



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# EcoNewsWire

## Environmental Services

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## DNR responds to overturned combine near Exira

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**EXIRA, Iowa** -- On Tuesday, November 26, DNR field office staff responded to a report of an overturned combine in a creek northeast of Exira.

It appears the combine released approximately 30-50 gallons of diesel fuel and an unknown amount of hydraulic fluid into an unnamed tributary, which flows northwest into David's Creek. An environmental contractor is handling clean-up efforts in the unnamed tributary and no sheen or fish kill was observed in David's Creek.

Officials believe the combine overturned sometime late Monday night. The combine is owned and was operated by Chambers Farms.

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## DNR responds to semi crash with leaking diesel fuel

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**GRUNDY COUNTY, Iowa** -- DNR environmental specialists responded to a semi tractor trailer leaking diesel fuel after a crash on November 26 in Grundy County.

It happened on Highway 20 when an east bound semi tractor trailer lost control Tuesday morning, west of Dike. The semi tractor trailer went down an embankment and across the North Fork of Black Hawk Creek. The semi tractor and the first of the two tandem trailers came to rest on the east side of the creek, with the second (rear) trailer coming to rest on the west bank of the creek. The trailers were empty but both saddle tanks were damaged and an estimated total of 100 gallons of diesel fuel was released.

A portion of the diesel fuel leaked into North Fork Black Hawk Creek, and a sheen was observed on the surface. The Dike Fire Department placed initial absorbent booms downstream of the incident and contained the fuel from moving farther downstream and an environmental contractor has since added more booms. No fish were killed from this leak. An environmental contractor is handling the clean up of the contained diesel fuel and excavation of the contaminated soil.

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## 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](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.

### **Des Moines County**

I&R Properties, Inc., Timberline Estates, Ltd., L.C. Timberline Estate Reorganization, LTD. CO., dba Echo Valley Mobile Home Park No. 2 and Timberline Estates, Inc.

Comply with NDPEs Permit, cease all illegal discharges, and pay a \$7,000 administrative penalty.

### **Linn & Johnson County**

Kendra Kisling

Revoked all of Ms. Kisling's certifications for drinking water treatment and drinking water distribution and Ms. Kisling shall be prohibited from holding any DNR certifications for drinking water treatment, drinking water distribution, and wastewater treatment in the future.