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Environmental Protection Commission to meet in Emmetsburg

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DES MOINES— The Environmental Protection Commission will meet in Emmetsburg, Iowa to tour the Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Osgood Water Treatment Plant and Lost Island Lake on Monday, May 15.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at The Shores at Five Island, 14 N Lawler Street, Emmetsburg, Iowa. 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 Angie Clark at Angie.Clark@dnr.iowa.gov or to Angie Clark at DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

Commissioners will be asked to approve the grant recommendations for the Derelict Building Program, contracts with the State Hygienic Lab and University of Texas for the E-Plan System.

The agenda for the meeting:

- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory-Ambient Stream Monitoring, Collection, and Analysis
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory-Ambient Stream Biological Monitoring and Laboratory Services
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory-Laboratory Certification
- Contract with The University of Texas at Dallas- E-Plan System Access and Support
- Derelict Building Grant Program-Grant Recommendations
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory-Land Quality Regulatory Programs Support

Find the complete agenda and more information under the [Environmental Protection Commission](#) section of the DNR's website.

Commissioners include: Harold Hommes, chair, Windsor Heights; Amy Echard, secretary, Farmersburg; Brad Bleam, Rockwell City; Rebecca Dostal, Traer; Patricia Foley, Huxley; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Roger Zylstra, Lynneville; 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.

Workshop to help communities fund redevelopment of abandoned or contaminated sites

MEDIA CONTACT: Mel Pins at Mel.Pins@dnr.iowa.gov.

A free, one-day workshop designed to help local communities redevelop brownfield sites on June 6 in Cedar Rapids and June 7 in Des Moines. The type of properties for consideration are where environmental contamination or concerns about hazardous materials, such as asbestos or lead-based paint in building materials, have hindered a community's interest in acquiring and redevelopment. The workshop will introduce communities to new and expanded financial and technical resources available to help redevelop these sites.

The workshop will provide attendees with information on technical and financial assistance for environmental analysis at brownfield sites, redevelopment concept planning, environmental assessment, and cleanup assistance, building demolition, and even building remodeling assistance. Financial assistance is available from \$25,000 to \$5,000,000 for site cleanup and redevelopment, subject to site and program eligibility.

The workshop is for local government officials, key community stakeholders, economic and community development organizations, not-for-profit entities, community groups, private citizens, and others working to revitalize Iowa communities.

Presented by the Iowa DNR, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 7, and the Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program

(KSU TAB), this workshop will help attendees understand what a brownfield is and how redevelopment can kick-start community revitalization.

- Meet brownfield redevelopment partners at IDNR, U.S. EPA, and KSU TAB and hear about the free tools and resources they offer.
- Learn about state and federal grants, including new grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which significantly increases financial resources for brownfield site assessment and cleanup.
- Learn about additional technical assistance, site analysis, and planning services that can help them meet their brownfield site and community redevelopment goals, and see examples from Iowa communities that have used these resources.

The IDNR is providing two dates and location options for attendees to choose from:

- Tuesday, June 6, 9 am-4 pm in Cedar Rapids: ksutab.org/events/workshops/details?id=562
- Wednesday, June 7, 9 am-4 pm in Des Moines: ksutab.org/events/workshops/details?id=563

While the workshops are free, attendees must register first through KSU TAB. You will need to create a user profile with an email and password for registration.

For a complete listing of these and other KSU TAB resource workshops, go to: www.ksutab.org/events/workshops

For more information, contact:

Mel Pins, IDNR, mel.pins@dnr.iowa.gov, 515.729.4616 Jennifer Clancey, KSU TAB, jmclancey@ksu.edu, 319.270.3394 Sheree Walsh, KSU TAB (for registration site questions) , chsr@ksu.edu, 785.200.7005

DNR enforcement actions

MEDIA CONTACT: Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-725-8242 or Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov.

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.

Butler County

David Dohlman d/b/a Dave's Auto Repair Service

Cease illegal solid waste dumping and open burning; comply with all applicable laws in the future; properly dispose of all trade waste on site and submit disposal receipts; and pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty.

Hardin County

Allen Jaspers

Ensure that land application of manure is conducted by a certified manure applicator and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

Scott County

Quad Cities Metallurgical Laboratory, Inc.

Relinquish all lab sample analysis certifications other than for certain drinking water, wastewater, and land quality samples (total coliform, E. Coli, fluoride, nitrate, pH, and metals); take specified corrective actions to maintain these certifications; and agree to and pay for regular audits.

Tama County

Presley Bland

Cease illegal solid waste dumping and open burning; comply with all applicable laws in the future; and pay a \$2,000 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

MEDIA CONTACT: Peter Zayudis, DNR, at 515-201-4596
or Peter.Zayudis@dnr.iowa.gov for Construction permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits 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.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and click the Public Notice tab.

Scott County Continental Cement Company, LLC (CCC) – 301 E Front St., Buffalo. Project Nos. 23-095 and 23-098

CCC operates a Portland Cement Plant. Project No. 23-095 is to allow the crushing and conveying system (EU 0218-1) the use of filter cake material, and Project No. 23-098 is for the construction of a newly paved haul road (2260-1-F) to accommodate the future increase in alternate fuel usage at the facility.

The public comment period ends June 20.