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MEDIA CONTACT: Jeff Berckes at 515-725-8391 or jeff.berckes@dnr.iowa.gov.

ORIENT – Iowans interested in the results of a DNR study to improve water quality in Orient Lake in Adair County can view a presentation on the Iowa DNR’s YouTube channel.

Orient Lake is on the state’s list of impaired waters for high levels of algae, turbidity, and pH. The current study, or DNR water quality improvement plan, shows how these problems are caused by too much phosphorus in the lake. The problems impact recreation on the lake and aquatic life.

The plan explores the amounts and sources of phosphorus entering the lake and offers potential solutions to reduce those levels and work toward fixing the problem. The document is designed as a guide for local resource agencies, partners, stakeholders and residents to improve the lake.

The presentation is available now at youtube.com/iowadnr through Aug. 31. The full document can be downloaded on the Iowa DNR’s website at the following: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/WaterQuality/WatershedImprovement/WatershedResearchData/WaterImprovementPlans/PublicMeetingsPlans.aspx>.

Public comments on the plan must be submitted by Aug. 31 to the following:

E-mail: jeff.berckes@dnr.iowa.gov or Mail: Jeff Berckes, care of Iowa DNR, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

After gathering Iowans’ comments, the DNR will forward the final plan, also called by its technical name of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

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.

Lyon County

Gaylon Rozeboom

Implement a plan of action to prevent unpermitted discharges from the feedlot and in the future comply with the laws and rules governing animal feeding operations and water quality; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

Story County

Doc Stop, Inc.

Respond to future UST compliance inspection deficiencies within 60 days or as otherwise agreed to; submit to DNR the emergency response/spill instruction guidance for facility operators; ensure at least one certified operator will be on-site whenever the store is operating; and pay a \$3,500 administrative penalty.

Wapello County

Johnny Mac Kempf

Cease all illegal solid waste disposal activity and all illegal opening burning; remove all remaining solid waste on-site and properly dispose of it, providing DNR with proof of such disposal; and pay stipulated penalties for noncompliance with said terms.

Administrative Orders

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

Air Quality permits under review

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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.

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.

Scott County

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

Project No. 20-169. The proposed permitting action includes Project #20-169, which is for the issuance of permit #20-A-156 for an Aggregate Processing Plant (EP Q-12). In Project #20-169, the proposed action is to permit an existing Aggregate Processing Plant that is currently covered by a Small Unit Exemption (SUE) as specified in 567 IAC 22.1(2)"w." The Aggregate Processing Plant (EP Q-12) is located in Continental Cement's quarry pit.

Public comment begins Thursday July 30 and ends Aug. 30.