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The workshop will be held on March 20, 2013, at the Polk County Extension Office in Altoona. The workshop starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m.

This workshop is an introductory level, hands-on workshop that will provide the participant with software orientation. It will also introduce participants to the operating parameters, selection of input values and developing and saving management operations for RUSLE2. In addition, real field examples will be used in the workshop to determine risk calculations of the Iowa Phosphorus Index and how to incorporate these numbers into manure and nutrient management planning requirements. Also included will be parameters for RUSLE2 and P Index calculations on snow-covered or frozen ground. Soil sampling requirements, common errors and DNR’s review process will also be discussed.

The cost of the workshop is $200 if registered on or prior to March 18; the registration fee is $225 after March 18. The workshop fee includes handout materials, a CD with software, refreshments and lunch. Because software will be provided, participants are required to bring a MS Windows compatible laptop equipped with a CD-ROM drive and Microsoft Excel Software. Participants must have their administrator password to the computer they bring in order to install software. The workshop is limited to 30 participants and walk-in attendees are not allowed.

On-line registration, program information and directions to the workshop are available at http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/introrusle2/about.html.

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