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Public meeting to discuss renewal of five wastewater general permits

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DES MOINES – The Iowa DNR will hold a public stakeholder meeting via Zoom to answer questions and collect public comments on a proposed rulemaking to renew five National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits.

These general permits cover certain wastewater discharges from mining and processing facilities (GP5), well construction activities (GP6), pesticide applications (GP7), hydrostatic testing, tank ballasting and water lines (GP8), and dewatering activities and household geothermal systems (GP9).

The stakeholder meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Persons who wish to attend the stakeholder meeting must [register in advance](#).

The renewal of GP8 and GP9 is proposed because these permits will expire on June 30, 2023. Proposed changes to these two general permits will clarify existing permit requirements and address needs identified during the initial permit term.

GP5, GP6 and GP7 are proposed to be renewed at the same time in order to align the effective dates for all five general permits so that future renewal rule makings for these five permits can be combined. Minimal changes are proposed for these three general permits.

A draft showing the proposed changes to each general permit is [available online](#).

Questions about the meeting or proposed rulemaking can be directed by phone or email to David Schelling at 515-217-0875 or David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov. Written comments may also be sent to this email address through Sept. 17.

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. 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.

Cerro Gordo County

Holcim (US), Inc.

Rescission of Administrative Consent Order No. 2010-AQ-52.

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.

Floyd County

MidAmerican Energy Co. – Merl Parr Combustion Turbines – 301 11th St., Charles City. The application was submitted to operate their existing Electric Services facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 25.

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.

Muscatine County

Muscatine Power and Water – 1700 Dick Drake Way, Muscatine.

Project No. 21-240. The purpose of this project is to allow the relocation of a portable diesel engine to the West Hill Pumping Station, 120 Kindler Avenue, Muscatine. The modified permit also increases the hourly PM2.5 emission limit and corrects the capacity of the engine. The public comment period ends Sept. 30.



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