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## Environmental Services

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## Contracts, grants and rules up for EPC approval

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**DES MOINES**—Electing officers is first up for the Environmental Protection Commission's May 17 meeting, followed by grants, rules and contracts.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in DNR's second floor north conference room, 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. 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 Alicia Plathe at DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

Commissioners will be asked to approve grant recommendations for the derelict building program. The grants assist small cities to deconstruct abandoned buildings, safely disposing of asbestos, and reusing and recycling components.

Also up for approval, an amendment to extend grant funding for the Iowa Waste Exchange, which helps divert wastes from Iowa landfills.

Commissioners will be asked to approve two rule proposals, including one that reduces and simplifies Iowa's regulations on cathode ray tube recycling while increasing tracking and reporting. The second proposal will set the same standards for new and replacement bridges, to reduce requests for waivers.

Two contracts with the State Hygienic Laboratory are up for approval. One provides analytic services to DNR's field offices for routine and special lab samples following routine inspections, spills, fish kills and other emergencies. The second contract will cover analyzing drinking water samples for PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

Commissioners will be asked to approve three additional contracts:

- A three-year contract with Iowa State University to provide certification training for manure applicators.
- A contract with the University of Texas to provide access and support for E-Plan, an online system which provides information on hazardous chemicals for emergency responders.
- A three-year contract with Iowa State University to provide Geographic Information System support to DNR, such as data entry, digitizing and photo scanning.

Finally, two referrals to the state Attorney General's office are up for commissioners' approval.

- Tim Peters, former co-manager of former company, TNT Removal LLC, for violating waste tire regulations in Davenport.
- David Mercado, former co-manager of former company, TNT Removal LLC, for violating waste tire regulations in Davenport.

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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## Iowa DNR County Creek Sign Grant Program announced

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**DES MOINES**—Conservation and natural resource groups interested in building awareness of Iowa's creeks and watersheds can now apply for grants to put up signage.

The Iowa DNR's Water Quality Improvement program is now accepting applications through July 15 for its new "County Creek Sign Grant Program." The grant will provide between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per county to install creek signs and watershed signs on county roads or city streets within priority watersheds.

The general purpose of the grant is to enhance awareness of creeks and watersheds in Iowa, especially where watershed projects are underway to improve water quality.

Eligible applicants include: Iowa County Conservation Boards, Watershed Management Authorities, Resource Conservation and Development agencies, or Soil and Water Conservation Districts, or counties (including county engineering departments).

The grant will be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319 funds awarded by Iowa DNR. Application materials are available on DNR's [watershed improvement](#) webpage.

For more information, contact Steve Hopkins, Nonpoint Source Coordinator, Iowa DNR Water Quality Improvement Section, at [Stephen.hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Stephen.hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov) or at 515-505-0140. Or contact Steve Konrady, Western Iowa Basin Coordinator, Water Quality Improvement Section, at 515-204-1456 or [Steven.Konrady@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Steven.Konrady@dnr.iowa.gov).

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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.

### Clayton County

Jerry Everitt

Cease and prevent the illegal open burning of combustible material, including waste tires; comply with all applicable air quality regulations; apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; and comply with the waste tire storage limit.

### Madison County

Dan Allen

Comply with all requirements of the Iowa floodplain regulations and pay a \$5,500 administrative penalty.

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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).

#### **Linn County**

Cargill, Inc., Cedar Rapids—410 C Ave. N.E., Cedar Rapids.

The application was submitted to operate their existing soybean oil extraction facility. The public comment period ends June 10.

#### **Plymouth County**

NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P., Le Mars—33035 Highway C12, Le Mars.

The application was submitted to operate their existing refined petroleum pipelines facility. The public comment period ends June 11.