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DNR announces virtual public meeting for Supreme Beef, LLC nutrient management plan

MEDIA CONTACT: Kelli Book, DNR, at Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-210-3408.

CLAYTON COUNTY -- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will host a virtual public meeting on Aug. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to gather public comment on the Supreme Beef, LLC Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

The Supreme Beef, LLC facility will be located in Giard Township in Clayton County. To request an electronic copy of the NMP, contact Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov.

Per the administrative rules, comments should be limited to the following topics:

- 1) that the NMP was submitted according to procedures required by the DNR and
- 2) that the NMP complies with the provisions of 567 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 65.

To register for the virtual meeting and obtain the virtual meeting instructions, please [register online](#) at <https://forms.gle/mFaPUW2WrzBpxH2x5> or email or call Kelli Book at Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-210-3408 with your name, email, and phone number by 12 p.m. on Aug. 31.

During the virtual meeting, a moderator will provide a tutorial of how to use the virtual meeting features and the DNR will provide an introduction to the process and the facility. Supreme Beef, LLC will be given the opportunity for a brief statement at the beginning of the meeting. Depending on the size of the group, attendees may be broken into smaller groups and assigned a DNR staff member to collect public comment. Comments will be limited to three to five minutes per person.

If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting or have items to submit such as photographs or presentations, you may submit the written comments and other documents to Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov by 12 p.m. on Sept. 1.

Public hearing to collect comments on wastewater general permit renewal for pesticide discharges

MEDIA CONTACT: Melinda McCoy, DNR, at Melinda.McCoy@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-8402.

DES MOINES – The Iowa DNR will hold a public hearing on Sept. 1 to collect public comments on the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater general permit for pesticide discharges, otherwise known as General Permit No. 7 (GP7).

GP7 will expire on May 17, 2021. The Environmental Protection Commission is proposing to renew the permit for a third five-year term. Proposed changes to the permit include formatting and other minor revisions to simplify existing language and improve clarity. The permit's definition for "Waters of the United States" is also being updated to reference the June 22, 2020, federal definition.

A draft showing the proposed changes is available online at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Wastewater-Permitting/NPDES-General-Permits/GP7-Pesticides>.

A public hearing on the proposed GP7 will be held via conference call at 2 p.m. Sept. 1. Those who wish to attend the conference call should contact Melinda McCoy via email at melinda.mccoy@dnr.iowa.gov. A conference call number will be provided prior to the hearing. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the conference call public hearing must submit a request to Melinda McCoy prior to the hearing to facilitate an orderly hearing.

Written comments can be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 4. Comments should be directed to:

Melinda McCoy
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Wallace State Office Building
502 East Ninth St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Email: melinda.mccoy@dnr.iowa.gov

Public hearing to collect comments on wastewater general permit renewal for mining and processing facility discharges

MEDIA CONTACT: David Schelling, DNR, at David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-8407.

DES MOINES – The Iowa DNR will hold a public hearing on Sept. 2, to collect public comments on the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater general permit for mining and processing facilities, otherwise known as General Permit No. 5 (GP5).

GP5 will expire on July 19, 2021. The Environmental Protection Commission is proposing to renew the permit for a fourth five-year term. Proposed changes to the permit include formatting, minor revisions to simplify existing language and improve clarity, additional definitions, and the inclusion of applicable existing state rules. The permit's definition for "Waters of the United States" is also being updated to reference the June 22, 2020, federal definition.

A draft showing the proposed changes is available online at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Wastewater-Permitting/NPDES-General-Permits/GP5-Mining-Processing>.

A public hearing on the proposed GP5 will be held via conference call at 2 p.m. on Sept. 2. Those who wish to attend the conference call should contact David Schelling via email at david.schelling@dnr.iowa.gov. A conference call number will be provided prior to the hearing. People who wish to make oral comments at the conference call public hearing must submit a request to David Schelling prior to the hearing to facilitate an orderly hearing.

Written comments can be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 4. Comments should be directed to:

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Wallace State Office Building
502 East Ninth St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Email: david.schelling@dnr.iowa.gov

Upcoming meeting to focus on solutions for lower Missouri River flood risk management

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DES MOINES -- An upcoming stakeholder meeting will help identify and prioritize problem areas along the Missouri River as part of a larger multi-state effort to address flooding in the lower Missouri River basin.

The meeting, to be held both in Nebraska City and online by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, will gather stakeholder feedback. Iowans are invited to attend. The Iowa DNR held meetings virtually in late July.

The meeting will be held in Nebraska City Aug. 26 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Lied Lodge and Conference Center, 2700 Sylvan Road. The online version of the meeting will be available via a [WebEx meeting](#) or by phone at 408-418-9388. Questions regarding the Nebraska meeting should be directed to Shuhai Zheng, Nebraska DNR, at 402-471-3936 or shuhai.zheng@nebraska.gov.

This effort is in response to near-historic levels in the Missouri River in 2019. The unprecedented amount of runoff resulted in the lower Missouri River staying above flood stage at multiple locations for nearly nine months, causing billions of dollars of damage to homes, businesses, agricultural production, levees and natural resources across five states, including Iowa.

Once problem areas have been identified by state partners and stakeholders, a set of criteria will be developed to rank and prioritize them. That prioritized list, along with any other relevant background information and ideas for potential solutions, will be provided to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for further analysis.

The information gathered and analysis completed will be documented in a flood risk management plan for the entire lower Missouri River, which can be used at the state and local level to help inform flood risk management decisions moving forward.

The project is a partnership between the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Water Office, and the Kansas City and Omaha districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Air quality permits under review

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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.

Linn County

Red Star Yeast Company, LLC – 950 60th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

The renewal application was submitted to operate their existing yeast manufacturing facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 18.

Worth County

Manly Terminal LLC – 1575 380th St., Manly.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Petroleum Bulk Stations and Terminals facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 19.

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.

For copies of the orders below, contact Kelli Book at Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov. Older actions can be found 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.

Page County

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Pay a \$4,000 administrative penalty.

Lund-Ross Constructors, Inc.

Pay a \$4,000 administrative penalty.

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Hurry! This [offer](#) is only available through August 31, 2020. We hope you enjoy Iowa Outdoors!

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.