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Big Hollow Lake Recreation Area in Des Moines County. Photo courtesy: Des Moines County Conservation

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MEDIAPOLIS – Iowans interested in the results of a DNR study to improve water quality in Big Hollow Lake in Des Moines County can view a presentation on the [Iowa DNR's YouTube channel](#).

Big Hollow Lake is on the state's list of impaired waters for high levels of algae, pH, and turbidity. The current study, or DNR water quality improvement plan, shows how these problems are caused by too much phosphorus in the lake. The problems impact recreation on the lake and aquatic life.

The plan explores the amounts and sources of phosphorus entering the lake 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 lake.

The presentation is available now at [youtube.com/iowadnr](https://www.iowadnr.gov/wq-improvement-plans) through June 2. The full document can be downloaded on the Iowa DNR's website at the following:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/wq-improvement-plans>

Public comments on the plan must be submitted by June 2 to the following:

E-mail: James.Hallmark@dnr.iowa.gov or tmdlcomments@dnr.iowa.gov

Mail: James Hallmark, care of Iowa DNR, 6200 Park Ave, Suite 200,
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

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.

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Air quality permits for review

MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-238-1887
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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 or through the [Iowa EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click on the Public Notice tab.

Marion County

South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency (SCISWA) located at 1736 Hwy T17, Tracy

The application was submitted to operate their existing Refuse Systems facility. The public comment period ends May 31.

Wright County

Central Iowa Renewable Energy (CORN) LP located at 1303 Highway 3 East, Goldfield

The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends May 31.



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