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DES MOINES -- The Iowa DNR will hold an online public meeting Sept. 30 with stakeholders to discuss how waste is generated and managed in Iowa.

The meeting will be held via Zoom from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. <u>Pre-registration</u> is required. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The second of four stakeholder meetings to be held over two years, this meeting aims to help investigate and develop a transition plan toward an Sustainable Materials Management system for Iowa.

The DNR has worked with residents, businesses and institutions to craft the lowa vision for Sustainable Materials Management. These meetings will help create specific strategies through integrating technology, infrastructure, policies, funding and performance metrics.

lowa's existing solid waste management system focuses primarily on materials at the point of disposal. A Sustainable Materials Management approach includes many positive attributes, such as recycling and composting waste discards into new products. However, it does not emphasize waste prevention or environmental impacts associated with the product's lifecycle.

The Iowa Sustainable Materials Management vision promotes finding new opportunities to reduce environmental impacts, conserve resources and reduce costs associated with managing materials throughout their life cycle.

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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.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 60 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Carroll County

Chad Gehling

Submit a complete original manure management plan for approval; submit filing fee, indemnity fee, and 2020 and 2021 compliance fees; and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

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 lowans' 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 <u>make effective comments</u>. 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 <u>www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft</u>.

Hardin County

Naturally Recycled Proteins of Iowa, LLC – 33460 170th St., Steamboat Rock. The application was submitted to operate their existing dog and cat food facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 23.

Scott County

Nichols Aluminum, LLC – 2101 J.M. Morris Blvd., Davenport. The application was submitted to operate their existing aluminum sheet, plate and foil facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 23.