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## Environmental Services

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## Contracts and water quality presentation on EPC agenda

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Jerah Sheets at 515-313-8909 or [Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov).

DES MOINES – An overview of the State Revolving Fund will kick off the June 18 Environmental Protection Commission meeting.

The Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or SRF programs provide low interest loans to finance the design and construction of drinking water and wastewater systems. The programs are jointly administered by DNR and the Iowa Finance Authority.

Contracts dominate the remainder of the agenda after the meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Room 116 of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines. The meeting is open to the public.

Contracts to sample and analyze air and water samples, to reduce waste going to landfills, protect drinking water sources and to certify laboratories are up for commission approval.

Commissioners will also be asked to approve contracts to help restore Easter Lake, provide assistance to small businesses and to control air pollution in Linn and Polk counties.

There is no scheduled public participation. Written comments may be submitted up to one day before the meeting to Jerah Sheets at [Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov) or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes

- Monthly Reports
- Acting Director's Remarks
- State Revolving Fund Loan Program Presentation
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – Intended Use Plan update
- Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Contract Recommendations
- Solid Environmental Management Systems Grant Award Recommendation
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory for Laboratory Certification
- Contract with University of Iowa on behalf of the State Hygienic Laboratory: 2020 SHL Services in Support of the DNR Air Quality Bureau
- Contract with the University of Iowa on behalf of the State Hygienic Laboratory for Ambient Stream Biologic Monitoring Support
- Contract with the University of Iowa on behalf of the State Hygienic Laboratory for Ambient Stream Monitoring Support
- Contract with the city of Des Moines (Yeader Creek Stream Improvements – Phase Two)
- Grant Agreement Amendment # 1 the original grant agreement with Region XII Council of Governments
- Contract with the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC)
- Contract with Iowa Association of Soil Conservations District Commissioners, dba Conservation Districts of Iowa
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory for Manganese Environmental Monitoring and Laboratory Services
- 2020 Contract with Linn County Air Quality Division: Air Pollution Control in Linn County
- 2020 Contract with Polk County Air Quality Division: Air Pollution Control in Polk County
- 2020 Contract University of Northern Iowa – Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program (IAEAP): Small Business Assistance Program
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
  - July 16 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines
  - 20 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines

Find the complete agenda at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Boards-Commissions>.

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Bob Sinclair, Sigourney, Secretary; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf; Howard Hill, Cambridge; and Tim Kaldenberg, Albia. Bruce Trautman is the acting director of the DNR.

Any person attending the public meeting who has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at

515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or [Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov), and advise of specific needs.

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## Cherokee County wastewater discharge to end soon

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Tom Roos at 712-262-4177 or [Tom.Roos@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Tom.Roos@dnr.iowa.gov).

QUIMBY -- The city of Quimby contracted with a manure hauler today to transport wastewater from a pump station to the city's wastewater lagoon.

The city plans to haul wastewater until the broken sewer force main that runs under the Little Sioux River can be repaired or replaced. The city is working with an engineering firm to determine the best option.

The hauler began work Thursday afternoon, ending the ongoing flow of approximately 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of wastewater from entering the river.

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## DNR enforcement actions

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Kelli Book, DNR, at 515-725-9572 or [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov).

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](http://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.

### Clay County

Barry Anderson

Operate facility in compliance with rules and regulations; Develop and Implement Standard Operating Procedure for proper land application of manure; and Pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500.

### Madison County

Max Waldo, Inc

Operate facility in compliance with regulations; Develop and implement a standard operating procedure to ensure the plumbing systems will not fail; and Pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

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## Air Quality permits under review

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Lori Hanson, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or [Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto: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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

#### **Black Hawk County**

Cedar Falls Municipal Electric Utility - CTS – 2506 W. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Cedar Falls.  
The application was submitted to operate their existing Electric Services facility. The public comment period ends July 6.