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## Water Summary Update: below normal July rainfall has part of state headed toward drought conditions

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DES MOINES — A second consecutive month of below normal precipitation has about 36 percent of the state rated as abnormally dry, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

"It seems surprising that after the wet winter and spring that we would be thinking about drought conditions, but recent dryness has pushed parts of the state in that direction," said Tim Hall, DNR's coordinator of hydrology resources. "So far, streamflow and shallow groundwater are at normal levels, but we will continue to monitor those conditions."

July averaged 3.35 inches of rainfall around the state, which is 1.15 inches less than normal. June and July together were 2.3 inches below normal for rainfall. Despite this recent dry weather, the previous 12 months were the fourth wettest on record.

Iowa temperatures averaged 75.1 degrees, or 1.5 degrees above normal, ranking this as the 51st warmest July. The month's high temperature of 99 degrees was reported on July 19 in Little Sioux in Harrison County, which was 13 degrees above average for that date. Cresco in Howard County reported the month's low temperature of 48 degrees on July 31, 11 degrees below average.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, go to [www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate](http://www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate).

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

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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/EnforcementActions](http://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.

### Dubuque County

Thomas Budde

Operate facility in compliance with regulations; remove and land apply manure within 6 months; conduct a tile line investigation; if re-populated, comply with regulations; pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000.

### Sac County

Engel Agri-Sales Company

Cease any open burning; properly dispose of all remaining solid waste at the property; and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$6,000.

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## Air Quality permits under review

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Lori Hanson, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or [Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov) for Title V permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and the air where we live. DNR's permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

### Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at [www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

### Delaware County

Alliance Pipeline L.P./Manchester 27-A Compressor Station located at 1242 220<sup>th</sup> St., Manchester.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Natural Gas Transmission facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 7.

**Hardin County**

Flint Hills Resources Iowa Falls, LLC located at 21050 140<sup>th</sup> St., Iowa Falls.  
The application was submitted to operate their existing prepared feeds manufacturing facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 7.

**Lee County**

Amsted Rail Company, Inc. located at 416 Carbide Lane, Keokuk.  
The application was submitted to operate their existing Steel Foundries, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 7.