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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.

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

Mason City Community School District

Cease all illegal discharges to a water of the state; comply with all terms of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.

Washington County

David Horras

Properly dispose of solid waste remaining on site at a sanitary landfill; comply with all solid waste and open burning laws in the future; and pay a \$6,400 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

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

Muscatine County

Newt's Cafe

Submit all required monthly operation reports; maintain a nitrate level below 10 mg/L in the finished drinking water; conduct monthly nitrate and coliform bacteria testing of the

finished drinking water and submit test documentation; post a public notice of the violations detailed in this order; retain a certified drinking water operator; and pay a \$1,500 administrative penalty.

Amendments

Palo Alto County

City of Emmetsburg

Complete improvements to the water treatment facility by Dec. 21, 2026.

Air Quality permits under review

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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.

Lyon County

NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P., Rock Rapids Terminal, 3025 Highway 9 South, Rock Rapids.

The application was submitted to operate their existing refined petroleum pipelines (SIC 4613) and transportation services (SIC 4789) facility. The public comment period ends Sept. 10.

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 Sept. 10.

Polk County

Metro Methane Recovery Facility, 12161 NE 12th Ave., Mitchellville.

The Title V renewal application was submitted to operate their existing conversion of landfill gas to electric power facility, (SIC 4911) (NAICS 221119). The public comment period ends Sept. 9.

