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Air, solid waste and water contracts on Nov. 20 EPC agenda

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DES MOINES--Contracts, including an innovative research project to visualize and work toward a sustainable Iowa, are on the Nov. 20 agenda of the Environmental Protection Commission.

Iowa's solid waste and recycling laws passed 30 years ago. Traditionally waste management looks at product disposal. Commissioners will be asked to approve a contract to establish a vision for Iowa waste management that considers environmental impacts at each stage of a product's life, and a detailed plan to engage stakeholders in developing that plan. Sustainable materials management could include evaluating water and energy use, reducing air pollution or minimizing resource depletion before items are disposed.

In other action, DNR will ask commissioners to approve two contracts to develop storm water education campaigns designed to raise awareness of how rainscaping can improve soil and water quality in the Des Moines metro area and the Coralville-North Liberty corridor.

Also up for EPC approval is a revised state implementation plan for air quality. The plan shows the DNR has the programs, rules, and statutory authority to meet requirements of the federal Clean Air Act pertaining to the 2015 federal ozone standards.

An additional rule proposal would simplify air quality emission reporting requirements and reduce DNR's costs by transitioning the largest 280 pollutant-emitting industries to more efficient electronic reporting.

The EPC will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 116 of the State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines. The meeting is open to the public.

At 10:30 a.m., commissioners are tentatively scheduled to consider referring Thomas Chris Dodge & Ronald Schintler (Tirefly) of Parnell to the Attorney General for illegal tire and solid waste storage.

Please submit and written comments to Jerah Sheets at Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-313-8909, or DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319 by noon the day before the meeting.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Monthly Reports
- Acting Director's Remarks
- Contract with Burns and McDonnell
- Contract with Polk County SWCD for The Rain Campaign: Rainscaping the Des Moines Metro
- Contract with City of Coralville for Raising the Urban Soil Health IQ in the Lower Iowa River Watershed
- State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for Ozone
- Notice of Intended Action: Air Quality Regulatory Certainty Rules Part 3 - Chapters 20, 22, 23 and 25
- Referral to the Attorney General
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
 - Nov. 18 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines
 - Dec. 23, 2019 – Joint NRC/EPC Meeting – Des Moines
 - Dec. 23, 2019 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines

The complete [agenda and item briefs](#) are available on the DNR website.

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Joe Riding, Altoona, vice chair; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf, Secretary; Mary Boote, Des Moines; Nancy Couser, Nevada; Howard Hill, Cambridge; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights; and Bob Sinclair, Sigourney. Bruce Trautman is the acting director of the DNR.

Air Quality permits under review

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9549 or Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov 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 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.

Fremont County Green Plains Shenandoah, LLC – 4124 Airport Road, Shenandoah. The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Dec. 8.

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.

Muscatine County Muscatine Power and Water – 1700 Dick Drake Way, Muscatine. Project No. 18-356, Modification of permits associated with synthetic gypsum handling and storage for changes to emission limits and operating limits. The public comment period ends Dec. 9.

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.

Plymouth County

Nor-Am Cold Storage

Cease illegal discharges to waters of the State and waters of the United States and pay an administrative penalty of \$7,000.

Winneshiek County

Darryl Humpal

Develop standard operating procedures for manure application; pay fish restitution in the amount of \$13,444.74; and pay administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000.