



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Air Quality News

Environmental Services

Opportunity to Provide Input on Draft Air Quality Rules

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Air Quality Bureau (Iowa DNR) invites the public to provide informal comments on a draft rulemaking proposal.

The proposed rule changes continue previous efforts to improve rules for air quality programs. Affected businesses and the public benefit from up-to-date air quality requirements and increased effectiveness.

The proposed changes to air quality rules:

- 1) Update rules to provide regulatory certainty and flexibility.
- 2) Offer uniform rules by making changes that match federal regulations.

Summary of Draft Proposal

The proposed changes adopt amendments to EPA methods for measuring air pollutant emissions (stack testing and continuous monitoring). The proposal also includes adoption of revisions to federal new source performance standards (NSPS) and air toxics standards (also known as National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants or NESHAP). Adopting EPA's amendments allows state rules to be consistent with federal regulations and provides certainty to affected businesses and other interested stakeholders.

How to Provide Input

Written comments and suggestions on the draft proposal may be provided to Christine Paulson, Iowa DNR - Air Quality Bureau, by **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**, at Christine.Paulson@dnr.iowa.gov, or by mail to: DNR Air Quality Bureau, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

The draft rulemaking materials are available on the DNR's [air quality public participation website](#) or a at www.iowadnr.gov/airpublicinput under the **Public Input** section.

Informal Public Input

This informal comment period is an opportunity for stakeholders to assist the Iowa DNR in developing the rule proposal. After considering public input, the Iowa DNR will determine whether to proceed with the rulemaking and present a proposal to the Environmental Protection Commission (Commission). The public may also provide comments on the proposal at the Commission meeting. If the Commission approves the proposal for public comment, the Notice of Intended Action will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The Notice's publication will initiate a formal public comment period of at least 30 days. The Iowa DNR will hold a public hearing during the public comment period.

For more information, please contact Christine Paulson by e-mail at Christine.Paulson@dnr.iowa.gov or by phone at 515-725-9510.

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](#)

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