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## Environmental Services

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## Water and wastewater rules on Environmental Protection Commission agenda

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DES MOINES—Commissioners will be asked to approve four final rules at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission.

The business meeting starts at 10 a.m. in DNR's conference room 2N, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines. The public can also attend via video conference or by phone. To join by video, connect with <https://meet.google.com/rzo-uidn-tvg>. To join by phone, call 631-618-4607, and enter the PIN code of 484 733 354 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 Alicia Plathe at [Alicia.Plathe@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Alicia.Plathe@dnr.iowa.gov) or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

The meeting will be preceded by a 7:30 a.m. optional legislative meet and greet.

Four final rules are up for commissioner's approval, including the first three rules that clean up existing rule language:

- Bring water supply rules in alignment with a 2020 legislative action that allows public works departments to retain professional engineers; puts more emphasis on construction of water mains; and clarifies well separation distances.
- Update wastewater definitions, add references to federal rules, correct mistakes, and simplify and clarify language.
- Update sewage sludge rules to clarify definitions, bring sewage sludge rules in alignment with federal laws, correct conversion amounts and simplify language.
- Amend rules to add a new classification grade for public wastewater treatment and water supply operators; clarify definitions, specify operator requirements and remove references to an obsolete grade.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve grant funding for a Mahaska County Environmental Management System to improve a drop-off recycling area.

Two proposed rule actions are also up for commissioners to approve. If approved, DNR will go forward with proposals:

- To provide the same standards for building new and replacement bridges in a floodplain.
- To revise state rules for cathode ray tube recycling by focusing on federal requirements recyclers must follow for proper storage and tracking of CRTs.

The agenda follows:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Monthly Reports

Director's Remarks

Environmental Management System Grant Proposal—Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission

Notice of Intended Action-Chapter 72—Floodplain Rules for Replacement Bridges

Notice of Intended Action-Chapter 567 IAC122—Cathode Ray Tube Recycling

Final Rule-Chapters 9, 40, 43, and 49—Water Supply Rule Cleanup and Modification

Final Rule-Chapters 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64—Wastewater Rule Cleanup and Modification

Final Rule-Chapter 67—Sewage Sludge Rule Cleanup

Final Rule-Chapter 81—Public Wastewater Treatment and Public Water Supply Operators

General Discussion

Items for Next Month's Meeting

- Feb. 15—EPC Business Meeting
- March 15—EPC Business Meeting and State Hygienic Lab Tour

Find the complete agenda and more information under [Environmental Protection Commission](#).

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton, secretary; Brad Bleam, Rockwell City; Rebecca Dostal, Traer; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Patricia Foley, Huxley; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; and Mark Stutsman, Hills. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

Any person participating in the public meeting who has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or [Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov), and advise of specific needs.

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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; or Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 or [Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto: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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

#### Cherokee County

Little Sioux Corn Processors, LLC – 4808 F Ave., Marcus.

The application was submitted to operate their existing industrial organic chemicals facility. The public comment period ends Feb. 5.

#### Ida County

POET Arthur – Arthur, LLC – 2585 Quail Ave., Arthur.

The application was submitted to operate their existing industrial organic chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Feb. 5.

### 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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch) OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

#### Muscatine County

Grain Processing Corporation – 1600 Oregon St., Muscatine.

Project No. 19-026, modification of existing permits for north (EP200N) and south steep house (EP200S) to increase particulate emission limits, VOC emission limits and modify stack parameters based on performance test results. The public comment period ends Feb. 5.

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## 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](http://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.

### **Dubuque County**

Brad Wilson

Manure applicator and commercial manure service manager certifications are revoked for a period of two years.

### **Hamilton County**

Timothy Danielson

Serve a one year probation for all water and wastewater treatment and water distribution licenses and pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty.

### **Poweshiek County**

Leigh Armstrong

Serve a one year probation for all water and wastewater treatment and water distribution licenses and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

### **Administrative Orders**

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

### **Marshall County**

Steve Seelye

Cease all illegal solid waste disposal activity; cease all illegal open burning and pay a \$750 administrative penalty.

### **Scott County**

David Omar Mercado

Immediately cease the hauling and open dumping of waste tires; comply with applicable waste tire hauling and disposal laws; properly remove and dispose of all waste tires and provide proof of proper disposal; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

### **Scott County**

Tim Peters and TNT Disposal, LLC

Immediately cease the hauling and open dumping of waste tires; comply with applicable waste tire hauling and disposal laws; properly remove and dispose of all waste tires and provide proof of proper disposal; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.