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## Online information available for Lake Anita Water Quality Improvement Plan

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ANITA – Iowans interested in the results of a DNR study to improve water quality in Lake Anita in Cass County can view a presentation on the Iowa DNR's YouTube channel.

Lake Anita is on the state's list of impaired waters for high levels of algae. The current study, or DNR water quality improvement plan, shows how these problems are caused by too much phosphorus in the lake. The problems impact recreation on the lake and aquatic life.

The plan explores the amounts and sources of phosphorus entering the lake and offers potential solutions to reduce those levels and work toward fixing the problem. The document is designed as a guide for local resource agencies, partners, stakeholders and residents to improve the lake.

The presentation is available now at [youtube.com/iowadnr](https://youtube.com/iowadnr) through June 20. The full document can be downloaded on the Iowa DNR's website at the following: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/WaterQuality/WatershedImprovement/WatershedResearchData/WaterImprovementPlans/PublicMeetingsPlans.aspx>.

Public comments on the plan must be submitted by June 20 to the following:

E-mail: [james.hallmark@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:james.hallmark@dnr.iowa.gov)

Mail: James Hallmark, care of Iowa DNR, Wallace State Office Building,  
502 E. Ninth St. Des Moines, Iowa 50319

After gathering Iowans' comments, the DNR will forward the final plan, also called by its technical name of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

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## DNR enforcement actions

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or [Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov).

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.

### **Cerro Gordo County**

David J. Muth, Sr.

Pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

### **Dubuque County**

Jason Delaney; JR Recycling, LLC

Rescind and replace 2022-SW-07 with the following: comply with Iowa laws governing tire disposal and recycling; maintain accurate disposal and recycling records; and pay a \$4,000 administrative penalty.

### **Hardin County**

RAM Nutrient Applications, LLC

Ensure that all handling, transferring, and land application of manure is done in a manner that does not result in a manure discharge to a water of the state; develop and implement a Standard Operating Procedure detailing a plan for ongoing employee training related to manure handling, transferring and land application.

### **Polk County**

William Kimberly Development Corp.

Comply with all conditions of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; and pay a \$8,000 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).

### **Emmet County**

Moveero - Armstrong—5453 6th Ave., Armstrong.

The application was submitted to operate their existing motor vehicle parts and accessories facility. The public comment period ends June 18.

### **Muscatine County**

Bayer CropScience LP—2500 Wiggins Road, Muscatine.

The application was submitted to operate their existing pesticides and agricultural chemicals facility. The public comment period ends June 18.

### **Polk County**

Principal Life Insurance Company—711 High St., Des Moines.

The application was submitted to operate their existing life insurance facility, SIC 6311, NAICS 524113. The public comment period ends June 18.