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DNR Air Quality to provide streamlined public notice

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DES MOINES—Starting April 18, Iowa DNR will provide online public notice of Title V Operating and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permits.

"We are interested in people's input on PSD and operating permits that are up for review," said Lori Hanson, air quality supervisor. "I'm excited about this change because I think the new system will reach more people. There are now basically four ways for people to learn about permits in their area—which will make it easier than ever to learn about opportunities to comment."

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- Check online anytime at the <u>Public Participation</u> page to see permits up for public comment.
- Check for posted public notices at local libraries. DNR will notify libraries when a public comment period, usually 30 days, is open for a nearby facility.
- Public hearings will also be posted in calendar listings on the <u>DNR</u>'s and <u>State of lowa</u>'s home pages.

While DNR has posted information about draft permits and public comment periods for close to 20 years, Iowa DNR has also provided legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation. The printed notice met U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's requirements. However, EPA recently changed its notification requirements, which DNR adopted April 18.

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