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DNR offers public comment period on Chariton River Water Quality Improvement Plan

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CENTERVILLE – Iowans interested in the results of a DNR study to improve water quality in the Chariton River can view a [presentation](#) on the Iowa DNR’s YouTube channel.

Chariton River is on the state’s list of impaired waters for high levels of bacteria in 16 stream segments of the river. The current study, or DNR water quality improvement plan, shows how these problems are caused by a wide variety of sources in the watershed. The problems impact recreation on the streams and river.

The plan explores the amounts and sources of bacteria entering the river system and offers potential solutions to reduce those levels and work toward fixing the problem. The document is designed as a guide for local resource agencies, partners, stakeholders and residents to improve the river system.

Links to the video presentation, along with supporting documents, can be found through August 21, 2023 at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/Watershed-Improvement/Water-Improvement-Plans>

Public comments on the plan must be submitted by August 21, 2023 to the following:

E-mail: james.hallmark@dnr.iowa.gov or tmdlcomment@dnr.iowa.gov.

Mail: James Hallmark, care of Iowa DNR, Wallace State Office Building,
502 E. Ninth St. Des Moines, Iowa 50319

After gathering Iowans' comments, the DNR will forward the final plan, also called by its technical name of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

DNR requests public comment on statewide lake bacteria water quality improvement plan

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Multiple lakes throughout the state are on the state's list of impaired waters for high levels of indicator bacteria. The current study, or DNR water quality improvement plan, builds on a 2020 plan that showed where the bacteria comes from and how these problems can be addressed in three initial study areas. This third phase of the document focuses on Prairie Rose Lake, Lake Keomah and North Twin Lake. More lakes will be added to the document as additional information is collected and analyzed.

The plan explores the amounts and contributing source areas of bacteria entering the lake systems and offers potential solutions to reduce those levels and work toward fixing the problem. The document functions as a guide for local resource agencies, partners, stakeholders and residents to improve the lakes and specifically the beach and swimming area.

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DNR Virtual Public Meeting for Supreme Beef, LLC Nutrient Management Plan

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:00 am to gather public comment on the Supreme Beef, LLC Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). The facility is located at 15869 Glider Road; Monona, Iowa in Giard Township in Clayton County. To request an electronic copy of the NMP, contact Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov.

Per the administrative rules, comments should be limited to the following topics: 1) that the NMP was submitted according to procedures required by the DNR and 2) that the NMP complies with the provisions of 567 Iowa Administrative Code 65.

To register for the virtual meeting and obtain the virtual meeting instructions, please email or call Kelli Book at Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov or (515) 210-3408 with your name and email address by 4:30 pm on Monday, August 7, 2023. Please also state if you will be making a comment during the meeting.

In addition to the public meeting, you may submit written comments to Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 11, 2023.

DNR Enforcement Actions

MEDIA CONTACT: Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-901-3294 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.

Administrative Orders

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

Fremont County

Kunkel Enterprises, LLC and Mike Kunkel

Ensure all applicators are properly certified to handle, transport, and apply manure; ensure that all manure handling vehicles have proper identification; report any future manure spills within the required reporting timeframe; and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-238-1887
or 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 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.

Montgomery County Fres-co System USA, Inc. located at 2026 Fernwood Ave, Red Oak. The application was submitted to operate their existing Commercial Printing, Gravure facility. The public comment period ends Aug 19.

Woodbury County

MidAmerican Energy Co. – George Neal North located at 1151 260th St., Sergeant Bluff.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Electric Services facility. The public comment period ends Aug 19.