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Online information available for Arrowhead Pond Water Quality Improvement Plan

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NEOLA – Iowans interested in the results of a DNR study to improve water quality in Arrowhead Pond in Pottawattamie County can view a presentation on the Iowa DNR's YouTube channel.

Arrowhead Pond is on the state's list of impaired waters for high levels of algae and turbidity. 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 Oct. 5. 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 Oct. 5 to the following:

E-mail: jeff.berckes@dnr.iowa.gov

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.

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.

Butler County

GJL Real Estate, LLC

Develop and submit to DNR a nutrient management plan (NMP); maintain the NMP and update it as needed; submit to DNR a complete copy of the updated NMP every five years; and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

Story County

Scott Peterson

Comply with a six-month suspension of Grade III certification in wastewater treatment; notify DNR prior to employment at a wastewater treatment or drinking water facility; participate in quarterly evaluations during a 12-month probation following such employment; and refrain from being the directly responsible operator in charge at any wastewater or drinking water facility for the first six months of probation period.

Worth County

New Heaven Chemicals Iowa, LLC

Pay \$17,914.25 in overdue construction permit application fees and Title V Emission Inventory fees in six monthly installments beginning in October 2020.

Rescissions

Johnson County

Global Masters Investment LLC d/b/a Johnson's Dry Cleaners
Rescission of administrative order 2018-AQ-08.

Air Quality permits under review

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.

Black Hawk County

John Deere Coating Service Center – 2320 Northeast Dr., Waterloo

The application was submitted to operate their existing Coating, Engraving, and Allied Services, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 3.

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.