



Solid Waste News - Winter 2026

We are excited to update you with our progress over the last few months on several fronts as well as provide you timely information.

Staffing Update

Previously, we informed you that the Land Quality Bureau (LQB) continues to manage multiple vacancies. We are very happy to announce that Alexis Slade has accepted the position of Environmental Engineer in the Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section in LQB.

Alexis has a B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University, and is working on finishing her PhD in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. As part of her PhD, Alexis is currently a graduate researcher for the Iowa Superfund Research Program where she is responsible for providing professional level support related to air pollutant environmental research and community-based engaged research focusing on polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the environment using EPA's dispersion model, AERMOD, to predict distribution in the atmosphere.

In her new role, Alexis will be performing technical reviews of permit applications, permit amendments, and environmental monitoring reports for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, Industrial Landfills, Coal Combustion Residue Landfills, and Construction & Demolition Landfills.

Reassignments of sites to Alexis have already occurred. For ease of reference, the [list of the reassessments](#) is being provided along with our [roster and contact information](#). Other changes to the site assignments and worklist items will be made in the coming days to the [Solid Waste Database](#).

For other interim assignments, see our [Summer 2025 Newsletter](#).

Rulemaking and Executive Order 10

We continue to make significant progress on the Executive Order 10 (EO10) administrative rule process. The notice of intended actions (NOIAs), which includes the proposed rules, were published in the [Iowa Administrative Bulletin](#) on January 7, 2026. Public hearings will be held on January 27th through the 30th. We anticipate the rules to become effective around June or July of 2026.

Public hearings will be held according to the schedule on [IowaDNR.gov](#) at which time persons may present their views. In addition, any interested person may submit written comments concerning these proposed amendments. Details for attending each of the public hearings and submitting written comments are provided in each of the published NOIA documents, which are hyperlinked in the [schedule](#).

We recommend that you visit our [EO 10 webpage](#) and bookmark it. Meanwhile, we have a separate newsletter for this process, which you can sign up for on the [EO10 GovDelivery](#) site.

Landfill Capacity Study

The [Iowa statewide landfill capacity study](#) was undertaken by the [ISOSWO](#) Technical Advisory Committee ([TAC](#)) in 2025 with the intent to understand landfill capacity at active municipal solid waste landfills throughout the state. The

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Committee was able to gather data from 27 of the 37 active landfills in the state. The ISOSWO Board intends to conduct the study on a 5yr recurring basis. The study is available on [ISOSWO's](#) webpage.

EPA Update

The EPA recently updated a couple of their documents.

- [Curbside Disaster Debris Management](#)
- [Illegal Dumping Guide](#)

Related to the above, we have our own [disaster assistance webpage](#).

Feedback

We value your input as a stakeholder and want to ensure our communications are helpful to your needs. If you have any questions, comments, or even topics you'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Mike Sullivan, Supervisor of the Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section. To contact our staff, our [current roster](#) can be found on our website.

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