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DES MOINES—Contracts and a rule change are up for approval at the April 20 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission.

Commissioners will meet by video conference at 9:30 a.m. To join by video, connect with <https://meet.google.com/pcd-ryjg-uoq>. To join by phone, call 240-794-2779, and enter the PIN code of 934 190 235 followed by the pound (#) sign. The meeting is open to the public. There is no scheduled public participation. Written comments may be submitted up to one day before the meeting to Jerah Sheets at Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

Contracts for beach monitoring and two watershed projects head up the agenda. Naming a new participant in the solid waste Environmental Management System program is also up for commissioners' approval. In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve a final rule change for underground storage tanks.

The complete agenda follows:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Monthly Reports

Director's Remarks

Contract with the University of Iowa – Beach Monitoring

Solid Waste Environmental Management System Program – Designation of Applicant

Contract with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) – Easter Lake Watershed Project

Contract with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) – Black Hawk Lake Watershed Project

Adopted and Filed – Chapter 134 Underground Storage Tank Licensing and Certification Programs, Chapter 135 Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks, and Chapter 136 Financial Responsibility for Underground Storage Tanks

General Discussion

- Personal Financial Disclosure
- Election of Officers May 2021

Items for Next Month's Meeting

- May 18– EPC Business Meeting
- June 15– EPC Business Meeting

Find more information at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Boards-Commissions>.

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Bob Sinclair, Sigourney, Secretary; Rebecca Dostal, Traer; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf; and Howard Hill, Cambridge. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or Marnie.Stein@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.

Allamakee County

Industrial Energy Applications, Inc. – Industrial Laminates/Norplex – 665 Lybrand St., Postville.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Electric Services facility. The public comment period ends May 15.

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 OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

Clinton County

ADM Clinton Corn Processing – 1251 Beaver Channel Parkway, Clinton.

Project No. 21-068. ADM Clinton Corn Processing operates a wet corn mill in Clinton. In project 21-068, ADM Clinton Corn Processing requested moving two emission units associated with the scrubber in permit 17-A-334-P (Wet Mill Process Units) to be associated with the scrubber in permit 17-A-333-P (Wet Mill Process Units). The public comment period ends May 14.

Lee County

Iowa Fertilizer Company – 3550 180th St., Weaver. Project No. 20-330.

Permitting the administrative building emergency generator (EP-26), which has an 11 kW (15 HP) liquid propane gas-fired engine. Public comment period ends May 16.

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. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions.

Administrative Orders

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

Benton County

Brad Zieser

Submit a complete Iowa Phosphorus Index Manure Management Plan (MMP) to the Department; pay \$144 in overdue MMP fees; and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

Cass, Hamilton, and Jasper Counties

Global Fiberglass Solutions, Inc.

Immediately cease speculative accumulation of wind turbine blades; and properly dispose of in, or remove from, the state all blades currently stockpiled.

Dubuque County

Larrell DeJong

Operate and maintain the facility and all other animal feeding operations in compliance with applicable law; develop and implement a plan of action approved by the DNR to prevent all future releases of manure; and pay a \$4,000.00 administrative penalty.

Kossuth County

North Iowa Custom Finishing

Pay the remaining \$2,250.00 penalty assessed by Administrative Consent Order 2019-AQ-10; and pay a \$4,100 administrative penalty.

Osceola County

Mel's Pit Service, LLC

Refrain from conducting business in the state of Iowa unless both the business and employees are properly certified as a commercial manure service; and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

Scott County

Thomas May and Timber Industries, LLC

Develop a plan of action to prevent future prohibited discharges to a water of the state and submit the plan to the Department for approval; submit a complete application for a stormwater discharge permit within 30 days; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

Taylor County

Jason Larabee

Apply manure in compliance with all applicable laws; develop and implement a plan of action approved by the DNR that will prevent future non-permitted discharges to a water of the state; and pay a \$7,500 administrative penalty.