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## DNR eMMP wins national award for improving experiences with state government

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DES MOINES -- The Iowa DNR learned Wednesday that a project to allow farmers to submit manure management plans online won an award in the 2018 national Government Experience Awards.

The project was recognized in the Government-to-Business Experience category, one of six categories acknowledging how all levels of government are working to improve citizens' interactions with their government.

Historically, about 7,000 Iowa farmers had to fill out paper forms, drive miles to get them signed and leave a copy of the manure management plan at the county courthouse, and then submit the signed forms to DNR.

"Our goal was to cut the time and effort it takes for farmers to submit annual plans, while maintaining the information we need," said Bill Ehm, head of DNR's environmental division. "Now instead of days, they can use their smart phone to file the plan and pay fees online in minutes. That's a tremendous savings for all involved."

"The online process makes everyone's lives easier—the producers, and DNR and county staff," he added. "It should also be helpful for records."

The awards are presented by the Center for Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute focused on information technology policy and best practices in state and local government. California, Maryland, Texas and Utah also won in the State Government-to-Business focus area. Find overall award winners

at [www.govtech.com/cdg/digital-government-achievement/Government-Experience-Awards-2018-Winners-Announced.html](http://www.govtech.com/cdg/digital-government-achievement/Government-Experience-Awards-2018-Winners-Announced.html).

Learn more about the eMMP, including how to submit one and the stakeholders involved in the project at [www.iowadnr.gov/emmp](http://www.iowadnr.gov/emmp).

## 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 the air where we live. DNR's permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

### 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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

#### Carroll County

POET Biorefining - Coon Rapids, LLC – 1015 Grant Ave., Coon Rapids.

The significant modification application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 13.

#### Muscatine County

Monsanto Company - Muscatine located at 2500 Wiggins Road, Muscatine.

The significant modification application was submitted to operate their existing Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 13.

### Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modified sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at [www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch](http://www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch).

**Webster County**

Cargill, Inc. – 1950 Harvest Ave., Fort Dodge.

Project No. 18-345, Modification of permits to change operating conditions. The public comment period ends Oct. 13.