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Water improvement contracts top the Environmental Protection Commission agenda

MEDIA CONTACT: Jerah Sheets at 515-313-8909 or Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov.

DES MOINES—Three contracts to improve water quality are up for approval at the Nov. 19 meeting of the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission.

The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in Room 116 of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Avenue in Des Moines.

Contracts include finishing a demonstration project on the State Capitol grounds designed to capture storm water runoff and reduce sidewalk maintenance.

Commissioners will be asked to approve three contracts for watershed management plans in Monroe, Wright and Johnson counties, following a competitive grant offering. Finally, a contract to support the award-winning *Water Rocks!* education program is up for approval.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve a recommendation to extend a program designed to collect and recover mercury-added switches from scrapped vehicles. Mercury-added switches are a concern because mercury is a neurotoxin and can affect kidney function.

At 11 a.m., commissioners will hear a Demand for a Hearing from Madison County on the Voss Cattle Company, LLC construction permit for a swine confinement building.

The meeting is open to the public. 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 or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes

- Monthly Reports
- Director's Remarks
- Contract Amendment # 01 to Contract Number 20ESDWQBSKONR-0002 with Department of Administrative Services
- Contracts
- 20ESDWQBSKONR-0006: South Central Iowa Cedar Creek WMA – Fiscal Agent: Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District
- 20ESDWQBKAMEN-0002: Boone River WMA – Fiscal Agent: Wright County
- 20ESDWQBMSTEV-0001: Lower Cedar River WMA – Fiscal Agent: Johnson County
- Contract with Iowa State University for Water Rocks!: Youth Water Education Campaign
- Recommendation to extend the Mercury-Added Switch Recovery from End-of-Life Vehicles Program
- DNR Field Services Bureau Overview
- Madison County Demand for Hearing
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
- 17– EPC Business Meeting – Polk County
- 22, 2020 at 10 a.m. – NRC/EPC Joint Meeting – Polk County
- 22, 2020 at 1 p.m. – EPC Business Meeting – Polk County

Find more information 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. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

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, and advise of specific needs.

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 air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to [make effective comments](#). Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

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.

Des Moines County

Big River Resources West Burlington, LLC – 15210 103rd St., West Burlington. The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Dec. 10.

Linn County

Cargill Cedar Rapids West – 1110 12th Avenue, Cedar Rapids. The renewal application was submitted to operate their existing soybean processing facility. The public comment period ends Dec. 7.

Allamakee County

Industrial Laminates/Norplex Inc. – 665 Lybrand St., Postville. The application was submitted to operate their existing laminate products manufacturing facility. The public comment period ends Dec. 7.

Jasper County

TPI Composites, Inc. / TPI Iowa II Bus Plant – 927 N 19th Aveue E., Newton. The application was submitted to operate their existing Truck and Bus Bodies facility. The public comment period ends Dec. 7.