

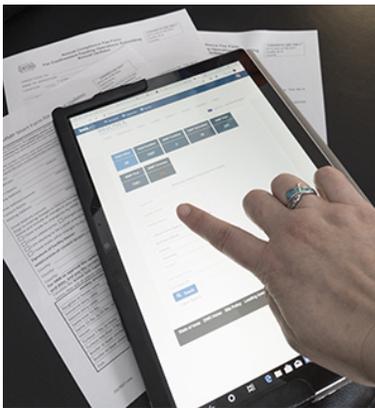


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Animal Feeding Operation Updates

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The eMMP has proved to be a popular application for submitting manure management plan annual updates online.

Try it from home, your office or the field--on your cell phone, tablet or desktop.

Online Manure Management Plans easier than ever

April marked the two-year anniversary of the eMMP, the online application producers can use to submit their annual manure management plan updates. By using eMMP, they save the drive to the courthouse, getting a signature and submitting the plan on paper.

Nearly 80 percent of MMP annual updates are submitted using the eMMP application. With the flick of the wrist and a few key strokes, the plan can be completed, submitted and fees paid—in less time than it takes to make dinner.

With limited access to many county offices, this may be the time for you to try the eMMP. Learn more about the application on the DNR's [eMMP page](#) which includes a webinar on how to use the application and a link to the [eMMP application](#). Need help? [DNR field office](#) staff are available. Please contact the office in your region for assistance.

MAC—Manure Applicator Training—available online

Although manure applicator training and testing are currently unavailable in Extension and DNR offices, new applicators can still receive online training.

“It’s a good opportunity for anyone who hasn’t been trained and who needs to be certified,” said Jeff Prier, DNR’s MAC coordinator. “Or, for someone who wants to review rule requirements and other helps for safe application.”

Find out more on DNR’s [applicator certification](#) web page. Or, log in now to the [MAC e-Learning](#) site and follow the prompts to get started.

Manure, Fertilizer applicators—Three tips to avoid spills

DES MOINES –A recent fish kill and several manure and fertilizer spills highlight the importance of slowing down as farmers finish up planting with tankers on the move.

DNR’s manure applicator coordinator, Jeff Prier, offers three tips to prevent spills as spring application winds down.

1. **Slow down.** Rollovers most often occur as a driver enters a field, taking a corner too sharply or sinking a wheel into a wet or low lying spot. Slow down and be careful when you turn into a field to prevent spills and costly equipment damage.
2. **Stay with it.** Spills at facilities often occur when the applicator leaves equipment running. A pipe clogs up, uncouples or breaks and manure takes off in a new direction. A pump fails or speeds up and causes a spill. Stay with equipment or turn it off when you run an errand.
3. **Pay attention.** The best way to prevent spills is check that valves are closed, couplers are tight, hoses and pumps are in good shape—before leaving the facility. But maintenance only goes so far. Accidents can happen, so pay attention during transportation and application. Watch for leaks, pressure drops and other signs of a spill. Be prepared to shut down pumps on drag lines or to cover a tile intake quickly.

Finally, be sure to report spills to the [DNR field office](#) during working hours or call the spill number at 515-725-8694 after hours or on weekends. DNR staff are experienced with spills and can help you respond appropriately to limit environmental damage. Find out more about your spill responsibilities in the Environmental Reporting Hotline Guide on the DNR’s [spill reporting](#) site.

New online application tool speeds floodplain declaratory orders

A new website tool speeds floodplain submittals and requests. Called the Permit and Environmental Review Management Tool application or [PERMT](#), the tool speeds the submittal process for all request types. Applicants can receive a determination if they need to submit a state floodplain permit application within minutes, instead of weeks.

PERMT allows applicants to request an Animal Feeding Operation Declaratory Order or an AFO Flood Plain Determination. It helps determine if they need to apply for a state

floodplain permit; or submit a Joint Application, Base Flood Elevation request or an Environmental Review request.

Another advantage allows applicants to check online for current project review status, submit additional information, and download official final response documents for completed requests.

Appendix A update available

Appendix A ([DNR form 542-4000a](#)) to the DNR's manure management form was updated in May. Updates to the five-year annual yield averages for corn and soybean cover years 2015 to 2019 in section 8 of the form.

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.