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Public Hearing on Proposed Renewal of NPDES General Permits 1, 2, 3, and 4

The NPDES Section is proposing rule changes to Chapters 60 and 64 of the Iowa Administrative Code to renew four of Iowa's general permits for storm water (GPs #1, #2, and #3) and private sewage disposal systems (GP #4). The new effective dates for all four general permits will be March 1, 2023. The proposed revisions to GPs 1 through 4 and to Chapter 60 will improve the clarity and readability of the requirements, definitions, and standard conditions, and will ensure consistency with corresponding federal regulations. The proposed revisions do not affect the substance of the general permits.

The Environmental Protection Commission approved the Notice of Intended Action for the proposed rule at their meeting on August 16, 2022. The Notice was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as on September 9, 2022.

A public hearing on the proposed rule and general permit renewals will be held via Zoom on September 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

The Zoom meeting registration link is: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOmtrzwqH9N8GgCQEO1aQyhpDvZ6lbn8.

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing must submit a request to Courtney Cswercko prior to the hearing to facilitate an orderly hearing. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing will be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

To view the proposed general permits or the Notice of Intended Action, please see the [NPDES Rules](#) website.

Questions about the hearing or the proposed rulemaking can be directed to Courtney Cswercko at Courtney.Cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov.

Upcoming Wastewater Conferences

Please see the links below for more information on upcoming wastewater conferences.

- **September 29, 2022 - State Hygienic Laboratory Symposium**
 - The SHL Symposium will be at the Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines.
 - [Symposium Brochure and Registration](#)
 - **October 4 & 5, 2022 - Iowa Rural Water Fall Conference**
 - The IRWA Dubuque Fall Conference will be at the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St. in Dubuque.
 - [Conference Information](#) and [Registration](#)
 - **October 7, 2022 - Iowa Water Environment Association Region 4 Fall Meeting**
 - The IAWEA Region 4 Fall meeting will be held at the C.G. Therkildsen Activity Center in Harlan.
 - [Conference Brochure and Registration](#)
 - **October 26, 2022 - Iowa Water Environment Association Region 5 Fall Meeting**
 - The IAWEA Region IV Fall meeting will be held at the Indianola wastewater treatment facility at 10939 Grimes Street in Indianola.
 - [Conference Brochure and Registration](#)
 - **October 25-27, 2022 - Iowa American Water Works Association Annual Conference**
 - The AWWA-IA Annual Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency in Coralville.
 - [AWWA Annual Conference website](#)
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Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.