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Public Webinar for the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule

On June 1, 2020, the EPA finalized the “Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule” to implement the water quality certification process consistent with the text and structure of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The [final rule](#) establishes procedures that promote consistent implementation of CWA section 401 and regulatory certainty in the federal licensing and permitting process. The final rule also, for the first time, provides a holistic analysis of the statutory text, legislative history, and relevant case law informing implementation of CWA section 401.

EPA is hosting a public webinar to review the key elements of the finalized rule on June 17, 2020 from 1:00pm – 2:15pm central time. The webinar will be a presentation only and will be recorded and posted on the [CWA 401 website](#) for future viewing.

You are welcome to send questions and points to clarify before and after the presentation to cwa401@epa.gov.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

American Iron and Steel Lunch and Learn: National De Minimis Waiver

Please join EPA on June 24th at 1 PM Central time for the second 30-minute Lunch and Learn webinar covering the American Iron and Steel requirements. This Lunch and Learn Webinar will focus on the American Iron and Steel National De Minimis Waiver. During the webinar, EPA will review the De Minimis waiver including cost thresholds, incidental products, and documentation requirements. This webinar will be approximately 15 minutes followed by a 15 minute question and answer session. Please see the attached [webinar flyer](#) for more information, and register for the webinar at the [registration link](#).

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.