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## **RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN NATURAL RESOURCES**

DES MOINES — Iowa businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to apply for the 2004 Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards. This premier environmental awards program, sponsored by Governor Vilsack and the State of Iowa, recognizes leadership and innovation in the protection of Iowa's water, land and air.

"Our natural resources are one of our state's greatest treasures," said Jeff Vonk, director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "We are honored to recognize those Iowans who work to protect and enhance the environment."

Awards will be given for overall environmental excellence and special recognition in water quality, waste management, energy efficiency/renewable energy, air quality and habitat restoration/development.

Categories for the awards include:

- Agriculture (operation, farm or other ag-related business or organization)
- Community/Local Government
- Small Business or Industry (up to 200 employees)
- Large Business or Industry (more than 200 employees)
- Institution/Public Sector Facility (hospital, college, school, etc.)
- Service/Civic/Nonprofit Organization (Kiwanis, Lions Club, Pheasants Forever, etc.)

The awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

**The application deadline is November 5, 2004. To obtain an application, go to the DNR's Web site at [www.iowadnr.com/other/ee/index.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/other/ee/index.html), or contact: Jill Cornell, Department of Natural Resources (515) 281-0879; e-mail: [Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us).**

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## **DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- Iowa State University Heating Plant, of Ames, was ordered to comply with wastewater monitoring and reporting requirements and discharge limitations, and to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to monitor its wastewater facility, failure to submit required reports and exceeding permit discharge limitations.
- Tschiggfrie Excavating Co., of Dubuque, was ordered to obtain all required storm water discharge permits, to develop a pollution prevention plan and comply with it, to prevent sediment runoff, to maintain all required records and to pay a \$8,000 penalty.
- The City of Mount Auburn was ordered to properly operate and maintain its wastewater collection and treatment facilities, and to comply with a schedule for wastewater facility improvements.
- T & T Corner Bar, of McIntire, was ordered to properly close its facility or obtain an operation permit, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to operating a public water supply without a permit.
- Rock n Row Adventures, of Eldora, was ordered to properly close and cease operation of its facility or to obtain a water supply operation permit, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to operating a public water supply without a permit.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, of Homestead, was ordered to pay an annual water supply operation fee of \$25, a late fee of \$100 and a \$500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to pay the annual operation fee for fiscal year 2004.
- Hickory Hills Second Annex, of Bettendorf, was ordered to pay an annual water supply operation fee of \$25, a late fee of \$100 and a \$500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to pay the annual operation fee for fiscal year 2004.
- Buffalo Creek Country Club, of Winthrop, was ordered to immediately cease providing water to the public until its water supply is in compliance with applicable bacteria standards, and to implement public notification, including a notice to use bottled water, until the water supply is in compliance with bacteria standards. Buffalo

Creek Country Club was also ordered to install an approved continuous chlorination system, to obtain a construction permit for the system and to monitor disinfection residuals daily after the installation of the system. Buffalo Creek was also ordered to cooperate with the DNR in identifying and eliminating the cause of the current bacterial contamination and to continue to sample its drinking water according to requirements.

- Richard Beelner, of Remsen, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit an MMP.

In a separate administrative order, Beelner was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit an MMP at another site.

- JK Farms, Inc., of Plymouth County, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit an MMP.
- Sebergan Pigs, Inc., of Salem, was ordered to maintain at least two feet of freeboard in its unformed manure storage structure at all times, to remove trees and weeds and to maintain grass on the structure berms, to submit a manure management plan (MMP) and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order is in regards to violations of freeboard requirements at its sow confinement feeding operation.

### **Consent Orders**

A consent order is issued in settlement of an administrative order or 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.

- Environ. Egg Production, L.L.C. and Iowa Ag Excavating Co., of Galt, agreed to a consent order regarding the construction of an egg laying operation in Wright County. Environ. Egg Production and Iowa Ag Excavating agreed to comply with all storm water permit requirements and to pay \$5,000 to the Wright County Conservation Board in lieu of a penalty.
- Country Fresh Eggs, L.L.C., of Coulter, and Iowa Ag Excavating Co., of Clarion, agreed to a consent order regarding the construction of a three-building pullet raising operation in Wright County. Country Fresh Eggs and Iowa Ag Excavating agreed to comply with all storm water permit requirements and to pay \$1,500 to the Wright County Conservation Board in lieu of a penalty.
- Owasa Tap, of Iowa Falls, agreed to a consent amendment regarding its public water supply. Owasa Tap agreed to pay a \$500 penalty. All other aspects of the original administrative order remain in effect.

- Galen Haack, of Hospers, agreed to a consent amendment regarding open burning of tires. Haack agreed to pay a \$750 penalty. All other aspects of the original administrative order remain in effect.
- Joe Wenger, d.b.a. Wenger Construction, of Washington, agreed to a consent amendment regarding open burning of shingles and other solid waste. Wenger agreed to pay \$500 in a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to the Washington County Conservation Board. All other aspects of the original administrative order remain in effect.
- Holly A. Brown Construction Company, of Anthon, agreed to a consent amendment regarding open burning, improper disposal of solid waste and asbestos requirements. The company agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,700. All other aspects of the original administrative order remain in effect.

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