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Environmental Protection Commission meeting agenda

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DES MOINES -- The Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will have their monthly business meeting April 16. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. at the Iowa Economic Authority Building, Helmick Boardroom, 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines.

The public can also attend via video conference or by phone.

To join by video, connect with <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82106917263>. To join by phone, call 312-626-6799, and enter meeting ID 821 0691 7263, followed by the pound (#) sign. When prompted, enter passcode EPC*0416.

Written comments may be submitted up to 24 hours before the meeting to Alicia Plathe at Alicia.Plathe@dnr.iowa.gov or to [502 East 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50319](#).

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission regarding an item on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so during the meeting. Each person will be allotted a maximum of three minutes to provide their comments to the Commission. The public comment period for the meeting will end after each member of the public has had their opportunity to provide their comments, or after two hours, whichever comes first.

The agenda for the meeting:

- Monthly Reports
- Directors Remarks
- Contract Decisions:
 - The University of Iowa - Shallow Lakes and Beach Monitoring Programs, Laboratory Analysis Assistance

- Houston Engineering Inc. - FEMA National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant - High Hazards Dams Risk Review
- Proposed Rule Decisions:
 - Chapter 1: "Operation for Environmental Protection Commission"
 - Chapter 65: "Animal Feeding Operations"

Proposed Consent Agenda Items:

- Chapter 3: "Submission of Information and Compliance-Investigations"
- Chapter 12: "Environmental Self-Audits"
- Chapter 17: "Compliance and Enforcement"
- Chapter 10: "Complaints, Audits, Enforcement Options and Administrative Penalties"
- Chapter 9: "Delegation of Construction Permitting Authority"
- Chapter 11: "Tax Certification of Pollution Control or Recycling Property"
- Chapter 14: "Environmental Covenants"
- Chapter 15: "Cross-Media Electronic Reporting"
- Chapter 16: "Revocation, Suspension, and Nonrenewal of License for Failure to Pay State Liabilities"
- Chapter 20: "Scope of Title—Definitions"
- Chapter 25: "Measurement of Emissions"
- Chapter 26: "Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes"
- Chapter 28: "Ambient Air Quality Standards"
- Chapter 29: "Qualification in Visual Determination of the Opacity of Emissions"
- Chapter 32: "Animal Feeding Operations Field Study"
- Chapter 34: "Provisions for Air Quality Emissions Trading Programs"
- Chapter 35: "Air Emissions Assistance Program"
- Chapter 21: "Compliance, Excess Emissions, and Measurement of Emissions"
- Chapter 22: "Controlling Air Pollution"
- Chapter 23: "Air Emission Standards"
- Chapter 24: "Operating Permits"
- Chapter 27: "Certificate of Acceptance"
- Chapter 30: "Fees"
- Chapter 31: "Non-attainment New Source Review"
- Chapter 33: "Construction Permit Requirements for Major Stationary Source — Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (PSD)

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, vice chair, Farmersburg; Mark Stutsman, secretary, Hills; Rebecca Dostal, Traer;

Patricia Foley, Huxley; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Kyle Tobiason, Center Junction, and Roger Zylstra, Lynnville. 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.

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.

Cerro Gordo County

IPL - Lime Creek Combustion Turbines Station located at [24510 Orchid Avenue, Mason City](#)

The application was submitted to operate their existing Electric Services facility. The public comment period ends May 11.