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DNR TO ANSWER PHOSPHORUS, NUTRIENT QUESTIONS AT PORK CONGRESS

DES MOINES – The DNR will have nutrient, environmental and engineering specialists at the Pork Congress, Jan. 26 and 27, to help producers answer their questions about state requirements for pork producers.

“Sometimes just having a DNR specialist to talk to can help producers sort out the new requirements for using the phosphorus index in manure management plans or what’s required if they plan to expand their operation,” said Wayne Farrand, supervisor of the DNR’s wastewater construction permits section.

He added that each site is unique because the size and type of operation, the type of manure storage, and the construction or expansion dates determine many requirements for new construction.

The DNR’s booth is number 1234, located at the north end of the Iowa Events Center in the new Hy-Vee Hall show floor, Des Moines. Trade show hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 26 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 27.

For more information, contact Karen Grimes at (515) 281-5135.

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MASTER MATRIX FOR LOCATION OF ANIMAL CONFINEMENTS ADOPTED BY 59 COUNTIES

DES MOINES – Nearly two-thirds of Iowa counties have formally adopted a resolution to use the master matrix in evaluating the proposed locations of animal confinements.

Counties have until Jan. 31 to adopt the resolutions and submit them to the DNR for use during 2005 and January of 2006.

A total of 59 counties had filed the resolution with the DNR by Jan. 20, 2005, including:

Adair, Adams, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cedar, Clarke, Clay, Clinton, Dallas, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jefferson, Jones, Kossuth, Madison, Marion, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Sioux, Story, Tama, Union, Van Buren, Wayne, Webster, Worth and Wright.

Counties can use the master matrix to evaluate the potential environmental and social impacts of confinement operations that need a construction permit. Producers in participating counties must meet more stringent requirements than state law normally requires of the confinement feeding operations that need a construction permit.

A map of the participating counties and more information can be found on the DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/matrix.html>.

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DNR ISSUES CORRECTION

CEDAR RAPIDS — A DNR news release from Dec. 7, 2004 reported that the Archer Daniels Midland corn processing plant in Cedar Rapids would be issued a notice of violation for not timely reporting an industrial wastewater discharge at its facility.

After receiving further information regarding the Dec. 6 discharge, the DNR has determined that a violation of reporting requirements did not occur. A notice of violation will not be issued. The DNR regrets the error.

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