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## 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](http://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.

### Hardin County

Poet Biorefining – Iowa Falls, LLC

Comply with its air quality construction permit, including all testing requirements; comply with its Title V operating permit; submit a report on the cause of excess emissions; develop and submit for approval updated operation and maintenance plans; conduct quarterly compliance stack testing for volatile organic compounds, total hazardous air pollutants, and single hazardous air pollutants; submit any air quality construction permit modifications necessary; and pay a \$10,000 administrative penalty.

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## 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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft) OR through the [Iowa EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click on the Public Notice tab.

**Black Hawk County** John Deere Waterloo Works – Drive Train Operations located at 400 Westfield Ave., Waterloo. The application was submitted to operate their existing Farm Machinery and Equipment facility.

The public comment period ends June 17.

### **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](http://www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch) OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

**Buena Vista County** Platinum Crush, LLC – 5956 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alta. Project No. 23-038. Platinum Crush, LLC is in the process of constructing a soybean crush plant. This project is to modify the stack characteristics for stacks associated with the Meal Flat and Overhead Storage emission units and the Natural Gas-Fired Emergency Generator Engine 3 based on updates to the design of the facility during construction.

The public comment period ends June 17.

**Monroe County** Cargill, Inc. - Eddyville – 17540 Monroe-Wapello Road, Eddyville. Project No. 22-434, Modification of existing PSD permits by replacing cooker and

flaker units at the germ house.

The public comment period ends June 19.

Cargill, Inc. - Eddyville – 17540 Monroe-Wapello Road, Eddyville. Project No. 23-061, Modification of existing PSD permits by replacing the east dump corn elevator at the grain receiving pit.

The public comment period ends June 19.

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## **DNR seeks comment on proposed Administrative Code revisions**

Pursuant to Executive Order 10, DNR has reviewed the following rule chapters: 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapter 3 (adopted by reference from 561 IAC chapter 3), 567 IAC chapter 10, 567 IAC chapter 12, and 567 IAC chapter 17. Following the review of the rule chapters, the DNR has combined and revised the chapters to remove redundancies and create efficiencies. DNR seeks informal comment on the proposed rules. DNR will accept written comments until June 23, 2023. Written comments or questions regarding the proposed rules should be submitted to [kelli.book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:kelli.book@dnr.iowa.gov). Comments should be made to specific portions of the rules.

Following this informal comment period, DNR will review all comments and prepare a draft Regulatory Analysis and draft Notice of Intended Action. A public comment period for the draft Regulatory Analysis and draft Notice of Intended Action will take place in September 2023, with a public hearing at the end of September 2023.

A copy of the rules showing the strikethrough provisions and new underlined provisions along with a clean copy of the rules are in the attached documents.