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Floyd County fish kill investigated

CHARLES CITY—DNR specialists investigated a fish kill on a tributary of Flood Creek about four miles west of Charles City Wednesday.

On-site field tests did not show elevated ammonia levels and live fish were seen along the affected two-mile stretch of stream, indicating the pollutant had moved downstream.

“It’s really important for people to call DNR right away when they see dead fish,” said Rachel Glaza, DNR environmental specialist.

“If we get there fast we can usually determine the cause. But in this case, whatever killed the fish had come and gone by the time we got there,” she said.

Although dead fish were reported to another agency Tuesday afternoon, DNR learned about it Wednesday.

DNR staff did a fish count, collected water samples for testing and is continuing to investigate the cause.

People can report spills and fish kills to the local [DNR field office](#) or call the 515-725-8694 reporting hotline.

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.

Black Hawk County

Jon Matteson

Revoke Mr. Matteson's water treatment, drinking water distribution and wastewater treatment certifications and Mr. Matteson is not allowed to hold any DNR certifications in the future.

Clinton County

Waste Management Agriculture Services LLC

Operate in compliance with the rules and regulations; Develop and implement a Standard Operating Procedure to ensure proper land application; company on probation for 3 years; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

Lucas County

Oleg Sharpelyuk

Stop all illegal open burning, properly dispose of solid waste in the future, submit disposal receipts for remaining solid waste on the property, and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

Polk County

Airgas USA, LLC

Comply with all rules and regulations, implement a Plan of Action for tank monitoring and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

Webster County

New NGS, Inc. dba National Gypsum Company

Submit excess emissions reports, provide names of those responsible for recording excess emissions, provide training to those responsible for recording excess emissions. Develop and submit preventative maintenance plan, submit air quality construction permits, submit progress report on replacement activities, complete installation of burners by June 1, 2020. Conduct all required stack testing; If stack tests indicate emissions over the Title V limits, submit a Title V operating permit application, and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

Wright County

Daybreak Foods, Inc

Cease all illegal discharges to waters of the state, comply with permit and laws, and pay a \$7,000 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

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

Dubuque County

Massey Properties, LLC dba The Wharf

Amendment to Administrative Order 13-WS-02. Rescind the penalty assessed in the order.

Grundy County

Strickler Farms Ltd

Operate facility in compliance with rules and regulations, construct shutoff port and shutoff device, and pay a \$4,000 administrative penalty

Air Quality permits under review

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or Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov for Title V permits; or Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 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.

Scott County

Linwood Mining & Minerals Corporation – 401 E. Front St., Davenport.

The application was submitted to operate their existing processes to crush limestone and manufacture lime. The public comment period ends Aug. 31.

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

Grain Processing Corporation – 1600 Oregon St., Muscatine.

Project No. 15-391, Modification of four permits for equipment located in Dryer House 4 and Dryer House 5 due to stack testing. The public comment period ends Aug. 30.