



CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION FEES FOR PREPARED FEEDS MANUFACTURING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

These FAQs have been prepared by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist facilities in complying with state fee requirements for construction permit applications. This document is intended solely as guidance, cannot be used to bind the DNR and is not a substitute for reading applicable statutes and rules.

1) Are there construction permit application fees that apply to prepared feeds manufacturing facilities (sometimes referred to as “feed mills”)?

Yes. The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (Commission) adopted rules and a fee schedule on December 15, 2015, that established fees for construction permit applications. The fees became effective on January 15, 2016 and were updated effective July 1, 2026. These fees apply to feed mills.

2) How much is the construction permit application fee?

All fees for the air quality program are included in a Fee Schedule approved by the Commission and is located at www.iowadnr.gov/aqfees. For minor source construction permit applications, the fee is \$1,100 for each permit that is required. Facilities located in Polk or Linn County should contact the local program offices for information on air permitting fees (contact information is at the end of this document).

3) When does the fee have to be paid?

The fee is due when a construction permit application is submitted to the DNR. Processing of a permit application will not commence until the application fee has been submitted. No additional fees will be necessary in the future unless the equipment covered by the construction permit is modified, possibly triggering the requirement for a modification of the construction permit. The applicant will be notified of any additional construction permit application fees that may be due should the application review warrant submittal of additional permit applications to modify previously issued permits for existing equipment at the facility.

4) How do I submit the fee?

Fees can be submitted through the mail or electronically. Fees are due when the permit application is submitted to the DNR. Payment can also be made electronically through Iowa EASY Air using e-check or credit/debit cards. A service charge of \$1.50 will be applied to all credit/debit card and e-check payments. Credit/debit card transactions will have an additional 2.5% fee applied to the transactions. DNR accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express. Payment can also be made by mailing a check or money order but should reference the application that was submitted previously.

5) Can fees be refunded if the permit application or applications for a registration permit, a permit by rule or a permit template is withdrawn?

If a construction permit application is withdrawn by the applicant before DNR’s technical review begins, the application fee (minus \$400 and service or credit card processing fees to cover DNR administrative costs) may be refunded. Once technical review begins, DNR will not refund the application fee. Technical review begins when the permit application is assigned to a staff member for review. Applicants may track application receipt and the progress of the review using [Iowa EASY Air](http://iowa EASY Air). Contact the DNR at 515-725-8200 for additional information on how to request a refund.

6) Can a feed mill use the small unit exemption (SUE) and do fees apply to emission points covered by the Small Unit Exemption (SUE)?

The SUE can no longer be used for equipment at feed mills that is subject to requirements under the 7D NESHAP (40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDDDD), and the facility must obtain permits for the affected equipment. For assistance with the 7D NESHAP and associated permitting requirements, go to the DNR's website at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air-Quality/Construction-Permits/Construction-Permitting-Materials> and at www.iowadnr.gov/neshap (click on Prepared Feeds).

Feed mills with equipment covered under the SUE that is **not** subject to the 7D NESHAP may continue to use the SUE for that equipment. The construction permit application fees do not apply to equipment covered by any exemption from the requirement to obtain an air construction permit, including the SUE. The exemptions from construction permitting are listed in 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 22.1(2). If an applicant submits a permit application for equipment eligible to be exempted, the application fees apply.

7) Who do I contact for assistance?

For questions or assistance with construction permit applications or fees for feed mills, contact Michael Hermsen at Michael.Hermsen@dnr.iowa.gov; phone: 515-725-9577 or John Curtin at John.Curtin@dnr.iowa.gov; phone: 515-689-3625).

For questions or assistance with the 7D NESHAP or the compliance deadlines applicable to permit requirements of the 7D NESHAP, contact Sarah Mousel at Sarah.Mousel@dnr.iowa.gov; phone: 515-418-7304, or contact the [Iowa Waste Reduction Center](http://www.iowawaste.com), DNR's free technical assistance provider for small businesses at the University of Northern Iowa at www.iwrc.org or at 800-422-3109.

For questions about facilities located in Polk County, please go to www.polkcountyiowa.gov/public-works/air-quality/ or call 515-286-3705.

For questions about facilities located in Linn County, please go to www.linncountyiowa.gov/1429/Air-Quality or call 319-892-6000.