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Fertilizer spill near Shelby

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SHELBY – A tanker carrying liquid fertilizer overturned one mile east of the Shelby exit on Interstate 80 Wednesday afternoon, causing an unknown amount of fertilizer to leak into a tributary of Silver Creek.

DNR specialists investigated the spill of Ultramate liquid fertilizer, a humic-acid based soil conditioner. They took water samples for laboratory testing and checked for a fish kill. There was no sign of dead fish in the stream Wednesday.

DNR staff will check the stream again Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred when a Fauth Trucking Company tanker/trailer approached stopped traffic along the interstate. The tanker was carrying about 5,500 gallons of fertilizer.

The DNR will monitor cleanup activities and consider appropriate enforcement.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Lori Hanson, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov for Title V 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.

Cerro Gordo County

IPL – Lime Creek Combustion Turbines – 24510 Orchid Avenue, Mason City
The application was submitted to operate their existing Electricity Generation facility. The public comment period ends May 18.

Floyd County

CDI, LLC – Charles City – 715 E Corporate Drive, Charles City.
The application was submitted to operate their existing Top, Body and Upholstery Repair Shops and Paint Shops facility. The public comment period ends May 18.

Floyd County

Winnebago Industries, Inc. – 1100 11th St., Charles City.
The application was submitted to operate their existing Motor Home Production facility. The public comment period ends May 18.

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.

Kossuth County

North Iowa Custom Finishing, Inc.
Pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$4,500.

Washington County

Norm Bruty
Dispose of all solid waste at property, cease all improper open burning and solid waste disposal, and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500.

Woodbury County

Joe Fink dba Fink Electric, Inc.

Pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$4,725.

Worth County

Brian Ullestad

Cease all improper solid waste disposal and open burning; remove all solid waste at the property and submit disposal receipts; and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Sioux County

Clint Stencil dba Stencil Construction, Inc

Pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$6,000.