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Water Summary Update: April 2023 - Another dry month

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DES MOINES — Rainfall in April was just over two inches but 1.5 inches below normal for the month. This comes after a drier than normal March. As a result, streamflows are down across much of the state, and conditions are generally deteriorating in the eastern two-thirds of Iowa. While all of the Drought Regions of Iowa are rated as “normal, ” downward trends are shown in the state's central, northeastern, and southeastern parts. The US Drought Monitor introduced a small area of moderate drought in southeast Iowa, reflecting the drying trend in that part of the state. May should provide nearly five inches of rainfall, so conditions could improve with normal precipitation.

“It is discouraging to see below-normal rainfall as we enter the normally wet spring months. Normal rainfall in May and June will help to alleviate drought conditions in much of the state. Still, the dry April was not helpful,” said Tim Hall, Iowa Department of Natural Resources coordinator of hydrology resources. “The Iowa Drought Plan notes a downward trend in Drought Regions 2, 3, and 5, which are currently shown as ‘Normal,’ but could get worse in the months ahead if normal rainfall amounts don’t occur.”

For a thorough review of Iowa’s water resource trends, visit www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

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.

Dubuque County

Brian Schultz

Immediately surrender drinking water treatment certification and prohibited from holding any certifications for drinking water treatment, drinking water distribution, and wastewater treatment until July 2025.

Grundy County

Bryon Hook

Submit written verification for the use of the monoslope building -- if it is being used as a confinement building instead of an open feedlot then submit construction permit amendment and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

Polk County

D.R.A. Properties, L.C.

Implement and maintain adequate storm water controls at all sites until developments are complete and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.

Polk County

William Kimberley Development Corporation

Comply with all conditions of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and pay a \$9,000 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

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

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 the air where we live. DNR's permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

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 OR through the [Iowa EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click on the Public Notice tab.

Des Moines County Riley Industrial Painting located at 15310 Highway 34 West, West Burlington. The application was submitted to operate their existing Coating, Engraving, and Allied Services, NEC facility. The public comment period ends June 3.

Muscatine County

Bayer CropScience LP located at 2500 Wiggins Road, Muscatine.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing facility. The public comment period ends June 3.

Wild Child Adventures

Calling all wild children ages 0-5!
Join DNR Naturalist Anne as she explores Des Moines area parks.
Meet other families who enjoy playing in nature!

Saturdays 10 AM - Noon
\$10/child (includes a t-shirt)
No fee for the parent or guardian attending with their child.

Register Now!

- **Saturday, May 6 - Trekking Tots** at Margo Frankel Woods State Park, Des Moines - hiking tips, tricks, and treks with littles!
- **Saturday, June 3 - Camping Cubs** at Walnut Woods State Park, West Des Moines - tent camping setup and settle-in ideas!
- **Saturday, July 8 - Water Babies** at Clive Greenbelt Trail, Clive
• We'll splash and explore along a cool creek. Dress to get muddy!
- **Saturday, August 5 - Flit, Flap, Buzz** at Purple Martin Lake, West Des Moines - Chase butterflies and other critters in this pollinator habitat! Dress to get dirty!
- **Saturday, September 2 - Woodland Wildlings** at Brown's Woods, West Des Moines - Explore the woodland for tracks, clues, and stories!