



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## EPC meeting scheduled for Dec. 19 in Windsor Heights

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WINDSOR HEIGHTS--The Environmental Protection Commission will meet Dec. 19 in Windsor Heights to hear updates on the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and updates to rules.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at DNR Field Office 5, Suite 200 at 7900 Hickman Road (do not enter through the Air Quality entrance).

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Monthly Reports
- Public Participation
- Director's Remarks
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – Third Quarter Updates to FY 2018 Intended Use Plans
- Final Adoption, Chapter 64, "Wastewater Construction and Operation Permits"
- Adopted and Filed – Update to Wasteload Allocation Procedure document Chapter 61, "Water Quality Standards" and Chapter 62, "Effluent and Pretreatment Standards: Other Effluent Limitations or Prohibitions"
- Final Adoption – Chapter 64 – Renewal of Private Sewage Disposal System General Permit 4
- Notice of Intended Action: Chapters 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 81, 83
- EPC Annual Report
- Referral to Attorney General – AKD Investments

- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – Joint NRC & EPC Meeting and EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – EPC Business Meeting – Windsor Heights

The complete [agenda and item briefs](#) are available on the DNR website.

Commissioners include Chad Ingels, Randalia, chair; Ralph Lents, Menlo, vice chair; Joe Riding, Altoona, secretary; Mary Boote, Des Moines; Nancy Couser, Nevada; Howard Hill, Cambridge; Barbara Hovland, Mason City; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf; and Bob Sinclair, Sigourney. Chuck Gipp is the director of the DNR.

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## Iowans invited to help DNR in setting water quality goals for streams, rivers

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DES MOINES —The DNR wants to know Iowans' thoughts on improving the state's water quality goals as the DNR conducts its every-three-years review of water quality standards. Iowans can attend one of three meetings across the state.

The meetings, part of the triennial review process set forth in the federal Clean Water Act, allow Iowans the opportunity to provide the DNR information to help in setting the goals for streams and rivers.

The triennial review process ensures water quality standards, as listed in Chapter 61 of the Iowa Administrative Code, are up-to-date. The DNR will then prioritize issues identified in the comments and develop a proposed work plan to address those items.

The DNR has developed an initial list of standards to prioritize and address in the coming three years: aluminum, use attainability analyses (UAAs) and metals. For additional information on the state's water quality standards and the triennial review process, please visit the DNR's water quality standards webpage at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/Water-Quality-Standards>.

The public meetings are as follows:

Urbandale: Jan. 23, 4 p.m., Meeting Room B, Urbandale Public Library, 3520 86th St.

Washington: Jan. 24, 4 p.m., Nicola-Stoufer Room, Washington Public Library, 115 West Washington St.

Harlan: Jan. 25, 4 p.m., Conference Room, Harlan Public Library, 718 Court St.

The public can also submit written comments to Matthew Dvorak, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319, or by email at [matthew.dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:matthew.dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## Ongoing wastewater leak ended Wednesday in Iowa Falls

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IOWA FALLS—On Dec. 6, the city of Iowa Falls reported a newly discovered sewer line break to DNR.

The 6-inch sewer line runs under the Iowa River from Foster Boulevard to Dougans Landing and was likely discharging to the Iowa River. It's unknown how long since the pipe broke or how much discharged to the river.

The city diverted wastewater to a larger sewer line yesterday, ending the discharge.

The city will check records and report to DNR what they learn about the cause, duration and quantity of the discharge.

The DNR will review the report and assist the city in preventing future leaks.

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## 2016 greenhouse gas emissions inventory posted on DNR website

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Windsor Heights — Posted today, the DNR's legislatively mandated "2016 Iowa Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report" shows greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in Iowa decreased for the second year in a row, primarily from a decrease in power plant emissions.

Statewide emissions decreased 2 percent from 2015 levels and 9 percent from their peak in 2007. Power plant emissions decreased 14 percent in 2016 and are down 40 percent from their peak in 2010 as the amount of electricity generated in Iowa from renewable energy increased. Generation from coal has decreased from 78 percent in 2005 to 47 percent in 2016. The percentage generated from wind increased from 4 percent to 37 percent in the same period.

In 2016, 128 million metric tons of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide equivalents) were emitted. According to the EPA [equivalencies calculator](#), that is like sending 6 million tons of garbage to the landfill instead of recycling it. Another way to view it: it would take 151 million acres of forest to store that amount of carbon.

This is the 11th greenhouse gas inventory conducted for Iowa. Its purpose is to document emissions trends and develop baselines to track progress in reducing emissions. Find the complete report at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air-Quality/Greenhouse-Gas-Emissions>.

The inventory is a policy-neutral calculation of Iowa greenhouse gas emissions in 2016, which includes sectors of agriculture, fossil fuel combustion, industrial processes, natural gas transmission and distribution, transportation, and waste. It also includes carbon sinks and emissions from land use, land use changes and forestry.

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## DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at [www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/AboutDNR/EnforcementActions.aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/AboutDNR/EnforcementActions.aspx).

### **Administrative Orders**

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

#### **Howard County**

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Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2017-UT-04: Order recognizes removal of underground storage tank system. Order requires payment of outstanding tank management fees of \$2,420 and penalty payment of \$500.