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**DNR TO AWARD UP TO \$200,000 IN NEW GRANT PROGRAM TO HELP IOWANS IMPROVE WATER QUALITY LOCALLY**

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DES MOINES — A new grant program announced today by the DNR offers Iowa groups up to \$50,000 to develop plans to improve their local rivers, lakes and streams.

The Watershed Planning Grants, offered by the DNR's Watershed Improvement Program, will help local groups passionate about improving water quality get started. Grant funds go towards developing a Watershed Management Plan, which identifies problems in the watershed and proposes solutions for better water quality. Making changes in the watershed, which is the land that drains to a lake, river or stream, can reduce pollution reaching our waters.

“Thorough, locally-led Watershed Management Plans are consistently the major reason a watershed project is successful,” said DNR Director Richard Leopold. “This new grant focuses on helping local groups of Iowans concerned about lakes and streams in their

communities. We're excited to give Iowans the resources they need to create sound plans for improving water quality."

Groups can request between \$10,000 and \$50,000 in a DNR Watershed Planning Grant. The grants will require a 50 percent local match, of which at least 20 percent must be in hard dollars (not in-kind contributions). For example, a group requesting \$50,000 must provide a \$25,000 local match, with at least \$5,000 of the match in hard dollars. Groups must use grant funds to address problems in a lake, stream or river on Iowa's impaired waters list.

The DNR will award up to \$200,000 in grant funds this year, according to Steve Hopkins, who coordinates DNR Watershed Improvement grants.

"Our new Watershed Planning Grants provide significantly more money than has ever been available before for watershed improvement planning in Iowa," said Hopkins. "This is a big step forward in making changes in our state's water quality. It will help target resources where they'll have the largest effect."

With a completed Watershed Management Plan, a local group can then apply for additional funds to put the plan in practice.

Applications for Watershed Planning Grants are due Sept. 1, 2009 by 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time. The DNR will notify successful applicants by Nov. 15.

"We strongly encourage anyone considering applying for a planning grant to take advantage of assistance from our staff," said Hopkins. "We can answer your application questions and review project concepts over phone and e-mail, or we'd be happy to set up an in-person meeting with you."

For application forms, contact information and additional details, visit the DNR's Watershed Improvement Program Web page at [www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/planning.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/planning.html) or contact Hopkins at (515) 281-6402 or [Stephen.Hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Stephen.Hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov).

The Section 319 program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides DNR funding for nonpoint pollution programs, including Watershed Planning Grants.

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## **DNR ENCOURAGES RECYCLING OF UNWANTED TELEVISIONS**

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DES MOINES — After the digital television transition on June 12, Iowans may wonder what to do with their unwanted analog televisions.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Iowans to recycle televisions at one of the more than 100 locations statewide.

“Many consumers will decide to upgrade their TVs and get rid of their old sets,” said Susan Johnson, environmental specialist with the DNR. “By choosing to recycle their TV instead of putting it on the curb where it will end up in a landfill, Iowans can be proactive in keeping hazardous materials out of the environment.”

Televisions contain toxic heavy metals, including up to 10 pounds of lead each. If disposed of improperly, these materials can contaminate land and water resources, posing a potential threat to human health and the environment.

Many of the materials used in manufacturing televisions are valuable and by recycling unwanted sets, natural resources are conserved.

To locate a nearby facility that accepts televisions for recycling, go to [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) and click on the green “TV Recycling” button.

Recycling fees, if any, vary by facility; call ahead for hours and cost information.

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## **TWO ITEMS ADDED TO EPC JUNE AGENDA**

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DES MOINES – The state Environmental Protection Commission will be asked to approve contracts and several water quality improvements at its June 16 meeting.

Two items have been added to the agenda:

- A contract with the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory to provide services for the DNR’s contaminated sites program, and
- A notice of intended action on Chapter 65 rules for confinement feeding operations’ applications for construction permits that would change demand for hearing procedures.

Commissioners will also be asked to approve a plan for low interest loans to improve water quality and an update to Iowa’s water quality standards.

The EPC meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the DNR Air Quality Building at 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. The meeting is open to the public and public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. A presentation by Donna Wong-Gibbons on coal ash is scheduled for 1 p.m. Discussion on the underground storage tank licensing and certification program is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The complete agenda, including briefs on each agenda item can be found on the DNR Web site under “Commissions and Boards” at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov).

