



Strategic Goals Program Webinar

EPA & DNR Priorities & *PFAS*



June 11, 2020
10:00 – 12:00



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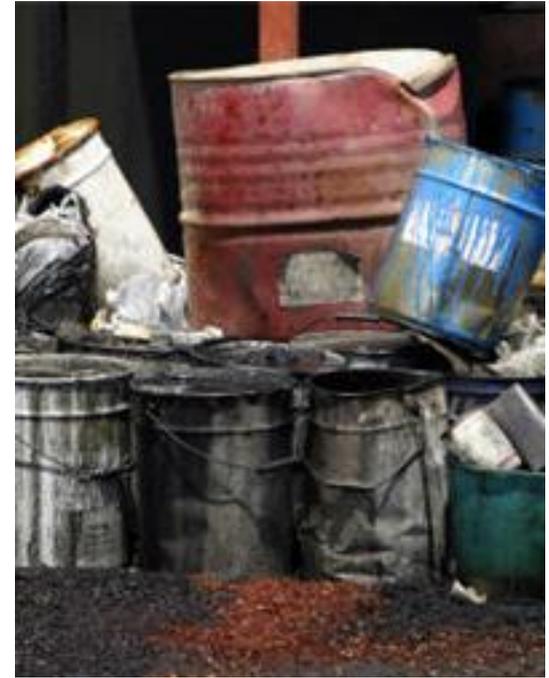
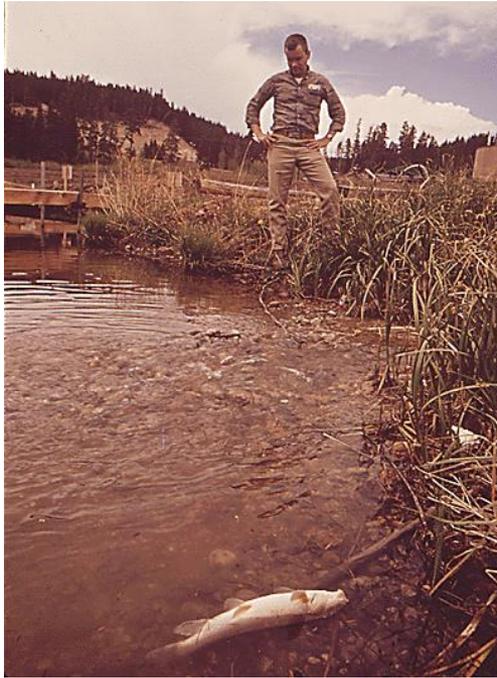
EPA Region 7

*EPA Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford
Iowa Strategic Goals Program Webinar*



