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## New electronic fee payment option for Wastewater Construction permit applications and NPDES permits

The Wastewater Engineering and NPDES Sections now accept electronic payments for Wastewater Construction Permit applications and NPDES permit fees on the [Iowa DNR Payment System](#).

### Payment Information for Wastewater Construction and NPDES Fees:

- Permittees and applicants can use the updated Iowa DNR Payment System effective **July 1, 2023**.
- No separate invoice form will be needed for the electronic payments as the information will be entered online.
- Payments can be made with a credit card or electronic check.
- All payments will include a \$1.50 processing fee.
- Credit card payments will include an additional 2.5% processing fee.
- The Payment System accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.
- Existing paper fee invoices do not need to be mailed separately when an electronic payment is made.

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### Wastewater Engineering Construction Permit Application Fees - Additional Information:

To pay a construction permit application fee, proceed to the [Iowa DNR Payment System](#) and choose “Pay Wastewater Construction Permit Fee” or use the direct link to the [Wastewater Construction Fee Form](#) webpage.

For more information or questions on construction permit application fees, please contact Rose Sanchez at (515) 725-8430 or [Rose.Sanchez@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Rose.Sanchez@dnr.iowa.gov), or Donna Gomm at (515) 725-8427 or [Donna.Gomm@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Donna.Gomm@dnr.iowa.gov).

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### NPDES and Operation Permit Fees - Additional Information:

To pay an NPDES fee electronically (application, annual, or amendment), proceed to the [Iowa DNR Payment System](#) and choose “Pay Individual NPDES and Operation Wastewater Permit Fees,” or use the direct link to the [Individual NPDES and Operation Wastewater Permit Fees webpage](#). Search for your fee using the permit number or facility name and follow the instructions on-screen.

The NPDES Section encourages using the Iowa DNR Payment System, but payments may continue to be mailed along with the NPDES fee invoice form or paid over the phone using a credit card.

**Application Fees** - The NPDES and Operation Permit application fee of \$85 can now be paid using the Iowa DNR Payment System. Application fees are due when a permit application is submitted, usually once every five years.

**Annual Fees** - The state fiscal year (FY) 2024 annual fees will be available in the Iowa DNR Payment System in mid-July. FY2024 payment notices and paper invoices will be mailed to each facility in July. Annual fee payments are due August 30 of each year and are not connected to permit renewals or the \$85 application fee.

**Amendment Fees** - Until August 2024, do not pay amendment fees using the Iowa DNR Payment System. Due to a database error, the amendment fees in the Payment System are not all accurate at this time. The erroneous amendment fees will be removed in July. If you wish to pay an amendment fee using the Payment Portal before August 2024, contact the permit writer drafting the amendment before making a payment.

For more information or questions on the NPDES fees, please visit the [NPDES Permit Fees](#) webpage.

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## Air Quality permits under review

**MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-238-1887 or [Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov) for Title V permits.**

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 public 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 [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

### **Webster County**

Linde Inc. - Fort Dodge, IA Carbon Dioxide Plant located at 3160 200th Street, Duncombe.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Gases facility. The public comment period ends 07/29/23.

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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.

### **Davis County**

Cap-Nip Ridge Manure Application, Inc.

Ensure that all handling, transferring, and land application of manure is done in a manner to avoid a discharge to a water of the state; and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty, consisting of a \$2,000 penalty and a \$6,000 supplemental environmental project with Davis County Conservation Board.

### **Webster County**

New Cooperative, Inc.

Conduct compliance demonstration stack testing for opacity; submit test notification, protocol, and complete stack test report regardless of test results; submit for approval an operation and maintenance plan for the grain receiving system that will prevent future violations of the 5% opacity standard; and pay a \$6,000 administrative penalty.

### **Administrative Orders**

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