The members of the commission are Charlotte Hubbell, chair, Des Moines; David Petty, Eldora; Susan Heathcote, Des Moines; Paul Johnson, Decorah, Marty Stimson, Cedar Rapids; Eugene Ver Steeg, Inwood; Dale Cochran, Urbandale and Carrie La Seur, Mount Vernon. The director of the DNR is Richard Leopold.

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## **DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

**MEDIA CONTACT: Full original orders and additional contacts online at [www.iowadnr.gov/legal/eactions.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/legal/eactions.html) or by contacting Jessie Brown at (515) 281-5131 or [Jessie.Brown@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jessie.Brown@dnr.iowa.gov).**

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. The following are only briefs; copies of enforcement actions, including the full, original orders and contact information, are available on the DNR’s Web site at [www.iowadnr.gov/legal/eactions.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/legal/eactions.html).

The Web listing offers orders first taken in 2007 or later (original orders and amendments to orders issued prior to 2007 are not listed).

### **Consent Orders**

A consent order is issued 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.

### **Boone County**

The City of Boone agreed in a consent order to complete construction on sanitary sewer improvements to eliminate wastewater bypasses and sewage backups into basements. The city agreed to pay stipulated penalties if it does not meet construction deadlines. The consent order is in regard to wastewater violations.

### **Carroll County**

E&F Custom Pumping, Inc., of Templeton, agreed in a consent order to comply with all separation distance requirements when land-applying manure and to pay a \$4,000 penalty. The consent order is in regard to applying manure too close to a well, waterway and residence in Carroll County. The penalty has been paid.

### **Carroll, Marion counties**

Pella Corp., of Pella, agreed in a consent order to install monitoring equipment to ensure compliance with its construction permit, and to pay a \$4,500 penalty. The consent order is in regard to air quality violations at Pella Corp.’s Carroll plant. The penalty has been paid.

**Chickasaw County**

Dale Reicks, dba Reicks View Farms, of Lawler, agreed in a consent order to pay a \$3,500 penalty. Reicks also agreed to make improvements to a tank designed to hold wastewater from two livestock truck washing facilities. The consent order is in regard to wastewater violations at the holding tank site, located east of Jerico.

**Dubuque County**

Robert Fangmann, of Dyersville, agreed in a consent order to submit a long-term plan to prevent manure releases, and to pay a \$5,000 penalty and \$4,803.96 in fish restitution. The consent order is in regard to a manure release that led to a fish kill in the North Fork Maquoketa River.

**Franklin County**

Gale Rehm, of Alden, agreed in a consent order to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The consent order is in regard to failure to submit a manure management plan and fee for a site in Franklin County.

**Fremont County**

Gregory Feedlots, Inc., of Tabor, agreed in a consent order to comply with its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, including reporting and monitoring requirements, and to pay stipulated penalties if it does not comply with its permit. The consent order is in regard to alternative technology manure control systems at a cattle open feedlot in Fremont County.

**Hamilton County**

World Wide Pig, LLC, of Florida, agreed in a consent order to monitor manure levels in its storage pits, notify the DNR if levels in storage tanks are high, obtain construction permits prior to any future changes or installation of additional manure storage, submit a manure management plan, and pay a \$7,000 penalty. The consent order is in regard to manure discharges from the Breezy Point #1 and #2 hog confinements in Hamilton County.

**Johnson County**

Regency of Iowa, of Iowa City, agreed in a consent order to comply with its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, including reporting and monitoring requirements, and to pay a \$4,000 penalty. The consent order is in regard to violations at the wastewater treatment facility at Regency Mobile Home Park in Iowa City.

**Marion County**

Pella Corp., of Pella, agreed in a consent order to install monitoring equipment to ensure compliance with its construction permit, and to pay a \$4,500 penalty. The consent order is in regard to air quality violations at its plant in Pella. The penalty has been paid.

**Plymouth County**

Rick Renken, of Le Mars, agreed in a consent order to submit an updated manure management plan and fees, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The consent order is in regard to failure to timely submit a manure management plan and fees for a hog confinement site in Plymouth County.

**Polk County**

JM Development, LLC, of Clive, agreed in a consent order to pay a \$1,150 penalty. The consent order is in regard to storm water violations at a construction site in Ankeny.

**Wright County**

The City of Dows agreed in a consent order to comply with its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and pay a \$2,500 penalty. The consent order is in regard to wastewater violations.