Guiding Principles

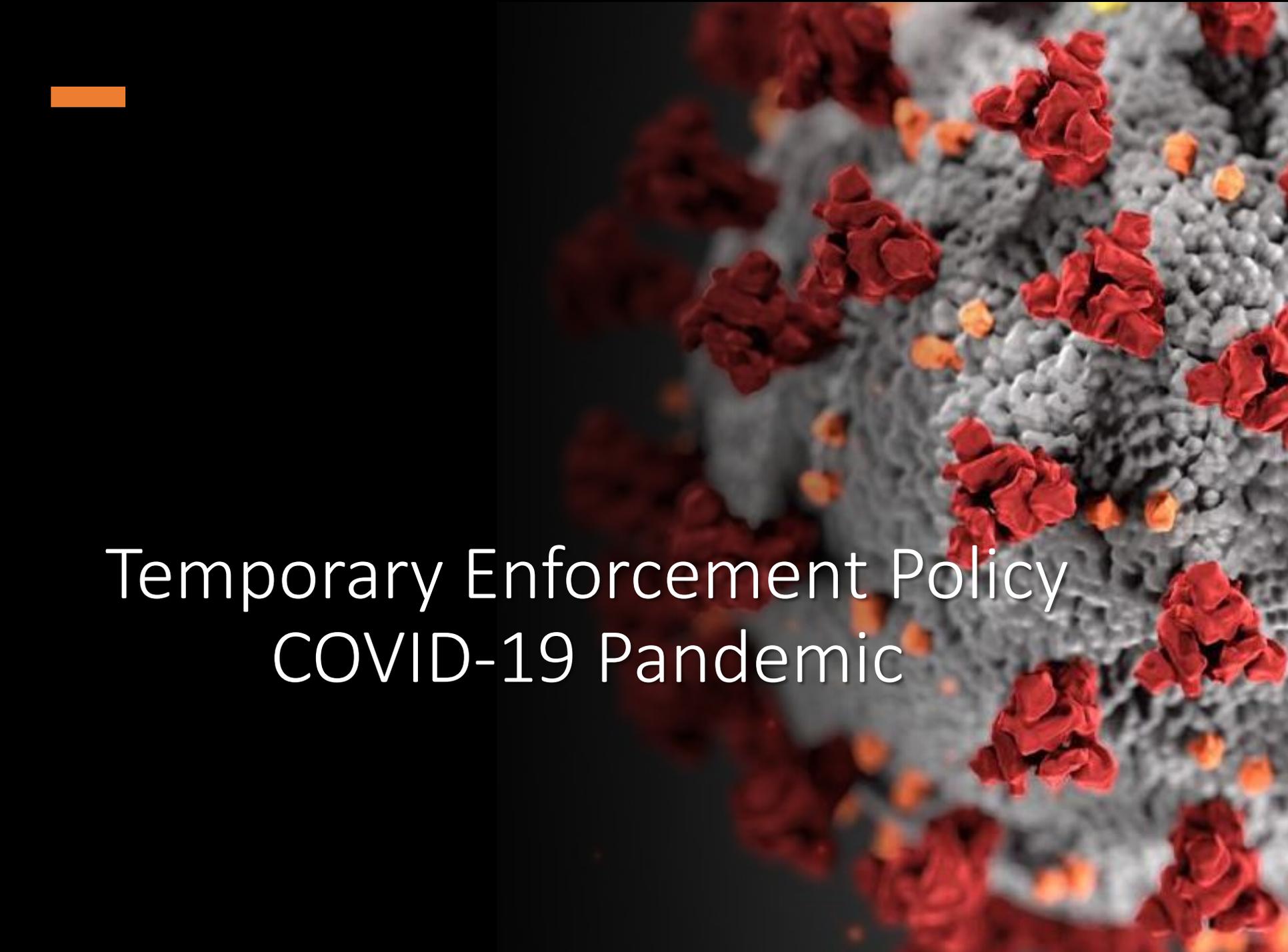
1. Provide greater **certainty** and **clarity**
2. Increase compliance
3. Be more effective in our mission



It's just smarter and more economical to prevent pollution, than pay for the cleanup and live with the consequences.



Supporting State and Industry Partners



Temporary Enforcement Policy COVID-19 Pandemic

Serious Violations:

Exceedances of discharges,
emission limits, spills & other
violations directly causing pollution

