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DNR Air Quality Bureau Retirements

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau Chief, Catharine Fitzsimmons, and ambient air monitoring program lead, Sean Fitzsimmons, are retiring after a combined 59 years of public service in air quality. Catharine will retire on March 31, and Sean will retire on April 14.



“During her time as chief, Catharine has used her passion for Iowa’s air quality as a guide in leading the Bureau,” Division Administrator Ed Tormey said. “Sean’s dedication to monitoring ambient air quality and protecting public health has been critical to the department. Both have served our state well for many years, and I know these retirements are well-deserved.”

“It’s been an absolute pleasure to serve Iowans,” Catharine and Sean said. “We’ve been blessed to work among some of the best in the state, and nothing is more gratifying than being able to make a difference in the lives of Iowans.”



A retirement reception will be held in the atrium of the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, on April 14 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The reception is open to the public. Beginning April 1, Marnie Stein will serve as acting Air Quality bureau chief until a permanent bureau chief is hired.

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