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NEW SRF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES WORKSHOPS

You are invited to learn about new State Revolving Fund Environmental Review services, designed to facilitate the SRF loan application process for applicants.

Starting in November, a new DNR staff member will work with State Revolving Fund applicants to complete required environmental and historical reviews. Jean Krewson, SRF Environmental Review Services Coordinator, will present the new process at a series of afternoon workshops held around the state. Staff from water and wastewater construction permitting and representatives of the Iowa Finance Authority will also be on hand to answer your other questions about the SRF programs. See the attached Registration Form for more information about the workshops, including locations and dates.

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DNR PLANS TO UPDATE NPDES RULES

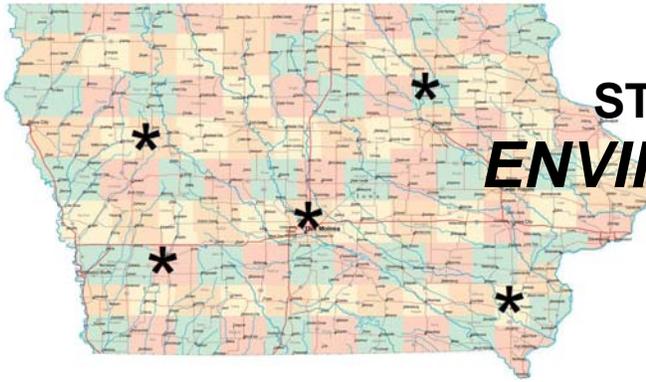
The Department is planning to initiate the process to update and revise rules 567.63 and 64 as well as related definitions in chapter 60. The reason for this rule making is to ensure that Iowa's rules related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits are consistent with federal and state regulations, provide sufficient protection to Iowa's waters without producing an undue burden on wastewater facilities. Chapter 63 specifies the monitoring and reporting requirements while Chapter 64 contains the detailed rules on wastewater operation permits. The rules revision will start with internal staff reviewing and comparing state and federal regulations and seeking inputs from permit writers and field inspectors on what changes are needed. Then the department will discuss the rules with an advisory committee made up of wastewater professionals and permit holders before formal rule making process starts. If you are interested in serving as an advisory committee member, please let Courtney Cswercko know. The department anticipates this rule making process will take up to a year to complete. Contact: Courtney Cswercko -- phone number (515) 281-7206 and email address Courtney.Cswercko@dnr.state.ia.us.

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NEW MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME LAGOONS

During the permit renewal process, the department sometimes gets effluent data from controlled discharge lagoon showing high ammonia (greater than 3 mg/l) and/or bacteria (fecal coliform: greater than 200 org/ 100ml). Because of the concern that discharges with high ammonia and/or bacteria might negatively impact water quality in the receiving stream, additional monitoring may be required in the renewed permit for controlled discharge lagoons under these circumstances. The department already has the option of requiring additional monitoring as stated in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 63.3(1): "Additional monitoring may be specified in the operation permit based on a case-by-case evaluation of the impact of the discharge on the receiving stream..."

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STATE REVOLVING FUND **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WORKSHOPS**

FALL 2006

- What:** A series of workshops around Iowa to showcase new environmental review services offered by the Department of Natural Resources for SRF projects. Staff from water and wastewater construction permitting and representatives of the Iowa Finance Authority will also be on hand to answer your other questions about the SRF programs.
- Who:** Consulting Engineers; Grant Administrators; Representatives of Water and Wastewater Systems.
- Where:** Waverly, Odebolt, Des Moines, Lewis, and Mt. Pleasant.
- When:** 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at each location, see dates below.
- How Much:** Registration is free!

AGENDA

- 12:45 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 1:10 p.m. New Environmental Review Services
Jean Krewson is DNR's new Environmental Review Services Coordinator. She will outline how DNR will assist SRF applicants with environmental and historical clearances, and discuss coordination with other consultants and grant administrators.
- 2:15 p.m. Clean Water SRF Update
Gabe Lee, DNR Wastewater Construction Section, will provide updates and answer questions about construction permits, water quality standards, and other areas of interest.
- 2:40 p.m. Drinking Water SRF Overview
Jennifer Bunton, DNR Water Supply Engineering Section, will provide updates and answer questions about construction permits, SRF deadlines, and other areas of interest.
- 2:55 p.m. SRF Loan Processes
Lori Beary and Tracy Scebold, Iowa Finance Authority, will provide an overview of planning and design loans, how to apply for construction financing, and the loan disbursement process.
- 3:20 p.m. Workshop Wrap-up

For more information, contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, SRF Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, at 515-725-0498 or patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.state.ia.us

STATE REVOLVING FUND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee, but please indicate which session you will attend for planning purposes. Thank you!

Tuesday, October 24
Waverly Public Library
1500 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA 50677

Wednesday, October 25
Odebolt Community Center
116 East 2nd Street
Odebolt, IA 51458

Tuesday, October 31
Wallace Building Auditorium
502 E. 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

Thursday, November 2
Wallace Foundation Center
53020 Hitchcock Avenue
Lewis, IA 51544

Wednesday, November 8
Mt. Pleasant Community Center
309 E. Monroe
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

I can't attend a workshop but I would like copies of SRF materials.

NAME _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

**FAX OR E-MAIL registration by October 16 to Patti Cale-Finnegan
FAX 515-725-0348; E-mail patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.state.ia.us**

A map and/or driving directions to your site will be e-mailed or faxed to you before the workshop.

THANK YOU!