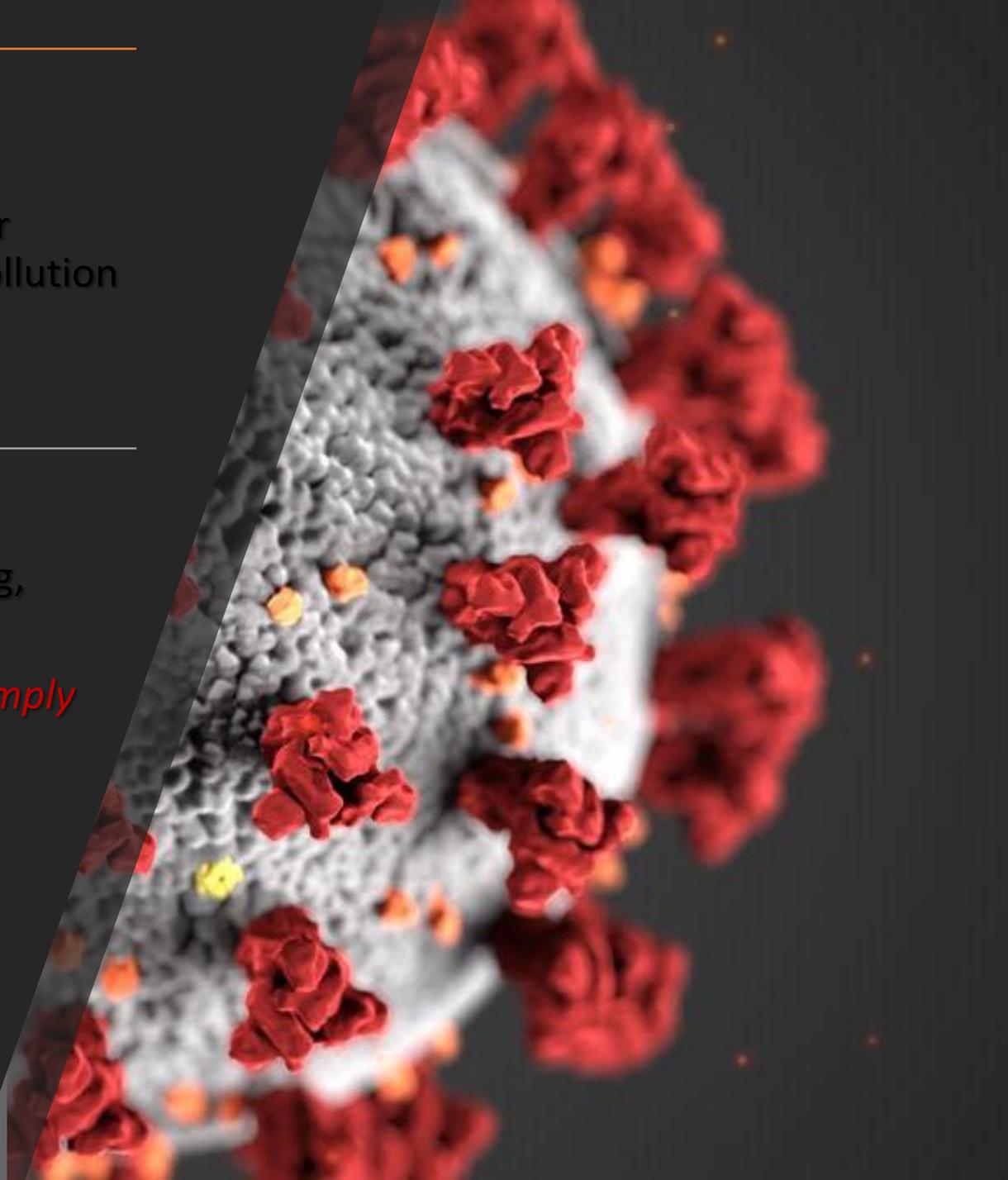
→ *Immediately Report*

Other Violations:

Monitoring, testing, sampling,
record keeping & reporting

→ *Make best effort to comply*

→ *Document*





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Immediate Office:
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EPA's Realignment

Air & Radiation
Division

Mission Support
Division

Enforcement &
Compliance
Assurance Division

Regional Counsel

Land, Chemicals
& Redevelopment
Division

Superfund & Emergency
Management
Division

Water
Division

Laboratory
Services and Applied
Science Division



Region 7 Priorities

1. Protecting children from lead exposure
2. Working with the Ag community, and
3. Revitalizing land for communities



Protecting Children from Lead Exposure

St. Joseph
Lead Safety
Campaign





Working with the Ag Community



Chemical Accident Prevention



Smoke Management





Harmful Algal Blooms

Water Quality Trading





Land Revitalization



St. Louis County Redevelopment



A sunset over a vast green field. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and the field. The sky is filled with soft, white and orange clouds. The field is a lush green, with some taller plants in the foreground. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

We Couldn't Do This Alone...

*Protecting our nation's
resources relies on cooperation
and collaboration among EPA,
industry, states, tribes, and
local communities*



Region 7 Resources

- EPA Region 7 Office:
913-551-7003
Toll-Free: 1-800-223-0425
- EPA Region 7 Emergency Response Line:
913-281-0991 (Available 24-hours)
- Region 7 Environmental Crime Hotline:
913-551-7999
r7cidtips@epa.gov
- National Response Center:
1-800-424-8802





IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LEADING IOWANS IN CARING FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

COVID-19

- 98% of ESD staff have been working from home since mid-March
- But all work is continuing, now done through teleworking
- Inspections are being conducted, but with the safety of facility and DNR staff being top priority

COVID-19

- DNR's Enforcement Discretion document is located at: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/about-dnr/social-media-press-room/disaster-assistance#3057321-covid---19-outbreak>
- Our goal is to provide regulatory relief where we can while protecting human health and the environment.

ESD Priorities

- We help citizens, businesses, and municipalities achieve compliance with Iowa's environmental programs
- We focus on modernizing, consolidating, and maximizing the efficiencies of technology systems utilized within the Division
- A sustainable long-term financial plan is developed that supports Division staffing and resource needs

Iowa Environmental Application System (EASY) Air



- For electronic submittal of air quality construction permit and Title V operating permit applications
- All facilities are able to use the system
- Funded by a legislative appropriation
- Contractor: enfoTech & Consulting, Inc.
- System went live on 12/5/19

EASY Air- Handles All Air Permit Application Types

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Open Submittals

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Apply new Submittal
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Submitted Submittals

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Track permits or licenses
- Correspondence Msg**
Monitor correspondence Msg
- Email History**
Track emails for submitted submittals
- Search Public Submittal**
Search Public Submittal

Submittal > Open Submittals > Start a New Submittal

Click the "Start" button to begin creating your application/report.
You can save a draft of your application/report at any time for future submission.

