



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Wastewater News

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## Report Bypasses Using Updated 5-Day Written Report Form

Due to dry conditions, the number of wet weather bypasses has been low this year. However, mechanical failures and plugged or broken sewer lines can happen at any time.

**Operators are reminded that all wastewater bypasses must be verbally reported to your local Iowa DNR Field Office within 24 hours.** Bypasses can be reported via the Iowa DNR emergency response line at 515-725-8694 outside of normal business hours. Basement backups are also reportable unless caused by a problem with the building lateral or private sewer line.

**Following each verbally reported bypass, a written report must also be submitted within five days.** In December 2022, the DNR updated the [Bypass Written Report Form](#). The new form is available at the previous link or online on the [NPDES Operator Information](#) webpage. Operators are strongly encouraged to use the form to ensure that all the necessary information is reported to the DNR.

One key feature of the updated form is the inclusion of new fields to record the date, time, and name of the DNR staff member to whom the bypass was reported. Recording this information will demonstrate that the bypass was reported in a timely manner and will aid in internal processing by the DNR.

Please contact your [local DNR Field Office](#) with any questions on bypass reporting.

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## Engineer Vacancy in the Wastewater Engineering Section

The Iowa DNR has an exciting opportunity for a wastewater engineer who demonstrates technical skills, customer focus and a detail-oriented team player to join the Wastewater Engineering team in the role of an Environmental Engineer and help protect water quality. This vacancy is in the Wastewater Engineering Section of the Environmental Services Division's Water Quality Bureau. As a wastewater engineer, you will have the distinct opportunity to be an integral part of the engineering team that protects the environment and public health by providing engineering/technical review of construction permit applications and management of wastewater treatment and collection system infrastructure projects including approval of engineering planning reports, antidegradation alternatives analyses, plans and specifications and approve construction permits for non-funded wastewater projects and some Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) funded wastewater projects.

Please click [here](#) to view the job posting and apply for the position.

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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.