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Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 or <u>Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov</u> for construction 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.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch OR through the EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal and then click the Public Notice tab.

Marion County

Pella Corporation – Pella Division – 102 Main St., Pella.

Project No. 20-326, Rescission of PSD Construction permits. The public comment period ends March 28.

DNR enforcement actions

MEDIA CONTACT: Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-725-8242 or <u>Tamara.Mcintosh@dnr.iowa.gov</u>.

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. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website

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.

Clark County

Cory Schaff and Sharane Brown

Cease improper handling and storage of appliances; cease and prevent illegal open burning; and pay a \$2,500 administrative penalty.

Hardin County

Andrew Vorwerk d/b/a Vorwerk Custom Pumping

Ensure that all employees are properly certified prior to handling, applying, or transporting manure; develop a Standard Operating Procedure for the land application of manure and submit the procedure to the Department for approval; and pay \$2,284.64 in restitution and a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The lowa 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
- <u>Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19</u>
- 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.