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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](#)
- [Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

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

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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.

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.

Page County

Peitzmeier Demolition and Concrete Cutting, Inc. Send an employee to an EPA-certified asbestos inspector course and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

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

Muscatine County

Vitalix, Inc. Cease illegal discharges to waters of the state, develop a plan to prevent future releases of wastewater, and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.