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DES MOINES— The Environmental Protection Commission will review the DNR's Fiscal Year 2024 budget request and will be asked to approve several contracts as well as plans from the State Revolving Fund at its Sept. 20 meeting.

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 or to Alicia Plathe at DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

Commissioners will be asked to approve the DNR's Fiscal Year 2024 budget for operating appropriations before the agency's proposed budget is submitted to the Iowa Department of Management by Oct. 1.

In addition, commissioners will be asked to approve proposals for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plans for the second quarter of fiscal year 2023. The CWSRF Program finances publicly owned wastewater and sewer facilities, stormwater management projects and nonpoint source control practices for water quality. The DWSRF Program provides loans to public water supply systems for treatment, storage, distribution and transmission projects.

Commissioners will be asked to approve these contracts:

- Three-year contracts with AECOM Technical Services and Atkins North America, Inc. to provide floodplain mapping services for the development of flood risk management data, and potentially, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) in specified Iowa watersheds and counties.
- Contracts with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for program management and community engagement and risk communication floodplain mapping services for the

DNR's Floodplain Mapping Program, and to develop and deliver three specific training modules and materials aimed at local floodplain managers and officials.

- One-year contract with the United States Geological Survey to assist the DNR in collecting real-time surface water flow and water quality concentrations.
- An amendment to a contract with the University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist to establish additional funding to allow for completion of tasks outlined in the original contract without extending the time of performance previously allowed.
- Two-year contract with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to update the Stormwater Manual with additional chapters on design criteria for stormwater improvement practices.

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

Commissioners include: Harold Hommes, chair, Windsor Heights; Stephanie Dykshorn, vice chair, Ireton; Amy Echard, secretary, Farmersburg; Brad Bleam, Rockwell City; Rebecca Dostal, Traer; Patricia Foley, Huxley; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Ralph Lents, Menlo; 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, and advise of specific needs.

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.

Muscatine and Scott counties

City of Blue Grass

Complete all agreed-upon wastewater treatment facility improvements as required by its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit by December 2025 and pay a \$1,500 administrative penalty.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or 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.

Union County

WDC Acquisition LLC – 1746 Commerce Road, Creston

The application was submitted to operate their existing aluminum foundries facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 15.