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1. DNR Seeks Public Comment on Antidegradation Policy and Implementation Rule

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The DNR is seeking public comments on the proposed rules to implement the antidegradation policy in Iowa. The DNR has added a hearing in the Iowa Great Lakes area on January 8, 2008.

People can comment orally or in writing on the proposed rules at eight public meetings:

- 1:00 p.m. on Dec. 12 in the fifth floor conference rooms of the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, IA,
- 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 15 in the Washington Public Library at 120 E. Main Street, Washington, IA,
- 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 17 in the Storm Lake Public Library at 609 Cayuga Street, Storm Lake, IA,
- 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the Atlantic Municipal Utilities Conference Room at 15 W. Third Street, Atlantic, IA,
- 1:00 p.m. on Dec. 18 in the Clear Lake Community Meeting Room at 15 N. Sixth Street, Clear Lake, IA,
- 7:00p.m. on Jan. 8 in the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Waitt Building at 1838 Highway 86, Milford, IA,
- 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 14 in the Manchester Public Library at 304 Franklin Street, Manchester, IA,
- 6:00 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the Northeast Iowa Community College - Waukon, Room 115 at 1220 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Waukon, IA, or
- 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the Davenport Public Library, Film Room at 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA.

The changes being proposed will propose the following:

- Incorporate by reference the document entitled "Iowa Antidegradation Implementation Procedure," which proposes an approach to be followed in assessing and minimizing degradation of Iowa's surface waters,
- Update antidegradation policy language with four tier approach,
- Remove High Quality (Class HQ) and High Quality Resource (Class HQR) designated uses and add several waters to the newly proposed Outstanding Iowa Water (OIW) category.

Antidegradation policy is one of the three components of water quality standards (i.e. designated uses, water quality criteria to protect those uses, and antidegradation policy). The purpose of the antidegradation policy is to set minimum requirements for the state to follow in order to conserve, maintain, and protect existing uses and water quality. The department is required by 40 CFR 131.12(a) to develop and adopt a statewide antidegradation policy and to identify procedures for implementing the policy. The department is proposing a four-tiered approach and guidance document establishing procedures for implementing the antidegradation policy.

People can submit written comments by sending them to Adam Schnieders at the Iowa DNR, 502 East 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50319, or by email to adam.schnieders@dnr.iowa.gov. The DNR will accept comments until January 29, 2009.

For more information, view the complete rule proposal at <http://www.iowadnr.com/water/standards/antidegradation.html> or, contact Adam by email or at (515) 281-7409.

2. DNR Seeks Input on the Stream and Watershed Integrated Management Workshop.

As a natural resources professional or someone who works closely with the outdoors or education, the DNR would like your input – and the input of others in your organization – on our Stream and Watershed Integrated Management (SWIM) workshop. We would like to know what you expect and value in workshops like SWIM so that we can cover the topics you're interested in and at a location and time convenient to you.

Please take 5 to 10 minutes to complete a survey through Survey Monkey at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JmokfJk83iA5HwMTJlg1uQ_3d_3d

If you've received this message in error and have attended SWIM in the past, please consider taking our survey for former participants at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wLLS4ajASt6hALxVmWAG1w_3d_3d

Please forward this message on to others in your organization. We would appreciate your response by Dec. 19.