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1. Water quality issues on EPC agenda for May

WATER QUALITY ISSUES ON EPC AGENDA FOR MAY

DES MOINES – The DNR will present the final 2004 list of impaired waters and an update on water quality standards to the Environmental Protection Commission at their May 16 meeting.

The final list of impaired waters has 211 waterbodies and includes three additions -- Lake Cornelia, Lake Darling and Five Island Lake -- since the draft list was presented in February. The primary impairments identified were for aquatic life. After presentation to the commissioners, the list will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The DNR will also give commissioners a progress report on the timelines for revising the state's water quality standards, including the stream classification system, to make Iowa standards consistent with the federal Clean Water Act.

Commissioners will elect officers and four new commissioners will begin service. They are Mary Gail Scott of Cedar Rapids, David Petty of Eldora, Suzanne Morrow from Storm Lake and Henry Marquard of Muscatine.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve contracts for improving environmental compliance in the food processing industry, three new regional collection centers for hazardous waste management, and research leading to the design of highly energy efficient homes at an affordable cost.

The EPC will meet on Monday, at 10 a.m., at the DNR office, 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The complete agenda is as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Election of Officers
- Director's Remarks
- Contract - Pure Strategies, Inc. - Food Processing Project Phase II
- Regional Collection Center Establishment Grants – Contract Recommendations

- Contract – RDG Planning & Design — Research and Design of Affordable Highly Energy Efficient Homes
- Contract – Des Moines Area Community College – Initiate and Operate an Onsite Wastewater Training Center
- Final Rule - Amend Iowa Administrative Code 567 – Chapter 101; “Solid Waste Comprehensive Planning Requirements”
- Amendments to Chapter 53 Protected Water Source: Termination of Regular Rulemaking Proceedings
- Amendments to Chapters 60, 63, 64 and 65 – CAFO Regulations: Termination of regular rule making proceedings
- Air Quality - Title V Fee SFY 2006 Budget
- Final Rule: Air Quality Program Rules Chapters 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25, Updates, Revisions, and Additions
- Iowa’s Final 2004 Impaired Waters List for Submittal to EPA
- Progress Report for Modifications to Chapter 61, Water Quality Standards
- Proposed Contested Case Decision - Clifton Clark
- Referrals to the Attorney General
 - a) Robert L. Nelson (Orient) - UST
 - b) Pat Kelly, dba Kelly Construction (Dennison) - UST
 - c) Roger Ginger (Everly) – UST
 - d) Jerry Roney (Huxley) - UST
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
 - a) Robertson Family Farms
 - b) Heaberlin Farm
 - c) Legislative Update – Septic Tanks, UECA, Funding
 - d) Pollution Prevention Interns and Companies
 - e) Commissioner appointment for the Mississippi River Parkway
- Items for next month's meeting
- Upcoming Meetings

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at www.iowadnr.com.

The members of the commission are Darrell Hanson, chair, Manchester; Lisa Davis-Cook, West Des Moines; Jerry Peckum, Jefferson; Francis Thicke, Fairfield; Donna Buell, Spirit Lake; Mary Gail Scott, Cedar Rapids; David Petty, Eldora; Suzanne Morrow, Storm Lake; and Henry Marquard, Muscatine. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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