



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## DNR investigates manure spill complaint in Sioux County

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ROCK VALLEY—DNR staff responded to a complaint Wednesday of manure discharging into the Rock River about five miles southwest of Rock Valley.

The investigator found manure seeping out of an underground tile line into a tributary that flows about a quarter mile before reaching the Rock River. The tile line starts at Koenen Dairy, where Gregg Koenen said he had been land applying manure through a pivot irrigation system on Sept. 26. He has plugged the tile, stopping the discharge.

The Rock River had good water flow and the DNR investigator did not observe live or dead fish in the river. He took water samples for laboratory analysis.

DNR will continue to monitor the situation and will consider appropriate enforcement action.

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## Air Quality permits under review

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-725-9525  
or [Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov) for Title V 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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

### **Humboldt County**

Precision Tank & Equipment Company – 2280 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Humboldt.

The application was submitted to operate their existing stainless steel and fiberglass manufacturing (Plastic products) facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 31.

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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.