



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# EcoNewsWire

## Environmental Services

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## A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

- [Full list of DNR's online services](#)
- [Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.

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## DNR enforcement actions

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-725-8242  
or [Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov).

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.

For copies of the orders below, contact Kelli Book at [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov). Older actions can be found 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.

### **Calhoun County**

Cole Blair

Submit a complete original MMP with filing and indemnity fees and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

### **Clay County**

Cooperative Energy Company, LLC

Pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

### **Osceola County**

Short and Tall Enterprises, Inc.

Cease illegal solid waste dumping and open burning, properly dispose of remaining solid waste on site, and pay a \$797 administrative penalty.

### **Story County**

Ronald Stratton, Dennis Stratton, & Nathan Stratton

Restore Wolf Creek's channel to its original location and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

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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 air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to [make effective comments](#). Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

### **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).

### **Floyd County**

Cambrex Charles City, Inc. – 1205 11th St., Charles City.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products facility. The public comment period ends May 16.