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DES MOINES – Environmental laboratories play an important part in protecting our public health and the environment.

Many cities, counties and industrial facilities send samples to laboratories for pollutant testing.

“Test kits and field kits are useful, but any data used for environmental compliance purposes must be analyzed by a certified lab,” said Kathy Lee, coordinator of DNR’s lab certification program. “Certified laboratories must follow quality control procedures and use approved methods for analyzing pollutants.”

Test results help ensure:

- public drinking water is safe
- wastewater treatment protects Iowa’s lakes and streams
- environmental controls at landfills and underground storage tanks are functioning properly
- acceptable clean up occurs after a pollution spill.

Every two years, Iowa audits [certified laboratories](#) to confirm they are producing valid data. DNR currently certifies 146 Iowa labs and 37 out-of-state labs.

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/EnforcementActions

Consent Orders A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Butler County

City of Allison

Amendment to Consent Order 2017-WW-10. Amends the compliance date for completing construction of Phase 1 improvements.

Lee County

Iowa Fertilizer Company LLC

Amendment to Consent Order 2017-WW-10. Extends time frame on construction permit compliance.

Scott County

Linwood Mining and Minerals Corp.

Rescinds Administrative Order Nos 2002-AQ-10 and 2002-AQ-10-A1.