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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) proposes to issue Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Rock Island District Corps of Engineer's Regional Permits 27 & 34. Section 401 Water Quality Certification is the statement that a project will not cause a violation of Iowa's Water Quality Standards.

The Rock Island District Corps of Engineers issued Regional Permit 27 (RP 27). This permit will authorize the placement of fill material into Waters of the United States for the purposes of Emergency Reconstruction and Repair Activities for Flood Damaged Areas. RP 27 will expedite the processing of permit applications when an emergency has been declared. Work is limited to that necessary to restore damaged areas to pre-flood conditions.

The Rock Island District Corps of Engineers issued Regional Permit 34 (RP 34). This permit will authorize the placement of fill material into Waters of the United States for the purposes of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Structures, Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) Structures and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Structures. These structures are designed to create wetlands and ponded water through the construction of earthen embankments and/or dams. The purpose of these projects is to improve water quality by limiting the amount of agricultural pollutants (mainly nitrates) entering the nation's rivers and ultimately, the Gulf of Mexico. The Farm Service Agency is the lead Federal Agency for these projects.

The Section 401 Water Quality Certifications for Regional Permits 27 and 34 are available for review at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryWater/WetlandsPermitting.aspx> or copies of this information may be requested by calling Chris Schwake at (515) 725-8399.

Anyone wishing to comment on the intent to proceed with issuance of the Section 401 Certification must do so in writing by COB on July 11, 2016. All relevant comments will be considered. Written comments should be submitted to IDNR, Chris Schwake, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034 or electronically at [Christine.schwake@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Christine.schwake@dnr.iowa.gov).