

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO GRANT A PERMIT  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF WATER  
FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES  
IN STORY COUNTY, IOWA**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 455B, there is now on file with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite '200"; Des Moines, Iowa 50321, an application as described below.

The City of Nevada Schools, Iowa DNR Log Number 34,506, requests a permit authorizing withdrawal of water from one Mississippian Limestone well of an unknown depth, on land generally described as the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 08, T83N, R22W, Story County, Iowa, in the maximum quantity of 1.0 million gallons per year at a maximum rate of 75 gallons per minute from April 1 through October 30 of each year for recreational purposes (irrigation of school athletic fields).

The Department has determined that this use of water conforms to the relevant criteria (Iowa Code Chapter 455B and Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 567) and recommends the permit be granted. A copy of the summary report for the application is available upon request to the Department at the address listed above. Comments on the report and this use of water must be received by May 22, 2026, and should specify the log number.

(By Michael K. Anderson, P.E., Senior Environmental Engineer)

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER USE PERMIT SUMMARY REPORT**

Applicant: NEVADA SCHOOLS  
825 15<sup>th</sup> ST  
NEVADA IA 50201

Application Log No.: 34,506

The City of Nevada School System, Iowa DNR Log Number 34,506, requests a permit authorizing withdrawal of water from one Mississippian Limestone well of an unknown depth, on land generally described as the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 08, T83N, R22W, Story County, Iowa, in the maximum quantity of 1.0 million gallons per year at a maximum rate of 75 gallons per minute from April 1 through October 30 of each year for recreational purposes (irrigation of school athletic fields).

1. The past practice in the area is corn/soybean productions; well-based irrigation for athletic-based recreational usage is being added.
2. Whereas, there is a significant distance between the withdrawal point, and other nearby users and whereas this Limestone formation is characterized by plentitude of water there should be no negative impacts upon nearby water usage resulting from the applicant's proposed annual withdrawals of water. According to departmental records, there are several irrigators using the area for agricultural irrigation. These users and any future users of water from the alluvial system or the Devonian/Limestone system (loosely associated in the area with the Skunk River system) are amply protected from damage meaning impacts to their withdrawal will be negligible due to the historical productivity of this formation. In any case, this type of topography, characterized by significantly productive sands and gravel's, wherein the neighboring user/s are each located at a distance from the Applicant, precludes the possibility of adverse impacts resulting from the Applicant's proposed use of water.
3. The closest private water use/well appears to be about 4500 feet to the southeast of this operation. This distance appears to be preclusive of interference. It is unlikely that any other permitted or private users of water from surface or groundwater sources will be adversely affected by the proposed withdrawals by the Applicant. In any event, the interests of individuals using water for domestic purposes, as well as those persons benefiting from permits, are amply protected, in the event of substantial injury, pursuant to Section 455B.271, Code of Iowa.
4. The applicant is using a reasonable amount of water in a beneficial manner. Irrigation of athletic fields to facilitate recreation is considered a good and useful thing. There is no evidence that the use of water pursuant to a permit granted in accordance this request will constitute a waste of the water resources of the State, will be incompatible with the state comprehensive plan for water resources, will impair the effect of pollution control laws of this State or the navigability of and navigable watercourse, or will be detrimental to the public interest or to the interests of property owners with prior or superior rights who might be affected.

THEREFORE:

The requested use of water conforms to the relevant criteria in Division III, Part 4, Chapter 455B, Code of Iowa and Chapter 50 of Part 567, Iowa Administrative Code. No adverse effect upon other water users is foreseen at this time. Following publication of notice and subject to revisions in response to comments that may be submitted, the attached draft permit should be issued for a period of ten years.

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*Michael H. Anderson, P.E.*

Water Supply Engineering  
Date: April 23, 2026

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER USE PERMIT**

<b>Permit issued to:</b>	<b>Permit Number:</b>	XXXXX
CITY OF NEVADA SCHOOLS	<b>Effective:</b>	XXXXX
TAMMY ELLIS	<b>Expires:</b>	XXXXX
825 15 <sup>th</sup> ST		
NEVADA IA 50201		

**The permittee is authorized to:**

withdraw water from one Mississippian Limestone well of an unknown depth, on land generally described as the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 08, T83N, R22W, Story County, Iowa, in the maximum quantity of 1.0 million gallons per year at a maximum rate of 75 gallons per minute from April 1 through October 30 of each year for recreational purposes (irrigation of school athletic fields)

This authorization to withdraw water has been granted pursuant to the provisions of Part 4 of Division III of Chapter 455B, Code of Iowa, and Chapter 50 of Part 567, Iowa Administrative Code, and is further subject to the general permit conditions within this permit.

Conditions of this permit may be appealed as provided in rule 567--50.9, Iowa Administrative Code. Appeal must be in writing and must be received at the Department of Natural Resources; 6200 Park Avenue, Suite "200"; Des Moines, Iowa 50321 within thirty days of the date of the certification of the mailing of the permit.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Executed: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Field Office No. 5 {Des Moines} (mka)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

On the date shown below, a copy of the foregoing permit was mailed to the Permittee and to each person entitled to receive a copy as provided by rule 567--50.8(2), Iowa Administrative Code.

Certified by (initials): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS**

1. Permittee shall maintain accurate and up-to-date records of water use from said sources and submit them annually to the department. Additional records on pumping rates from said sources and other data related to the regulation of this use of water shall be maintained and submitted as directed by the department.
2. Permittee shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable provisions of state law and the rules and regulations of this department and of federal and local health and water pollution control agencies in the operation of said irrigation well and the disposal of its wastes.
3. Permittee shall be responsible for securing such other permits or approvals as may be required by this department, federal, or local governmental agencies for the operation of said well or the discharge of water or other materials due to this operation.
4. Permittee shall construct, maintain, and monitor observation wells, as directed by the department, to define the effects of permittee's water withdrawals on groundwater resources or on other water users who might be affected by the withdrawals authorized herein.
5. Once each spring prior to March 31, the permittee shall be responsible for accurately measuring the distance(s) to water (static water level) from the access port in all permitted wells. The distance to water shall be submitted to the department annually as part of the records of water use.
6. Each proposed or replacement well authorized as a source of water in this permit must be equipped with an access port having a minimum diameter of three-fourths inch. The access port must be equipped with a threaded cap or plug. The access port must be located to allow insertion of a steel tape or electric probe into the well casing for measurement of water levels.
7. Permittee shall submit to the department within 90 days of being notified by the department, or no later than the expiration date of this permit, whichever first occurs, a plan for implementing routine day-to-day water conservation measures and for implementing emergency water conservation measures during periods of water shortage. Until such a plan has been submitted to and approved by the department, permittee shall implement those emergency water conservation measures determined to be necessary by the department pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 455B.265 and 455B.266.

**CAVEAT**

Permittee is advised that pursuant to Section 455B.271, Code of Iowa, the authority to withdraw water provided by this permit may be modified, canceled or suspended in case of any breach of the terms or conditions herein, in case of any violation of state law pertaining to the permit, or if found necessary to prevent substantial injury to private or public interests.