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DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is launching a new “I Am a Recycler” campaign statewide, focusing on improving recycling efforts throughout Iowa.

“Iowans have been recycling for 40 years, and we capture a lot of recyclable materials each year,” said Jennifer Wright, supervisor with the DNR’s Land Quality Bureau. “But there is still more we can do. We want to help make sure Iowans know they can recycle more and make sure they are recycling right. Recycling right is critical to ensure collected materials are recycled into new products and not contaminated and landfilled.”

Through the “I Am a Recycler” campaign, the DNR wants to see how Iowans recycle and how it varies throughout the state. For some communities, curbside collection is an option. Others have collection locations throughout the town or in rural areas. Others take their materials to the closest recycling facility.

Over the next six months, the Iowa DNR will share information and resources about not only recycling more, but recycling right.

“We want to make sure Iowans know what can be recycled and what shouldn’t be recycled,” said Wright.

Iowans can join in the campaign by snapping a selfie of how they recycle at home, in the workplace or on the road. Whether it’s a recycling can in the kitchen, a bin or cart in the garage, or at a drop-off center, Iowa recyclers can post their pictures on social media and tag the @IowaDNR and use the hashtag #IAmARecycler.

For more information, visit <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling>.

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.

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

Rodney Ballhagen

Properly reuse, recycle, or dispose of solid waste and immediately cease illegal open burning of solid waste; properly dispose of all solid waste on the property, including ash from open burning, and provide disposal receipts; and pay a \$3,500 administrative penalty.

Mitchell County

Alvin and Cleon Martin

Construct and maintain a waterway at the animal feeding facility to divert process wastewater from the tile intake; and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

Woodbury County

Gelita USA, Inc.

Complete construction of Phase 1 by October 2021 in accordance with its wastewater construction permit; submit a construction permit application for all remaining upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility by May 2022; complete construction of the wastewater treatment facility by April 2024; and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.

Wright County

City of Eagle Grove

Comply with its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit; enforce its treatment agreement with local businesses; revise its treatment agreement and submit to the Department by July 1, 2021; complete the ongoing pilot study by Nov. 1, 2021 and submit resulting data by Dec. 1, 2021; submit wastewater construction permit applications necessary to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility by May 2022; complete construction of wastewater treatment facility upgrades by January 2023; and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

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

Mitchell County

Tyson Drinkall dba T&C Farms, LLC

Ensure all employees are properly certified to handle, transport, and apply manure; and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

