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A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

Full list of DNR's online services:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/about-dnr/about-dnr/online-services-databases>

Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Covid-19>

Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Social-Media-Press-Room/Disaster-Assistance#3057321-covid---19-outbreak>

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.

DNR enforcement actions

MEDIA CONTACT: Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-725-8242
or Tamara.McIntosh@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.

For copies of the orders below, contact Kelli Book at Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov. Older actions can be found 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.

Floyd County

Brandon Stewart

Cease illegal open burning, properly dispose of remaining solid waste on site and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

Howard County

Gary Sovereign

Comply with manure management and application laws, and pay a \$2,000 administrative penalty.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Lori Hanson, DNR, at 515-725-9525 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 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.

Floyd County

Valero Charles City Plant – 1787 Quarry Road, Charles City.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility (SIC 2869). The public comment period ends May 2.

Polk County

Quality Manufacturing Corporation – 4300 N.W. Urbandale Drive, Urbandale.

The renewal application was submitted to operate their existing Custom Steel Fabrication facility (SIC 3499). The public comment period ends May 2.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch.

Lee County

Iowa Fertilizer Company – 3550 180th St., Wever.

Project #20-027, Modify Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permits. Public comment period ends May 4.

Scott County

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

Project No. 20-038, modification of one permit. The proposed permitting action includes Project #20-038 for the modification of existing air construction permit # 17-A-488 for Loadout #6 Bins (EP CC-16) to allow addition of a conveyor segment named Transfer Belt to Long Conveyor (EU CC-19) leading to the Long Conveyor (EU CC-16). The public comment period ends May 1.