Category: Permit/License Keyword: (example: construction, air, water, and land... etc.)
Department: (All) Program: (All) Submittal Type: (All) Search

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Air Department Submittal Type List

Total 13 Items

AP Construction - Aggregate Processing Plant	BG Construction - Bulk Gasoline Plant	CB Construction - Concrete Batch Plant	G1 Construction - Group 1 Grain Elevator	G2 Construction - Group 2 Grain Elevator
HMA Construction - Hot Mix Asphalt Plant	PB Construction - Paint Booth Permit-by-Rule	DET Construction Determination	PAL Construction Plantwide Applicability Limitations (PAL)	PA Construction Pre-Application
CP Construction Standard Application	PA Title V Pre-Application	TV Title V Standard Application		

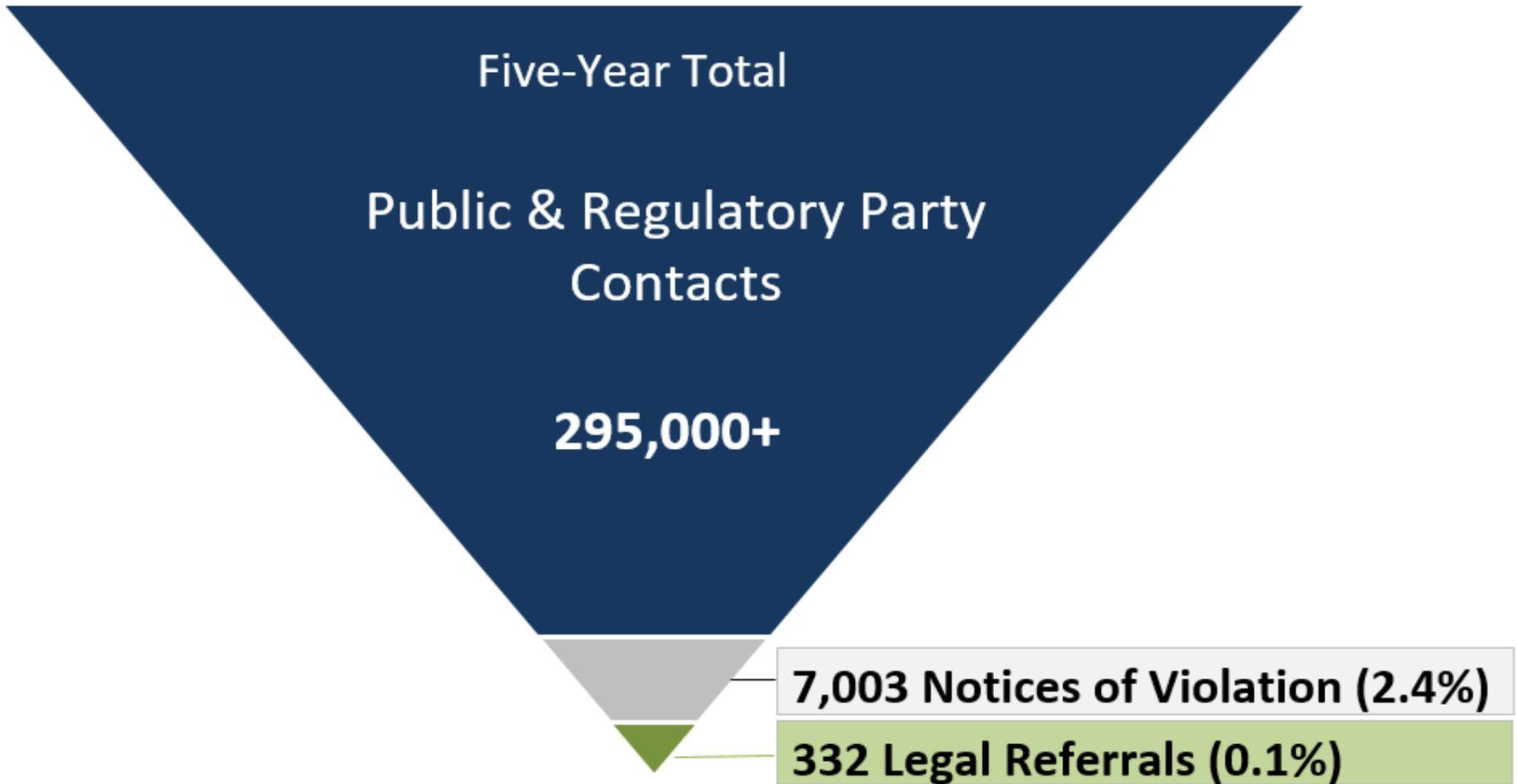
EASY Air Summary of Benefits

- Simplified application process for less experienced applicants with a more current, intuitive system
- Faster turnaround time for issuing permits
- Improved customer interaction with agency
 - Online payments
 - Efficient tracking
 - Operating permits can use information already provided during construction permit application
- Improved transparency and management of publicly available environmental data

