time

9:30 am—3:15 pm local time

## Place

June 5th — Angola, IN  
June 17th — Noblesville, IN  
June 19th — Rensselaer, IN  
June 24th — Lawrenceburg, IN  
June 26th — Bedford, IN

## Additional Information

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Please visit the [INAFSM website](#) for the flyer.

**Deadline for  
submission of an  
abstract is  
May 30, 2014**

## 2014 Conference Update

INAFSM is now accepting abstracts for sessions at the 2014 Annual Conference to be held at Brown County State Park. The Conference Committee is looking for session ideas developed around general areas of interest regarding Stormwater and Floodplain Management. The forms for submittals and details regarding how to submit may be

found at [www.inafsm.net/conference/2014/abstracts14.html](http://www.inafsm.net/conference/2014/abstracts14.html).

The deadline to submit an abstract is May 30, 2014.

The Conference Committee is also looking for sponsors for this year's conference. Information regarding sponsorship levels and benefits may be found on the [Conference website](#).

[Conference registration](#) is now open on the INAFSM website. Make sure to book your room also as space is limited at the Abe Martin Lodge.

Make sure to also join us for the Golf Outing on September 9th at 1 pm at the Salt Creek Golf Club in Nashville, IN.

## 2014 Award Nominations

Recognize your colleagues that are doing an outstanding job in Floodplain or Stormwater Management and consider nominating them for a INAFSM Award. Nominations are due by June 20, 2014

### Award Categories

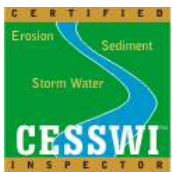
Excellence in Stormwater Management  
Outstanding Stormwater Project

Excellence in Floodplain Management  
Outstanding Floodplain Project  
Excellent Strides in Floodplain Management Program  
Chairman's Award for Outstanding Service in Support of INAFSM

Nomination forms may be found at [www.inafsm.net/conference/2014/awards14.html](http://www.inafsm.net/conference/2014/awards14.html)



# EnviroCert Exam Dates



INAFSM, with EnviroCert International, is offering one combined certification exam session on August 15, 2014 for the following: [CPESC](#), [CESSWI](#), [CMS4S](#), and [CPSWQ](#). There will not be a review course offered for these exams.

You must be pre-approved by and register with EnviroCert International to take the exam at this session. Please remember that it can take up to 45 days for application approval. EnviroCert International will send you a letter stating whether

your approval or denial. You will need to present the approval letter to the proctor for the exam.

If you have specific questions about a particular certification, please direct them to the respective certification program manager (contact info can be found using the links on the INAFSM Stormwater committee page).

Fees are provided on the Review Course/Exam [registration forms](#).

Registration cutoff is August 1, 2014.

*A complete list of all training opportunities may be found on the INAFSM Calendar of Events at INAFSM.net*

## Floodplain Training Opportunities

All training opportunities may be found on the INAFSM website along with applicable flyers and links to the organizations website. If viewing this newsletter electronically, click the event to be redirected to the page.

- May 28 — [High Water Mark Training \(Albion\)](#)
- June 5 — [Floodplain Management Workshop \(Angola\)](#)
- June 17 — DIRT Workshop for Dam Owners, Operators, and Officials (Brown County)
- June 17 — [Floodplain Management Workshop \(Noblesville\)](#)

- June 19 — [Floodplain Management Workshop \(Rensselaer\)](#)
- June 24 — [Floodplain Management Workshop \(Lawrenceburg\)](#)
- June 26 — [Floodplain Management Workshop \(Bedford\)](#)
- June 26 — [Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act: Impact and Implications \(webinar\)](#)

## Stormwater Training Opportunities

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- June 18 — [RAPPS \(E & SC\)](#) for Oil and Gas Operations (webinar)
- July 13 — [Infiltration Basins](#)-Does your design hold water? Part One (webinar)
- July 23 — [Infiltration Basins](#)-Does your design hold water? Part Two (webinar)

If there are any training opportunities that you know of and would like to share with other members, please contact the Outreach Chair at [outreach@inafsm.net](mailto:outreach@inafsm.net).





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