EASY Air Usage So Far (as of 4/27/20)

- Applications submitted using EASY Air since Go Live on 12/5/19:
 - 42% of Title V applications
 - 47% of Construction permit applications
- Applications submitted using EASY Air since start of pandemic 3/20/20:
 - 87% of Title V applications
 - 89% of Construction permit applications

Iowa DNR Field Services Environmental Program Activities (2015 - 2019)



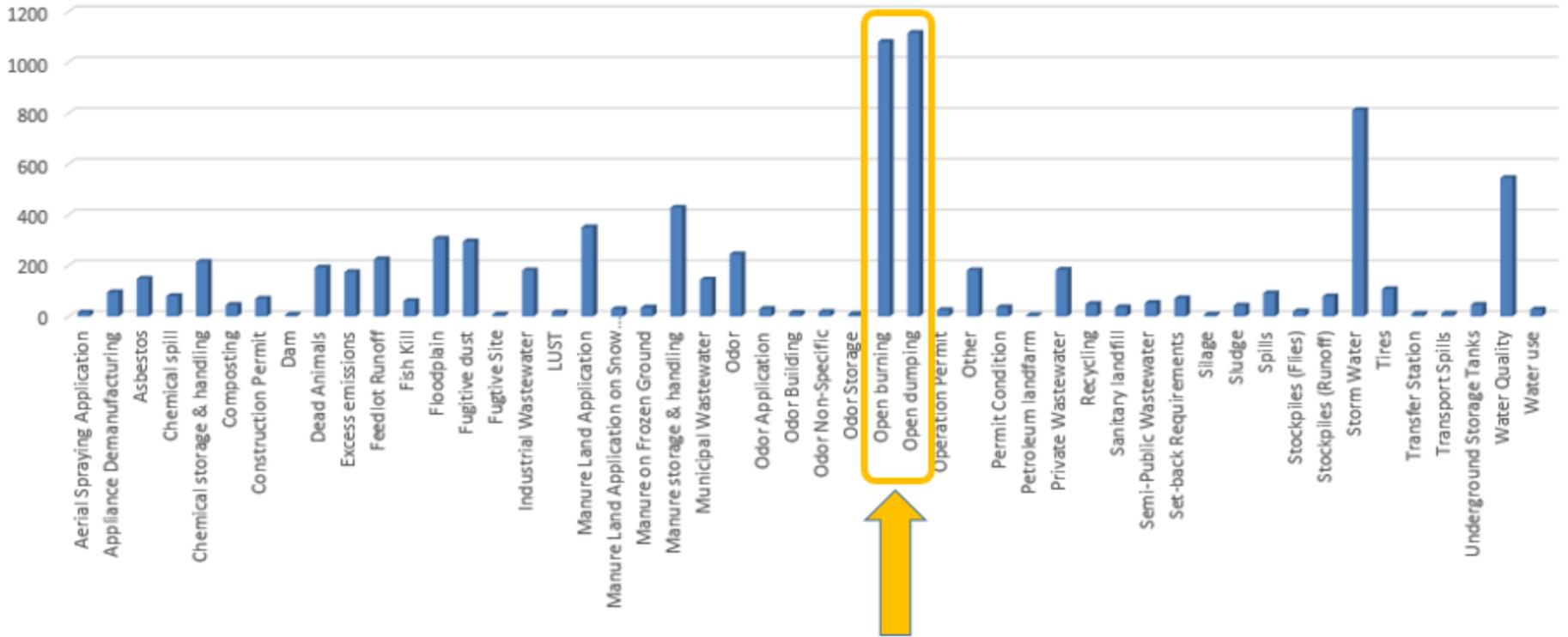
Pop Quiz

- What are the consistent top two complaint investigation categories the Field Offices have received over the past five years?

Answer:

Open Dumping (14%) & Open Burning (13%)

Complaint Investigations, 2015 - 2019, DNR Field Offices



Questions?

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Thank You

*Adding Aerosol Cans to the
Universal Waste Regulations*

June 18, 2020

10:00 – 11:30

